

**SEDLSCOMBE, CRIPPS CORNER, STAPLECROSS,  
EWHURST, BODIAM**

**MONTHLY REPORT from PCSO GEORGHIOU**

**JULY - AUGUST 2009**

I have been on annual leave from the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. I was back on duty on the 8<sup>th</sup> August. It was good to return and resume my work within the communities. I received a warm welcome amongst villagers and this was very encouraging to help me get back into the swing of things.

The summer months tend to take me away from my patrol areas assisting with Operation Radcott which is the patrolling of Camber and the beach area.

Foot patrols are conducted at weekends, late at night in Battle where there is currently an anti-social issue. I have resumed my patrols in the villages conducting foot and car patrols during the day and night in and around the villages and lanes. This month saw 2 incidents reported in Sedlescombe involving acts of theft both from garden outbuildings where tools and garden equipment were taken. One outbuilding was open and tools were visible. I often urge persons not to make it easy for a would-be thief and to take all precautions necessary to make your property secure. It's surprising on my travels how many front doors and car windows are often left open. Please just take that extra few seconds to close them all up.

I have resumed my speed checks in the wards and was disappointed to find that several offenders were locals. Please slow down, as PC Knight does not want to be issuing £60 fines (plus 3 points) to anyone but he will if they are breaking those speed limits!. Bodiam suffered 2 break-ins over the course of this period. A house was broken into on the Bodiam Road with thieves climbing up a ladder and entering property through an open door. Items were taken including jewellery. A shed in a field used for storing up foodstuff for a local event in Bodiam was broken into and boxes of crisps and drinks were stolen. Poachers were caught at Bodiam Castle fishing for carp, (good news for the carp), and a beehive was vandalised at Bodiam Railway Station.

Recently, a member of public from Ewhurst brought to my attention an e-mail that is being circulated with threats to lone women at petrol stations. The message could be a hoax but should not be dismissed and therefore I urge all women to be especially alert when filling up the car on a petrol forecourt – especially late at night or early mornings when no-one is around. This applies to everyone who finds themselves in secluded areas.

I attended the Bodiam Medieval Fair on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. It was good to see the event have a good turnout.

Cripps Corner suffered 2 burglaries this month with both homeowners being away on holiday at the time of the incident. Investigations are currently taking place to see if the incidents were linked. When going away please ensure you take all precautions necessary regarding lights on timers, the moving of vehicles on the drive, closed windows, alarms set and neighbours checking the property.

Again, if anybody has any concerns about anything and would like me to arrange for the Crime Prevention Officer to call then please contact me on 07788565576, or [demetrius.georghiou@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:demetrius.georghiou@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

I am also keen to get out and meet as many people on my patch as possible. If anybody has any events / meetings / coffee mornings etc coming up, please let me know as I would love to come along and get to meet as many people as I can.

Best Wishes,  
Demi.