

MONTHLY REPORT from PCSO GEORGHIOU

SEDLESCOMBE, CRIPPS CORNER, STAPLECROSS, EWHURST, BODIAM

20th November-19th December

I have conducted regular patrols around the villages and lanes, school patrols and speed checks.

Early speed checks have been conducted at 06:30 in the morning with positive results.

I attended the funeral of Mr Simon Bishop, Head of Netherfield school, who tragically died in a car accident recently. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

SEDLESCOMBE

A male that had been causing many problems in the East View Terrace estate has been evicted. Police and Housing shall continue the partnership working with regular joint visits to the area.

Poachers were reported on a farm. Police attended but nothing was seen. Late night checks have been made by myself on vehicles in the lanes and intelligence reports have been submitted.

A youth had let off a flare in the East View Terrace estate. The youth is currently under an ABC contract. A visit was paid to the house with Housing and the ASBO officer.

A shed was broken into at Pestalozzi village and copper piping was stolen. A suspect vehicle was seen earlier that week. Details of driver are known to police and male has been detained and interviewed.

STAPLECROSS

Cold callers had left leaflets saying that they shall be calling in the area. If seen they should be reported so a check can be made on them.

A cold caller was reported acting suspiciously. A check was made on him and he was consequently told not to return in the village.

EWHURST

Poachers were reported on a farm. Police attended and the area was searched but there was no trace of the poachers.

A vehicle was reported on a farm possibly linked to theft of scrap metal. The owner is known to police and is currently being investigated.

BODIAM

A suspicious vehicle was reported on a local farm late at night and a person was seen lamping. The vehicle appears to tie in with recent poaching issues.

I attended the Parish Council meeting on the 24th November.

I paid a visit to the primary school and spoke to the head regarding parking issues. A letter was drafted to be sent to parents.

CRIPPS CORNER

Suspicious males were reported in Ellenwhorne Lane. They were approached and a check was made on them. They are known to police. An intelligence report was submitted stating that they were in the area.

Several incidents involving suspicious vehicles and gunshots have been reported in Ellenwhorne Lane. Investigations are currently taking place.

A carcass of a wild boar was found off Ellenwhorne Lane. A suspect is currently being questioned regarding poaching issues.

Local Priorities - Sedlescombe

Priority One:

What you said: Anti-social behaviour

What we did: Regular patrols around the village. Patrols on foot once a month with the Housing Officer.

What happened: Housing will be informed of any issues and youths will be given stop forms and placed on record if found causing anti-social behaviour.

Set operations have been set up during bouts of excessive anti-social behaviour.

Priority Two:

What you said: Speeding

What we did: Speed checks were done with the presence of a NPT officer and vehicles were stopped. Speed checks have been conducted as early as 06:30 in the morning with positive results.

What happened: £60 tickets were issued and warning letters sent out.

Priority Three:

What you said: Parking issues at the school. Suggestions of a walking bus. Landlady from local pub offered the use of the pub car park for mornings only on certain conditions.

What we did: Arranged a walking bus with school.

What happened: Lots of parents are using the walking bus but I would ask that more join in – parking offences are being dealt with.

Local Priorities - Ewhurst Green

Priority One:

What you said: Speeding

What we did: Speed checks were conducted with an NPT officer. Early speed checks were conducted at 06:30 am.

What happened: £60 tickets were issued. Warning letters sent out.

Priority Two:

What you said: Parking issues

What we did: Regular visits at school times and high visibility foot patrol

What happened: Words of advice given to individuals. Parking tickets issued where appropriate.

A Press Release made by the Rother District Commander

'Sussex Police investigating a commercial deer poaching operation in the Rother district of East Sussex have made five arrests after a series of dawn raids this morning (Monday, December 21).

More than 50 officers, accompanied by colleagues from the National Wildlife Crime Unit, RSPCA, Trading Standards, Rother District Council and the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, executed warrants in Bexhill, Brightling, Ninfield, Robertsbridge, Salehurst and Broad Oak, Heathfield. They seized a large number of firearms and animal carcasses and meat, including deer and wild boar.

Five men aged 21, 47, 49, 63 and 74, were arrested under suspicion of offences under the Deer Act 1991 and are now being questioned further about firearms and wildlife offences.

Alan Roberts, from the National Wildlife Crime Unit, who attended several of the locations, said: "Commercial poaching is a serious problem on various levels including public health, where meat is introduced illegally into the system, and public safety, as many of the deer are shot at night using high powered weapons.

"There is also a significant risk to animals not killed in a clinical, professional manner

and with weapons not suitable for the size of beast."

Ch Insp Heather Keating, Rother district policing commander, said: "This is not a romanticised image of the local poacher taking 'one for the pot', but a highly organised and criminal taking of wild animals for big profits. We are responding to local concerns about the scale of the problem and will continue to react to any direct reports of poaching or evidence of its taking place, such as discarded deer heads, feet and entrails."

If anyone has information about poaching, they should contact 0845 60 70 999 and if in regard to these particular incidents, quote Operation Hallend.

This is excellent news and is all down to members of the public and farming communities caring and letting the Police know about their concerns.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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