

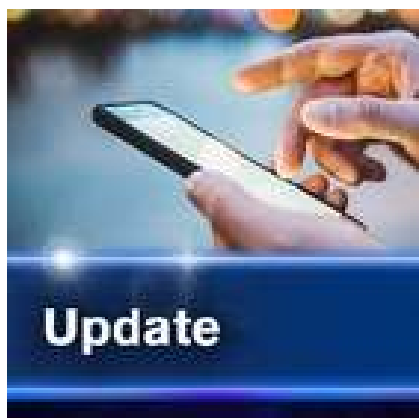
# Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police



### Murder investigation launched in Seaford

Detectives at British Transport Police (BTP) have launched a murder investigation after a boy sadly died at Seaford railway station on Wednesday evening.



Officers were called to the station around 5pm on 10 September following reports of a stabbing.

Sussex Police officers attended alongside BTP officers and paramedics, and a young man was found with a serious injury, consistent with being stabbed.

Despite the best efforts of paramedics, the 16-year-old boy was sadly pronounced dead at the scene. His next of kin have been informed.

A 16-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of murder and remains in custody at this time. Enquiries are ongoing at pace to establish the full

circumstances of the incident.

BTP Detective Chief Inspector Paul Stanley said: "This is a shocking incident which has resulted in the tragic loss of a young man this evening. The investigation remains in the early stages and the station will remain closed while we continue our enquiries in the area.

"I would urge anyone who may have witnessed what happened, or the lead up to it, to get in touch as you may have vital information which could help our investigation.

"Please contact BTP by texting 61016 or calling 0800 40 50 40 quoting reference 428 of 10 September. Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

### UPDATE 12/09:

**BTP have since charged a 16 year old boy, the latest on this investigation can be found on the British Transport Police news page online here: <https://www.btp.police.uk/news/btp/news/england/charge-after-murder-investigation-launched---seaford/>**

### Pheasant poaching appeal

Our Sussex Police Rural Crime Team received a report of pheasant poaching on private farmland between Lewes and Ringmer, on Thursday 4 September at around 6.30pm.

Officers attended the scene and located three men they wished to speak to in relation to the incident. Following a pursuit on foot with assistance from local gamekeepers, the men were detained and searched.



They were all subsequently released.

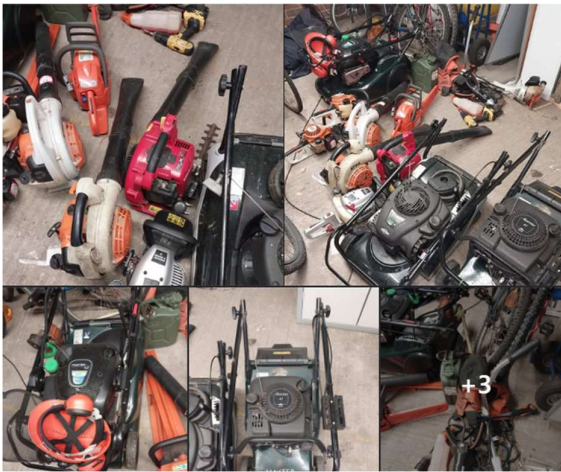
Officers are pursuing a number of lines of enquiry in an ongoing investigation.

**Inspector Andrew Barker said:** “It is illegal to hunt game birds on private land, outside of their open season and without a firearms license.

“We 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](http://www.sussex.police.uk) or by dialling 101 quoting serial 1264 of 04/09.

### Appeal to reunite tools with their owners



Do any of these belong to you?

Police investigating rural burglaries across areas of East Sussex are looking to identify owners of the pictured tools and equipment.

If these items belong to you, please get in touch quoting reference number 47250104706.

Please provide details of ownership e.g: serial numbers or proof of purchase when calling or reporting online here: [www.sussex.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/](http://www.sussex.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/), thank you.

Two teenagers, one 17 year old boy, and one 19 year old man were arrested on the 1st June 2025 on suspicion of handling stolen goods. They have been bailed whilst our investigations continue.

Further images of the tools can be found here: [www.facebook.com/WealdenPolice/posts/1216972793808471](https://www.facebook.com/WealdenPolice/posts/1216972793808471)

### Upcoming meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team events

#### SEPTEMBER



Monday 15th September from 11:00-13:00 at Newick Village Hall, meet your local beat officer, obtain advice support, and report any local concerns.

Thursday 18th September from 17:00-18:30 parked up in the Saltdean Park car park off Saltdean Park Road.

Thursday 25th September 10:30-11:30 – Stationed up in The Bull Pub car park, Ditchling.

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](http://www.sussex.police.uk) or by calling 101 (non-emergency reporting and support).

In an emergency call 999.

### **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](http://www.sussex.police.uk) quoting Operation Aldwich.

In an emergency or crime in action always 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 also 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?msocid=3703b8df4a7c6fcd262faed24b246e40#collections>

## Contact Us

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click [www.sussex.police.uk](http://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](http://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.

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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>.

