

## **Sussex Alerts- Brighton & Hove Police**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

*Hello Brighton and Hove! Hope everyone is doing well!*

*September has been and gone, and summer is well and truly over for another year.*

*It has been busy as always, with plenty going on, so I wanted to let you know about a few of the things we have been up to.*

### **Spiking Intensification Week**

*Spiking is giving someone alcohol or drugs without them knowing or agreeing. For example, in their drink or with a needle.*

*Spiking can happen to anyone, anywhere – no matter their age, gender, sexuality or ethnicity. It can be carried out by strangers or by people you know.*

*Officers spent the week going out on patrol and visiting venues, educating people on what spiking is, and the different ways it can occur.*

*This year's efforts are targeted at students as they flock back to schools and campuses for the new academic year. Research from 2022 showed that young people are most at risk, and while anyone can be a victim of spiking, women and girls make up the large majority (74%).*

*Operational activity throughout the week focussed on protecting students on nights out through increased police presence and educating the public on how to identify and report spiking.*

*Which leads me nicely into....*

### **Freshers!**

*Another university year is upon us, and with it, many students will be arriving and returning to the city! We hope they have enjoyed the start of the year celebrations and the activities that are put on around the various campuses over the last couple of weeks!*

*Our officers, along with our partners, have been working hard to ensure the safety of all when out and about enjoying what the city has to offer!*

*Should you or someone you know come to harm, help is always close at hand. Please report any concerns to security or bar staff, a police officer or Night Safety Marshal, or call 999 in an emergency.*

*Lastly, but by no means least, I wanted to take a moment to mention Emergency Services Day which took place on Tuesday 9th September. We are incredibly proud of our role within the community and we are proud to keep Sussex safe.*

*I'll be back at the end of October! Be safe and remember we are always here for you if you need us!*

*Si Marchant*

*Chief Inspector*

## **News**

### **Appeal for witnesses in connection with rape investigation**



Police investigating a report of rape are appealing for further witnesses to come forward.

The incident was reported to police on 20 September, after the victim had been on a night out with friends in Brighton.

Please follow the link to learn more - [Appeal for witnesses in connection with rape investigation | Sussex Police](#)

### **Witnesses sought following Brighton seafront assault**



We are appealing for information following a report of a man assaulting a woman on Brighton seafront.

On Friday, September 12 at around 9.15pm, a call to police reported that a man had been seen assaulting a woman between the Doughnut Groyne and Brighton Pier.

Read more here - [Witnesses sought following Brighton seafront assault | Sussex Police](#) and please get in touch if you think you can help.

## ID appeal following robbery from a Brighton shop



Police are appealing for information after a report that a shop worker was threatened and a till drawer was stolen from a business in Beaconsfield Road, Brighton.

On September 6 at around 8.15pm, a man was reported to have attended the shop in possession of a broken bottle, which he went on to make threats with.

Further information can be read here - [ID appeal following robbery from a Brighton shop | Sussex Police](#)

### **Information and advice**

#### **Mental Health Services**

Details of free mental health services in Sussex for anyone who needs help or support. Remember, you are not alone. Please reach out if you need to speak to someone.

A blue graphic with white text and icons. At the top left, it says 'FREE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SUSSEX' next to the Sussex Police crest. Below this are three white boxes, each with a phone icon and text: 'Call NHS 111 and select the mental health option (available 24/7)', 'Call the Samaritans on 116 123 (available 24/7)', and 'Text the word SUSSEX to 85258 (available 24/7)'.

## Together Against Suicide



We're sharing Brighton and Hove Albion FC and The Samaritans video raising awareness around suicide prevention as part of the Premier League's [#TogetherAgainstSuicide](#) campaign.

This powerful video reminds us that talking saves lives, whether it's with a mate, a teammate, or someone who'll simply listen.

Watch here: <https://orlo.uk/4un2K>

If you're struggling, you're not alone.

Call Samaritans on 116 123. It is free, confidential, 24/7.

Let's keep the conversation going.

**Have your say in Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne's survey.**



Sussex PCC Katy Bourne has launched her annual survey seeking the views of residents across the

county.

The Safer In Sussex Survey seeks to understand if residents have experienced crime and looks at what measures would make them feel safer in their communities. Responses to the survey will help Commissioner Bourne to understand where resources within Sussex Police may be better placed, where increased partnership working could help to drive down local issues and to scrutinise the force on areas requiring improvement.

The survey will close at **23:00 30th October 2025**.

Launching the survey, Mrs Bourne said: “As your elected voice within policing, the survey helps me understand your concerns and informs how I can effectively hold our Chief Constable to account for the performance of her force.

“Please take a moment to give me your feedback. You can also opt in to being contacted in the future to have a more detailed say in a focus group run by my office.”

You can complete PCC Katy Bourne’s survey here: [Safer in Sussex 2025 Survey](#)

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

Connect with 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)

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