



MONTHLY REPORT
SEDLSCOMBE & EWHURST WARD & BODIAM
MARCH 2010

SEDLSCOMBE

10th March 2010 we received a call reporting and email had been sent requesting payment of a £1200 bill for a hotel in the North. The bill has not been paid and no money lost. Checks are being undertaken but please do not pay anything you are unsure of and if in doubt please contact us.

24th March Sedlescombe Primary School have reported the roller system to cover their swimming pool has been stolen. It is unknown exactly when this item was taken but believed to be sometime between September 2009 and March 2010, there are no witnesses or suspects.

26th March a report of a burglary non dwelling where a Honda 95 Black/Red petrol generator was stolen valued about £100, enquiries are currently ongoing.

27th March 2010 a report of a burglary non dwelling where a tractor/sprayer was taken from a barn, enquiries into this matter are currently ongoing.

EWHURST GREEN

No crimes have been recorded for this period.

STAPLECROSS & CRIPPS CORNER

3rd March 2010 a report of the theft of two bird scarers (including gas bottles and batteries) this is believed to have been stolen sometime during a two week period. There are no lines of enquiries and the matter has been filed.

5th March 2010 a report of criminal damage to a vehicle in the Staplecross area. This is believed to have occurred overnight between the hours of 1700hrs and 0700hrs. Enquiries are ongoing at the current time.

BODIAM

During the early hours of 7th March 2010 a burglary non dwelling in progress was reported taking place at a farm in Bodiam. Vehicles were sighted by members of the public – many thanks to these people. Some Copper was taken. Enquiries are currently ongoing in relation to information and intelligence gathering is ongoing.

On the 12th March 2010 police received a call to say a house had been broken into. This burglary dwelling is believed to have occurred between the hours of 0900hrs and 1600hrs on this day. Entry was made via a rear window and a number of items were taken. Enquiries are ongoing at the current time.

29th March 2010 we received a call reporting a malicious communication had been received via a mobile phone text message. Enquiries are being made in relation to this.

MEET AND GREET - BODIAM

Demi and Karen will be available at 15:30hrs on Friday 16th April at LEVETTS LANE in BODIAM.

RECENT GOOD RESULTS FOR THE AREA

A vehicle was stopped by a TRAFFIC UNIT for the offence of driving whilst uninsured. The vehicle was seized and taken to the local recovery unit. A £200.00 FIXED PENALTY NOTICE was issued with penalty points to be added. The Registered owner of the vehicle was a local man who had to make his own way home.

A male appeared at Hastings Magistrates Court on 27.01.2010 charged with Assaulting A Constable In Execution Of His/Her Duty. The male pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay compensation of £75.00. A community order was made to carry out unpaid work for 150 hours within the next 12 months. Cost were also charged towards the defendant amounting to £85.00

A male appeared at Hastings Magistrates Court In Charge Of Motor Vehicle – Alcohol Level Above The Limit. The male pleaded not guilty and was remanded on bail until March.

A local male from was charged with the offence of Use Of A Motor Vehicle Without Third Party Insurance. The male was fined £300.00 and ordered to pay costs of £43.00, the licence was endorsed with 6 penalty points with costs of a further £15.00.

A female appeared at Hastings Magistrates Court charged the offence of

Use Of A Motor Vehicle Without Third Party Insurance. The case was adjourned to consider disqualification from driving.

A female was charged with Speeding – Exceeding 40 MPH

The female was fined £70.00 and ordered to pay costs of £58.00, 6 penalty points were added to the licence.

A final point... the new Neighbourhood Policing Sgt Danny Russell has issued a total of 16 parking tickets in the last two weeks.

LOCAL PRIORITIES - SEDLESCOMBE

These were the priorities set at the last Panel Meeting:

Priority 1

What you said: Speeding through the village.

What we did: Speed checks are continuing in the area by your local PCSO and PC. Demi has been undertaking early morning speedchecks starting as early as 0600hrs.

What happened: We are continuing to send out warning letters and give out fixed penalty tickets where appropriate.

Priority 2

What you said: Anti social behaviour.

What we did: This continues to be monitored and have had no reports this month.

What happened : We are continuing our patrols in the area and Demi is having regular meetings with the housing associations. At the current time the Anti social behaviour appears to be under control.

Priority 3

What you said: Parking around the school.

What we did: The walking bus had been actively encouraged and letters were sent out for advice and information.

What happened: The walking bus has increased, and patrols continue to monitor the situation.

LOCAL PRIORITIES - EWHURST GREEN

Priority 1

What you said: Speeding through the village.

What we did: Regular speed checks continue to be undertaken at various times of the day. Demi has undertaken early morning speedchecks as early as 0600hrs.

What happened: Warning letters and tickets have been issued.

Priority 2

What you said : Parking around the school.

What we did:. A letter has been given to the school to be passed onto parents giving advice in relation to parking and what will happen if parked illegally.

What happened: Patrols are ongoing around all the schools.

LOCAL PRIORITIES - BODIAM

These local priorities were set up at the last Panel Meeting for Robertsbridge and Salehurst. Bodiam did not communicate any issues at this meeting. If you do have any issues please contact me or Demi and we can organise a meeting.

Priority 1

What you said: There were worries about the speeding vehicles through the villages.

What we did: Speed checks are being carried out on a regular basis to try and make the public more aware of speeding and its inherent dangers. This is ongoing. If you are aware of a regular speeding offender in your area please contact Op Crackdown on www.operationcrackdown.org or telephone Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999.

What happened: More motorists have been stopped speeding and given tickets.

Priority 2

What you said: There were worries about anti-social behaviour (Robertsbridge).

