

# JUNE REPORT 2008

## SEDLSCOMBE

I have been patrolling the village regularly both on my early and late shifts. My patrol is mostly high visibility on foot, and by car to cover the outskirts and for any emergencies. I attend the school regularly and make sure I am in the area as much as possible to deal with any problems or concerns that may arise.

On the 4th there were a couple of incidents on the main A21 road, being a fallen tree resting on electrical cables and a car collision outside Blackbrooks Garden Centre.

I had a meeting with Rother Homes to speed up the consultations with regards to installing CCTV for the East View Terrace estate. I also requested letters to be sent out to local residents of the estate warning them of the consequences for any anti-social behaviour.

A strimmer was stolen on the Hawkhurst Road. A neighbour spotted a suspicious vehicle with a strimmer in the back and reported it. The owner of the vehicle has been located and further investigations are taking place.

I attended the Sedlescombe Fayre on Saturday the 7th and held a police surgery. It was very good to have positive feedback from locals. The day seemed to be a success and I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of it.

Another shed break took place with a lawn mower and a cement mixer taken. Enquiries indicate that someone was seen but not reported. This could be linked to other break-ins in the area and these are currently being investigated.

Speed camera checks have been done on The Street and the number of speeding vehicles appears to have lessened. On average a few weeks ago a speeding vehicle was caught every 2-3 mins. On our latest sessions a speeding vehicle is averaging every 10-12 mins.

Some local youths were reported playing very loud music on The Green and along The Street late at night. The youths are known to me and warnings were given.

The local youths in general have been causing distress to residents. I arranged a lengthy meeting with Rother Homes and Orbit to see what positive action we could take. Local youths were approached and were informed that each incident that they were found involved in would involve them being issued with a stop form or similar and these would be used to go for Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts or Orders, depending on the severity of the behaviour or indeed the amount of incidents.

A road traffic collision took place by Brede Lane on the 16<sup>th</sup> between a motorist and motor cyclist. The cyclist suffered a broken collar bone.

A shoplifter was reported in the local store. CCTV footage was viewed and the offender was recognised. Whilst viewing CCTV another shoplifter was also spotted that had not been reported.

Extensive research on police records shows a possible suspect. Once confirmed both offenders will be arrested.

Cars have been reported parking next to the tennis courts with loud music blaring and litter left behind. I have been patrolling the area to ensure this does not become a regular occurrence.

A suspicious looking male was reported in the area. The male was identified and found to be wanted. He was subsequently arrested.

Local youths had dumped a buggy/trolley in the hedges by East View Terrace.

Various reports of anti-social behaviour by local youths have been passed onto me by locals. These consisted of a firework let off on the village green and the setting fire of Friday-Ads in the play area round East View Terrace. Youths were also seen climbing on the roof of the shelter on the village green.

I had a meeting with youth leaders and project managers regarding the anti-social behaviour of youths. I had requested a date to be set for a meeting between various agencies, the Police and the youth. This is going ahead within the next week.

I feel that in order to achieve results all incidents need to be reported immediately to Battle Police Station. As I am mostly in the area I could be at a crime scene within minutes. I find that at present locals are approaching me and telling me of incidents that had occurred hours or days previously. In order to tackle local crime effectively I would like to ask locals to instantly report incidents, describe person/s involved or mention names if known. Any car incidents try to obtain a vehicle registration number. I know some people are reluctant to contact the Police for what they may feel are incidents that are not that important or afraid that their name may be recognised. Everything is done in confidence and if anything is raising concerns, no matter how minor it may be, it should be reported.

A local person was reported drink/driving and had caused damage to parked vehicles. There were no witnesses therefore no immediate action could be taken. However the driver is known to us and a close eye will be kept on them.

There was a report of concern for an elderly couple living in the area. A check on their welfare was made and I have made their address a regular visit on my patrol plan. If you know of any vulnerable person/s please bring them to my attention.

A suspicious male was reported in the area. As the man was reported immediately I was able to find him. He was a cold caller. He was asked to move on.

A local youth was reported bullying a younger child on the East View Terrace estate. The local youth is known to us and the incident recorded.

Whilst on foot patrol at around 2200 hrs on Friday 27th on The Street I heard a couple of gunshots. Upon investigating I came across a man hunting rabbits. He was checked on the Police system and has permission and license by the land owner. I requested that in future we are informed if shooting at this hour.

Damage to a car was reported at the Blacklands location. House to house enquiries were undertaken. Local youths were again mentioned.

## **MOUNTFIELD**

I have been patrolling the area regularly and attending the school, dependent on shift times.

A theft of a car wing mirror was reported. House to house enquiries were carried out and results passed on to the officer in the case.

A break in at the local cricket ground took place with things thrown around inside and a window broken.

Some fly tipping and abandoned vehicles have been found in Eatenden woods. The local authorities have been notified and a request to clean up has been put in place. I have revisited the site and some evidence of cleaning up has taken place.

A car was damaged whilst in a car park. CCTV footage is currently being looked at for evidence of the offender.

## **WHATLINGTON**

I have been patrolling the area by car regularly on my early and late shifts.

A loose horse was reported on the A21 near Whatlington. The rider was thrown from the horse. The horse was caught and the rider taken to hospital.

A road traffic collision took place on the 10th on the A21 near Whatlington. There were no injured parties.

I attended the local fete on Saturday 14th. It was a very pleasant day and seemed to be well supported by the locals.

Some fly tipping was spotted by a local resident . He approached offenders and told them to move on. There were a few words exchanged. It is advisable not to challenge these people but to report to the Police immediately and try to take a vehicle registration number.

Another incident of fly tipping in someone's garden was reported. Contents of the rubbish contained various addresses. These persons are being contacted.

Noise and anti-social activity were reported in the village hall. This is very unusual and hopefully was a one off. However I have kept an eye out whilst on my patrols.

A generator and garden equipment were stolen from a property on the Whatlington Road.

**As you may or may not be aware our areas are changing and we are now required to cover wards instead of parishes. Therefore I am losing Mountfield and Whatlington but gaining Staplecross, Cripps Corner and Ewhurst Green.**

**PCSO Chris Dewitt is taking over Mountfield and Whatlington.**

**Thank you**

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