



Friday 26th September 2025

Sussex Alerts - Lewes and Seahaven Police

Dear residents,

Please find below this week's Sussex Alerts for Lewes and Seahaven Police.

Upcoming police community meetings.

October*

- Sunday 5th October, from 11:00-12:00, meet your Town Centre PCSOs parked up along Lewes High Street, Cliffe, outside Waterstones.
- Saturday 11th October, from 11:00-12:00, parked up outside Waterstone on Lewes High Street, Cliffe during Hate Crime Awareness Week.
- Friday 14th October, from 15:00-16:00 for a community police street surgery, in Valley Road Play Park, Newhaven.

November*

- Friday 7th November, from 13:00-14:00, join your local PCSO at Chailey Village Hall, Chailey for a morning of advice, support and reporting on local issues.



- Wednesday 26th November, from 18:00-19:30, at Anchor Field Surgery car park, Ringmer, meet your Ringmer officer for advice, support and reporting on community concerns.
- Monday 17th November, from 18:00-19:00, outside the village Church, in Firle, for a morning of advice, support and reporting.

December*

- Monday 8th December 10:30-11:30, Avis Parade Shops, Avis Road, Newhaven, for a community police street surgery.
- Monday 8th December 11:00-12:00, Lewes High Street, Cliffe, outside Waterstones bookshop, Christmas community hour for advice and support as we head into Christmas.
- Monday 22nd December, from 11:00-12:00, at Newick Village Hall meet your local officer for a morning of advice, support and reporting on local issues.

*further dates will be added throughout the coming months.

A chance to not only meet your local 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.

Operation Downsway

Operation Downsway is our dedicated campaign (in addition to checks 365 days a year) to tackle both road and driving related offences, as well as to enforce and educate drivers around the fatal 5 driving offences.

This week, officers were joined by East Sussex Fire and Rescue along Nevill Road, Lewes, to conduct enforcement and educational stops, as we continue to work together to positively influence drivers and motorcyclists to ride responsibly, considerately and safely as we head into the Autumn months.

During the course of the morning a number of vehicles were safety stopped, with many drivers spoken to; with ESFRS providing advice on road traffic collisions and their causes, and police managing any road related offences.



The fatal5 driving offences are so named as they are the main contributors to serious and fatal road traffic accidents on the roads of Sussex each year:

1. Excess speed
2. Not wearing a seatbelt
3. Distractions ie: using your mobile or a hand-held device
4. Drink and drug driving
5. Careless and inconsiderate driving

As always, communities are continually encouraged to report road or driving related offences to us either online or by calling 101.

In addition to being able to take action as a result of your reports, all reports help to provide Sussex Police with offence data and mapping which aids in directing our Operation Downsway activities in areas which have seen an increase in offences and collisions. In an emergency or serious collision always call 999.

Road Policing



Following recent reports from residents in Newhaven of anti-social driving, officers from your Lewes Policing Teams conducted extra patrols across parts of the road network last weekend.

Alongside providing a visible police presence to deter anti-social driving on local roads, officers also carried out road safety checks.

One check resulted in a driver having their vehicle seized for no insurance, as well as being issued with a TOR (traffic offence report) for the offence of driving otherwise in accordance with a valid driving licence; driving on a provisional.

We continue to commit to road safety checks on your roads across the coast, not only to deter ASB driving, but help reduce the number of collisions and fatalities on the roads of Sussex each year.

Inspiring future generations and keeping youngsters safe

Across the Lewes district this week officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team have spent time out and about engaging with local youngsters.

Events this week included, Chailey School Careers Fair, and the Lewes College, Lewes Campus recruitment event.

Officers from the team, including our dedicated Neighbourhood Youth Officers (NYOs), had the opportunity to meet with hundreds of young people who are beginning to think about their futures.



Dropping into schools and colleges across the district allows us to meet children and young adults and engage with them on a wide range of important topics, including personal safety, reporting crime, the role of our Policing teams and what to do in an emergency.

As well as more adult themes for teens and young adults, including, recruitment opportunities, staying safe on dating apps or sexual offences such as spiking and VAWG.

By doing this, we aim to support young people at crucial stages of their development; we also continue to work

closely with teachers, lecturers, and partners to help ensure future generations are given the best possible start—whether they’re leaving school or entering the adult world.

Good luck to you all, and thanks for stopping by, we hope you found our input valuable, any further questions please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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.

BSL users can call 999 BSL (here: <https://999bsl.co.uk/>) to use a British Sign Language interpreter.

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>.