What we did: There has been a higher visibility of the PCSOs on foot in the village together with the added assistance of myself.

What happened: Higher visibility has meant that reassurance has been given to the public and anti-social behaviour is being tackled. There has been a reduction in the reports of anti-social behaviour.

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What happened: Patrols are ongoing around all the schools.

GENERAL ADVICE

Please be aware that when you are selling items and giving home addresses or post codes to unknown persons – they may well be preparing to steal that property by tracking your address down. A suggestion is that you make it clear to the potential buyer that the items are not kept at your address but that you will bring them round when an appointment is made.

If necessary store your items at a friend's house.

Several members of the community have reported receiving telephone calls from someone purporting to be a member of a road traffic accident department and advising them that they had some money awaiting them as one of their family had been involved in a road traffic accident. The caller will then try to obtain bank details to pay the money in – don't be fooled!

Let me bring your attention to 'A New Keyholder Register' which has been about before. It is Peace for a Pound. Go onto the website www.peaceforapound.com and you can register your property or business for £12 a year and they will contact keyholders or nominated persons if there is a problem with your property / alarms etc.

Email Scams

People have been receiving the following notifications of refunds and when they click on the refund me now button all personal and bank details are requested.

HMRC do not do this. The actual e-mail address on the notification is wrong and they have spelt paid as payed.....in the text. If this is received the recipient should get in touch with the real HMRC (stuff in blue below) and let them know.

Tax Refund Notification

After the last annual calculations of your fiscal activity, we have determined that you are eligible to receive a tax refund of **965.80 GBP**. Please submit the tax refund request and allow us 5-7 days in order to process it. Click the "Refund Me Now" link below and follow the on screen step in order to have us process your request.

Refund Me Now

Note : You will need to provide a valid bank account in which the funds will be paid to. A refund can be delayed for some reasons, for example submitting invalid records or applying after deadline.

Best Regards,
HM Revenue & Customs

Reporting HMRC related phishing emails

HMRC do not send notifications of a tax rebate over email, or request that you update your security certification.

If you receive an email that does not address you by your first name and surname and then asks you to click on a link and/or disclose your details, you may well be revealing your details to a fraudulent website.

If you have received an email from HMRC that you consider to be fraudulent, please forward it to phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk.

However, if you have already disclosed any of your personal information, for example your HMRC User ID, password or National Insurance number, please forward a report to security.custcon@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk.

Do not disclose any personal details or information in the email report to us.

You should however list the type(s) of information that you disclosed. For example – I disclosed my Name, Address, Date of Birth, bank card details, HMRC User ID etc.

HMRC cannot reply to every email, but action is taken on each report received

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please contact myself or Demi if you are interested and if there are a number of residents we can arrange a street meeting and give advice on the above.

OPERATION DANEGATE

Police have been carrying out a special operation on the Rother District involving extra high visibility patrols in the evenings/nights. This has been a great success in reducing crime whilst offering a visible presence police to the community.

OPERATION VORTEX

Operation Vortex has come to the Rother District. This is a high visibility operation which will be located at different areas of the district. It involves carrying checks on vehicles being driven in Rother for offences such as no insurance, no MOT, condition of vehicle etc.

BE AWARE, IF YOUR VEHICLE IS NOT INSURED IT MAY BE SEIZED!

This Operation was carried out on Friday 12th March – county wide and involved the Road Policing Unit, Immigration, local Council and local officers. The result was good with drivers being stopped for offences including no insurance and no MOT.

24 fixed penalty notices were issued (no MOT, number plate offences and

7 people were dealt with for no insurance)

4 summonses were issued

2 searches of vehicles were carried out

3 vehicle defect forms were issued

1 person was arrested wanted on warrant

1 vehicle was seized

OPERATION CRACKDOWN

Help us crack down on abandoned vehicles and anti-social driving.

Sussex Police are leading a pioneering partnership which employs the latest technology to provide an easy to use facility for Sussex residents to report abandoned vehicles or an act of anti-social driving.



Operation Crackdown is a multi-agency facility with two key aims:

- Reducing the amount of time vehicles remain abandoned (saving significant costs in the process).
- Targeting persistent bad drivers before they cause an accident.

We know there are problems in parts of Sussex. With your help we can tackle the inconsiderate people who continue to drive in an anti-social manner or abandon their end-of-life vehicles.

You can tell us about any abandoned vehicle or anti-social driving you've witnessed using the [Operation Crackdown](#) website.

What exactly constitutes anti-social driving?

There is no strict definition. However typical examples of anti-social driving might include speeding, thoughtless or reckless driving, under-age driving, drink driving, tailgating, using a mobile phone whilst driving, driving a vehicle which looks to be in an unsafe condition.

What should I do if I see an abandoned vehicle or someone driving in an anti-social manner?

- Pull over safely at the side of the road or ask a passenger to write down details.
- Note the vehicle's make, model, colour and number plate (which will help with police enquiries).
- When noting the location, use house numbers and road names to pinpoint where the incident happened or where you spotted a potential abandoned vehicle.
- Write a brief description of what you witnessed, while it is still fresh in your mind.
- If it's an abandoned vehicle, if possible take a digital picture of it.



When you get to work or home, visit the [Operation Crackdown](#) website to record your information. It only takes a few minutes!

Your information will be analysed and appropriate action will be taken, if necessary, by Sussex Police.

Remember

Do not attempt to write anything down whilst driving. Don't add to the problem!

Submit a report

Please go to the Sussex Police website where you will find a link to record any information.

<http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>

If you can help with any information regarding any of the above crimes please phone Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999 extension 26447.

Crimestoppers : 0800 555 111 open 24/7

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Thank you
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