

DECEMBER 2008

I hope you all had a good Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my Parishes a Happy New Year.

I have been patrolling Sedlescombe, Cripps Corner Staplecross, Ewhurst Green and Bodiam regularly by car and on foot. Speed checks, schoolpatrols and checking of licensed premises are conducted regularly. I have also been assisting Police officers in other areas when required for traffic accidents, house to house enquiries, scene guarding or general intelligence gathering.

SEDLSCOMBE

Travellers were seen parking up in Hurst Lane. They had moved on the same day.

A tree was down on The Street opposite the church. Highways attended and cleared the road.

2 Christmas Tree signs were stolen from a local farm. This had happened the previous year also but was not reported.

There was a break-in at the Brickwall Hotel on the 6th. Intruders entered through a window. Fridges were emptied of contents. Forensics were taken on site and investigations are currently taking place.

It was a privilege to have been invited by the Parish Council for Christmas lunch at the Queens Head on Thursday 11th. It was a wonderful afternoon and was much appreciated.

A Neighbourhood Panel Meeting was held at the Queens Head pub on the 17th. There were 10 persons present.

An elderly couple had a suspicious male enter their premises through an open door. The man claimed to be a salesman. Nothing was taken although his actions were suspicious. House to house enquiries were consequently undertaken.

Dog biscuits have been put out for a dog at a local residence. Owners were advised to be vigilant as 2 dogs were abducted recently.

A couple of males were reported trespassing on a farm possibly hare coursing. The registration number of the vehicle was taken and checks were made.

Damage was caused to the swimming pool at the Brickwall Hotel. House to house was conducted with many reports given as suspects being youths from outside the village attending a party.

Some ponies escaped from a field. These were recovered and taken back.

An attempted break in was reported in East View Terrace. Intruders did not manage to gain entry.

A 6 car traffic accident occurred on the A21. There were only minor injuries.

STAPLECROSS

No reported crimes.

EWHURST GREEN

No reported crimes.

CRIPPS CORNER

The Fire Brigade were called to a large shed/workshop fire. Investigations are taking place to see if this was arson.

Further reports of deer poaching have been brought to our attention. A meeting was arranged with Woodlands Officers to discuss how to tackle this ongoing problem.

A vehicle crashed into a hedge on the morning of the 5th due to black ice. There was no injury to the driver.

A suspicious vehicle was reported . A check was made and the owner found. The vehicle had been abandoned.

A minor traffic accident occurred on the morning of the 23rd. There were no injuries.

A burglary took place on the 12th. Investigations are currently taking place.

BODIAM

Loose sheep were reported on the road near the Curlew. These were subsequently rounded up.

A burglary took place in Levetts Lane on the 10th. House to house enquiries were carried out and investigations are currently taking place.

Some trolleys were reported thrown onto the railway tracks – these were recovered.

A black sack was reported with what appeared to be body parts. Upon investigation this turned out to be an animal carcass.

Thank you

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