

Friday 13th June 2025 Sussex Alerts – Lewes and Seahaven Police

Appeal for information Seaford

Do you have any information following this vehicle theft from The Salts Recreation Ground in Seaford?

On May 3, it was reported that a Garmin watch and a car key were stolen from the cricket club team chalet between 3pm and 4.30pm.

The stolen key was then used to take a white Citroën DS4, which had been parked in Park Road.

Those believed to be involved include a man, approximately 5'8" tall, with short greying hair. A witness reported seeing him carrying a can of beer.



He was accompanied by a woman thought to be around 40-years-old. She is described as being much shorter than the man, with a dishevelled appearance and with brown or reddish hair. She was also seen carrying a bottle of cider.

On May 4, police arrested a man and a woman, aged 50 and 39, on suspicion of burglary and theft of a motor vehicle in connection with the report, however they remain on police bail at this time.

Do you think you may have witnessed anything suspicious, or have information to assist police enquiries?

If you can help, make a report to us online <u>www.sussex.police.uk</u>, or by calling 101 quoting reference 250 of 04/05.

Suspicious driving leads to vehicle seizure

Whilst on patrol in Lewes earlier this week, officers were alerted to a vehicle that appeared to be trying to evade police presence.



Officers followed the vehicle into a residential close after it was seen driving in a suspicious manner.

After being requested to pull over, the driver was spoken to by police, and it transpired the driver held no insurance, no tax, and no MOT!

As a result, the vehicle was seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act, and the driver will now be summonsed to Court for the respective traffic offences.

Drivers are reminded of their responsibility to ensure that all documents are in order; continued patrols and stop checks will continue throughout the Summer months as part of our road safety patrols under Operation Downsway.

Police day of action in Seaford

A day of action to tackle business crime and drug harm in Seaford took place on Tuesday 10th June 2025.

Officers from your local policing team spent a number of hours on patrol engaging with many local shops and business, as well as following up on investigations from recently reported business crime.



During the day a number of individuals were identified by officers, with stop and search checks conducted resulting in a quantity of stolen items being retrieved from two youngsters, as well as two further individuals who were found in possession of a small quantity of drugs.

We understand the effects this type of crime can and does have on local communities, and we continue to prioritise business crime in your town.

Set up earlier this year, we also continue to invite local business owners to join the DISC platform; an app designed to give businesses a more direct reporting route with police and partners, as well as a platform for information sharing with other local business to help raise awareness of current trends and individuals causing harm in the area.

Out and about this week

Officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team had the pleasure of joining residents in Newhaven last weekend, who were marking Refugees Awareness month with celebrations at the Marine Workshops organised by The Culture Connect Project.



Celebrating, and welcoming different cultural communities through food and music; the day gave officers the opportunity to not only meet residents and celebrate some of the rich diversities that bring us together; but also hear directly about some of the extreme difficulties and hardships some of our communities and cultures still face today.

Whilst attending the event, officers were also on hand to update on recently reported crimes, and hear firsthand of any local issues residents are noticing in the town, and talk about how together we can look to tackle some of these problems.

A huge thank you to everyone for having us along!

As always if you see of hear anything you think we need to know about, let us know at the time online www.sussex.police.uk or by calling 101, always call 999 in an emergency.

Helping to keep future generations safe

Neighbourhood Youth Officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing Team popped in to visit Wivelsfield Primary School earlier this week.

Officers had the opportunity to meet with year 5 and 6 classes to deliver a talk about online safety, as well as joining in on the schools assembly for years 3-6 about the importance of rules to keep people safe.



Dropping into primary schools to meet youngsters, and talk about a range of subjects including; personal safety, the role of our local policing teams, and what to do in an emergency; ensures we can help do our bit at crucial development ages as well as working with teachers and partners to help ensure children are provided with the best possible start.

Thank you again to teachers, and children for having us along, have a lovely day - stay safe.

Celebrating equality, diversity and inclusion

Organised by the Students' Union, officers from your Lewes Neighbourhood Policing Team joined students, friends, parents and residents at Plumpton college this week as they celebrated and marked Pride March with their very own Plumpton Pride.



Created by the students to educate and promote inclusivity, creativity and love with the wider college community around all things LGBTQ+, the day was filled with educational and entertainment stands, as well as guests, speakers and many other fun activities for everyone attending.

A huge thank you to all those involved <u>Plumpton</u> <u>College</u> for inviting us along, we had a fabulous day!

Throughout the Summer months we are proud to be supporting a number of large events, including Pride events across Sussex.

Pride events across the UK are celebratory events that also raise awareness of the discrimination LGBTQ+ communities still face; Sussex Police recognises the importance of observing such events, and we are committed to being a diverse and equal workforce that represents the communities we serve.

Advice for E-scooter owners



Whist on patrol earlier on Thursday PM in Peacehaven officers were alerted to a rider driving in an anti-social manner and causing alarm to local residents.

Officers caught up with the rider who was using an EScooter on a public road – currently it is illegal to use these types of scooters on a public road, as a result the escooter was seized by police under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act.

For owners of such scooters please be advised; it's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned escooters, which means it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres.

If you use a privately-owned e-scooter in public, you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for having no insurance.

If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter, the incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car.

More advice and awareness for owners, or those looking to purchase an electric scooter, please visit our website here: https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/

Contact Us

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click <u>www.sussex.police.uk</u>, (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 are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can contact us using TypeTalk on 18000 or by sending a text to 65999.

