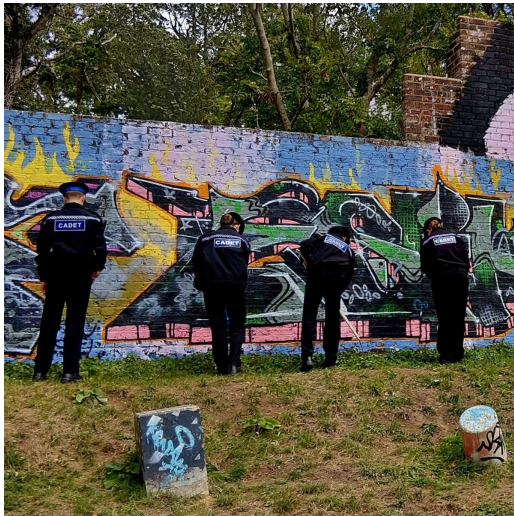


Friday 5th September 2025

Sussex Alerts – Eastbourne Police



Cadets support serious crime reduction.



On Monday 1 September, our Volunteer Police Cadets carried out sweeps across your town.

They covered a number of locations including Hampden Park Skate Park, Gildredge Park and the Sovereign Centre skate park, as part of our ongoing commitment to serious violence reduction.

From their searches as well as finding evidence of drugs, Cadets and their Leaders spoke with over 60 youngsters and parents in the parks around the work being conducted to keep them safe.

Many positive interactions had, with Cadets speaking to teens their age around the dangers and consequences of both drug use and becoming involved in crime.

A big thank you to all our Cadets for their continued hard work and for taking such an active role in crime prevention.

Witness appeal after robbery on Eastbourne seafront

We are appealing for witnesses and information after a reported robbery in King Edward Parade near the junction with Bolsover Road, Eastbourne.



The incident took place on Sunday (24 August) at around 10.30am.

It was reported that the victim was cycling in King Edward Parade and was passed by a green Volkswagen Caddy.

The cyclist approached the motorist after the vehicle had parked nearby and a verbal altercation took place between the two men.

During this a camera mounted to the victim's bike was allegedly removed by the suspect.

Following a physical altercation de-escalated by members of the public, the suspect left the scene and the cyclist noticed that the camera was missing.

A 63-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of robbery and bailed as investigations are ongoing.

Officers are pursuing multiple lines of enquiry and encourage anyone who witnessed the incident or who has relevant information such as CCTV or mobile footage to report it to us.

You can do this online www.sussex.police.uk or by dialling 101 quoting serial 518 of 24/08.

Vehicle thefts - Toyota Hilux

Toyota Hilux owners in East Sussex are being warned to remain vigilant after recent reports of vehicle thefts.

Police are advising owners to review their vehicle security, storage, and parking locations.

It follows reports that Toyota Hiluxes have been specifically targeted by thieves in recent weeks.

Detective Inspector Gavin Patch from East Sussex said: “We are aware of an increase in reports of thefts and damage to Toyota Hiluxes in the area.

“We are taking action and focusing resources on this issue. Officers are working hard to target known offenders and to recover vehicles.

“We understand the impact that vehicle theft has on owners and the potential resulting anti-social behaviour in our communities from those driving stolen vehicles.

“We encourage everyone to report vehicle thefts and to provide information about these incidents to support our work.”



Tips to protect your car:

- Park your vehicle in sight of your home or inside a garage; or where there is street lighting or CCTV.
- Use a visible steering lock to deter thieves and prevent the steering wheel from being turned.
- Consider ‘blocking’ the vehicle in with a second car or fitting a secondary immobiliser.
- Reprogramme keys if you buy a second hand car, or check that the key blade is cut and works, by testing it.

Police have located and recovered a number of stolen vehicles in East Sussex, but each incident serves as a reminder for owners to take precautions.

If you see or witness anyone acting suspiciously around parked vehicles in your community, report it to police at the time by either calling 101, or reporting online www.sussex.police.uk quoting Operation Aldwich.

In an emergency or crime in action always call 999.

Upcoming meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team events

SEPTEMBER

Friday 5th September, from 13:30 – 14:30 at Shinewater Community Gardens, officers will be holding a meeting to address recent ASB in the area and the steps being taken to deter and identify those involved.



Saturday 6th September, 10:00-11:00 community hour outside 4Seasons café, Sovereign Harbour, meeting with local PCSOs to update on recently report crime, offer advice and support to local residents and business in the area.

Sunday 7th September 14:30-15:30 parked up in Conqueror Hall car park, Harold Drive meet your ward officers for Kingsmere and Kings Park.

Saturday 13th September 10:00-11:00 Langney Shopping Centre, community hour with your ward PCSOs, report and obtain support and meet the team.

Saturday 13th September 16:00-17:00 at Longland Rec by the café, Old Town. Meet your local PCSO for crime updates, advice, support and reporting.

Sunday 14th September 16:00-17:00 inside The Tennis Café at Gildredge Park, community meeting with local PCSOs to update on recently report crime, offer advice and support to local residents and business in the area.

Sunday 14th September 15:00-16:00 join your ward officers in Tugwell Park to discuss any ASB and what actions are being taken.

Tuesday 16th September 13:00-14:00 at Langney Community Centre, Etchingham Road, join your ward officer for community hour, report, support and updates.

Saturday 20th September, from 10:00-14:00, outside the Beacon Shopping Centre/Eastbourne Police POD, meet your 'HotSpot Policing Team' Engagement Day, as well as hear first hand about the work conducted in the last 6 months to keep you safe.

All events are a chance to not only meet your local ward officers, but obtain support, advice and information about current crime trends, report local issues, and hear directly from those who patrol your streets on the work being conducted in your area to help keep communities safe.

Contact us online www.sussex.police.uk or by calling 101 (non-emergency reporting and support).

In an emergency call 999.

Keeping you cyber safe – free cyber security webinars

You don't have to be a computer expert to get up-to-speed and protect yourself from Cyber Crime.

Every week our dedicated Cyber Protect team delivers free, engaging, and interactive online webinars every week on a variety of topics covering the latest in Cyber Security:

- Online Safety for Beginners
- Keeping Children Safe Online
- The Dangers of AI
- Cyber Security for Businesses: Threats you must address in 2025
- Online Safety for Women and Girls

- Cyber Security for Charities
- Special Sessions (i.e. Crypto-currencies)



With the UK Economy losing around £27bn a year from Cyber Crime, the sessions for businesses and charities are essential to learn the latest cyber security measures such as phishing awareness, protecting against ransomware and business continuity.

Parents and guardians can learn all about keeping children safe online, with the sessions covering social media, parental controls, gaming, digital footprints, trackers, AI and much more.

Each topic finishes with a Q and A providing the ideal time to answer any burning cyber security questions.

You can discover more on each subject area webinar, along with a schedule of forthcoming webinars to sign-up for via our Event page here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093?msoclid=3703b8df4a7c6fcd262faed24b246e40#collections>

Contact Us

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click www.sussex.police.uk, (If you report a crime online, we will assess it in the same way as a 101 call).

Call 101 when you do not require an urgent response. In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

Speak to us face-to-face at a police station or contact the local policing team at www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, or other forms of communication difficulties.

Those with textphone can text 18001 101, or BSL users can use SignVideo to provide a Video Relay Service (here: <https://signvideo.co.uk/>), to report crime through a live online interpreter, who will contact the police on your behalf, when you do not require an urgent response.

In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger please use the textphone service 18000 or text us on 999.

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For more information on textphone and Relay UK please visit: <https://www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/contact-999-using-relay-uk.html>.

