

Sussex Police eWatch

Your monthly newsletter on what we're doing in your local area



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Welcome to your monthly eWatch newsletter. We aim to keep you informed about current issues in your area and the latest crime figures.

If you know of anyone that would like to be added to the scheme, please get them to send us an email.

If you wish to discuss local policing issues you can email us directly on the address above.

To report an emergency call

999

To report a non-emergency call

101

Remember, you can also visit our website at www.sussex.police.uk where you can check local crime information and find out about events taking place in your area.

Getting involved in your community

Want to know more about what's happening in your area and the locally identified priorities that we are tackling? Then come along to the next Local Action Team (LAT) meeting.

The idea of the LAT is to address problems of crime and disorder at a very local level and to work with residents and partner agencies to find a sustainable solution.

We have requested that details of future LAT meetings are posted on the B&H council website.

The Preston and Fiveways LAT takes place at St Matthias Church Hall Ditchling Road on the first Thursday of every month at 18:30 hours. Please note that the next LAT is scheduled for 3Rd March 2016.

Come and meet us

St Matthias Church Hall Ditchling Road on the first Thursday of every month at 18:30 hours.. Please come along and let us know if you have any issues affecting your community. Please refer to the Sussex Police website for up to date list of Neighbourhood Surgeries.

Local priorities

1. Vehicle related crimes - vulnerability checks show roughly 1 in 25 cars are being left open.
2. Youth related ASB including arson linked to alcohol and drug taking in local parks. The issue is a current priority for Brighton Police, we are increasing patrols in the hotspots and utilising plain clothes officers in and around the area.

Good News

In February a police camera picked up a hit on a vehicle which was then stopped by the officers on Dyke Road. The occupants initially gave false details and upon a search of the vehicle a coding device – 3 blank Land Rover keys were found. Both were arrested for going equipped for theft. One of the suspects was also arrested for money laundering.

We have been after this bunch for a long time with offences being committed not just in Sussex but around the whole of the South East and London..

Crime Prevention advice

Thefts from sheds and outbuildings have been occurring in this area recently.

The following crime prevention advice should help you to protect your property from thieves. Many people go to a great deal of trouble to secure their homes and property but at the same time overlook the valuable equipment in sheds, outbuildings and outside storage, which are either unlocked or not fit for purpose - proving no obstacle to a thief.

- Secure the access to your shed or garage by locking gates and using obstacles such as trellis or bushes next to walls and fences.
- Visibly mark the contents of your shed - make a note of serial numbers and photograph any valuables.
- Use external security lights - that are activated by movement - as a deterrent.
- Ensure shed doors are locked and windows are secure - use a strong padlock, such as a closed shackle padlock on the door. Use coach bolts or non-return screws to strengthen door hinges and locks or grilles on windows.
- Chain cycles, mowers, ladders and tools to a strong anchorage point.
- Alarm your property - small alarms for sheds and garages are available at most DIY stores for less than £20.
- Check that your household policy covers you for theft from your garden or outbuildings. If not make sure you have the right cover.

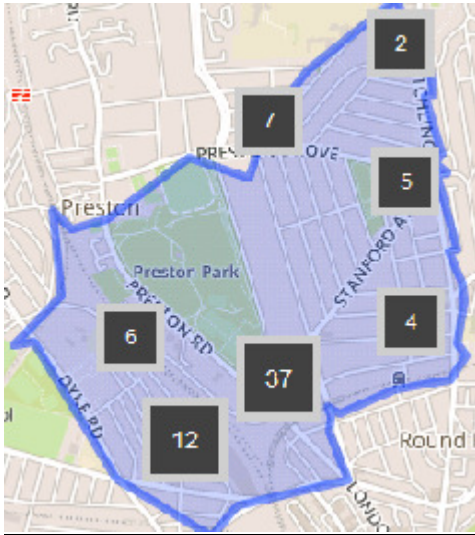
Crime Statistics

Crime	November	December	January
Burglary including OTD*	2 + 3*OTD	2	2 + 7 OTD
Vehicle Crime	4	6	4
Criminal Damage	7	5	4
Public Place Violence	1	3	8

* Other than dwelling

Please refer to the following website, <http://www.police.uk/sussex/C/> for more comprehensive data in respect to crime and policing in your local area. -

Not protectively marked



Useful Contacts:

Travellers

Please click on the link below to go to Brighton & Hove Councils web site regarding Traveller encampments in the Brighton & Hove area.

Alternately ring:-

01273 292044

<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/housing/travellers>

Animal Welfare (Dog Warden)

To report any dog related incidents please contact the above on:

01273292929

Parking Enforcement

NSL Parking Enforcement.

To report offending vehicles please telephone

08456035469

RSPCA

0300 1234999

Noise

Brighton & Hove City Council

Environmental Health

01273 292929

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