

## **MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2008**

### **Sedlescombe**

I have been patrolling the area on a regular basis mainly on foot, and have started to familiarise myself with the local residents and the area as a whole. I have been present at the school in the mornings and afternoons depending on my shift pattern.

The speeding on The Street is an issue and I have been doing high visibility patrol and slowing traffic down . I have been using the speed gun on a regular basis and shall continue to do so to try and alleviate this problem. Letters of warning have been sent to the offenders.

There had been reports of 2 males acting suspiciously in the area but a prompt report from the locals allowed me to respond immediately and to make residents aware.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> April I attended the Village Hall gathering and it was nice to see several members of the community there.

Some broken glass was found in the playground by the river and the Parish Council were informed and requested to have it cleared.

A stray dog was causing alarm in the village centre but was caught and returned to the owner.

Blocked drains were causing a problem outside the school with raw sewage leaking onto the pavement. The owner of the house was informed and acted immediately.

A report of shooting in woods near Powdermill Reservoir was brought to my attention. I visited Powdermill Reservoir and adjacent dwellings and made enquiries. Some landowners had given permission to hunters to shoot on their land. However, I shall be keeping a close eye on the area.

Some works are being carried out in the playground on the East View Terrace estate and there was a report of children playing on the machinery. The parents in the area were made aware and were very cooperative.

A couple of incidents involving erratic driving in the village have been reported .The offenders are known to us and are being dealt with.

Some criminal damage to a garage on the East View Terrace estate was reported. House to house enquiries were carried out. A name has been put forward and this will be investigated.

I attended the coffee morning at the Queens Head on the 18<sup>th</sup> April and was very pleased to see a relatively good attendance considering the poor weather.

An incident of fraud (cloned card) was carried out at the Queens Head Pub by two adult males. There have been a few incidents in Rother regarding fraud and any suspicions should be reported quoting serial 1464 of the 25/04/08.

A road traffic collision took place by Stream Lane on 25<sup>th</sup> April with minor injuries to both parties.

A car number plate was stolen. A possible suspect is being dealt with.

A safe was found in the woods at Plains Wood between Sedlescombe and Brede. It seems by its appearance that it had been there a long time.

I was away on annual leave between 21<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April.

I attended the Parish Council AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> April at the Village Hall and was very pleased to see so many people there.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the locals for their very warm welcome and that I now consider myself part of the community.

### **Mountfield**

There have been no crimes reported this month. I have been patrolling the area and have not encountered any anti-social behaviour.

There was a report of an elderly lady acting suspiciously in the area. Further investigations showed that she is unwell and tends to wander into the area. She is known to us and if seen please report to Sussex Police on the non-emergency number so that she can be cared for. She is approx 70 years of age, has dyed dark hair and is well presented in appearance.

Some damage to a worksite on Mountfield Lane was reported with pegs and equipment ripped up and moved. Investigations are taking place.

### **Whatlington**

I attended the local Parish AGM on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. I have started to patrol the area by car on a regular basis.

There was a white van reported on the Whatlington Road with driver appearing to be suspicious. A check was made on the vehicle. The owner is local and there are no crimes related to the vehicle.

An incident of illegal rabbit shooting in fields was reported. Offenders were caught and are being dealt with.

The speed camera has been used on the Whatlington Road and offenders have been advised.

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