



MONTHLY REPORT
SEDLESCOMBE & EWHURST WARD & BODIAM
SEPTEMBER 2010

SEDLESCOMBE

Serial 1810 06/09/2010 Report of two suspicious males hanging around the garages near East View Terrace.

Serial 795 27/09/2010 Report of a stolen pedal cycle. Please make sure unattended bikes are locked.

EWHURST GREEN

Serial 997 01/09/2010 Report of stolen apples from an orchard. Please be aware, stealing apples from an orchard is an offence for which you can be prosecuted.

Serial 471 05/09/2010 Report of a break to a garden shed where power tools were stolen.

STAPLECROSS & CRIPPS CORNER

Serial 1060 30/09/2010 Report of a burglary dwelling. A rear kitchen window was forced open.

BODIAM

Serial 24303/09/2010 Report of a lost Jack Russell bitch.

Serial 468 10/09/2010 A vehicle was seized under section 165 for not having any insurance.

OPERATION NEWPLACE

Five drugs warrants were executed on Thursday 23rd September, on four addresses and associated buildings in Redlands Lane, Robertsbridge.

The warrants were executed simultaneously at around 7.15am and six people aged from 20 to 51 were arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis. The 51-year-old was also arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods. All are in custody helping police with their enquiries.

Chief Inspector Heather Keating said: "Sussex Police acts on intelligence and will take positive action against anyone producing, supplying or possessing prohibited drugs.

"The information we received involves a small number of residents on the site in Redlands Lane and our overall aim is not only to crack down on illegal activity, but to work together with East Sussex County Council and Rother District Council to operate a well-managed site for the benefit of its residents and the local community."

Between Friday, (24 September) and Monday (27 September) Sussex Police will assist East Sussex County Council in reinstating the boundary of the site which has spilled over onto private land.

Councillor Bob Tidy, Lead Member for Community Services, said: "Our aim is to strike a balance between the needs of the site residents and those of the local community. We want to try and enable and facilitate positive relationships between both communities through effective joint working."

Local residents have received information leaflets explaining the reason for police activity in the area.

LOCAL PRIORITIES - SEDLESCOMBE

Priority 1

What you said: Parking around the school.

What we did: : Patrols are being carried out at key times.

What happened: Offending vehicles are being dealt appropriately.

Priority 2

What you said: Speeding through the village.

What we did: Demi continues to do the speed patrols and has also continued to undertake the early patrols at 0600hrs.

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

Priority 3

What you said: Anti-social behaviour.

What we did: High visibility patrols are being carried out around the village at key times.

What happened : At the current time anti social behaviour still remains minor and DEMI is continuing with his patrols and liaison with partnership agencies.

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 speed checks 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: Patrols are being carried out at key times.

What happened:. Offending vehicles are being dealt appropriately.



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.

GOOD NEWS

Police made a swift arrest following a robbery at a bank in Rye yesterday afternoon (Thursday 9 September).

Officers were called to HSBC in the High Street at 3.50pm following a report that a balaclava-clad man had walked in with a bag and demanded money before walking back out. Shortly afterwards, eagle-eyed witnesses saw a man acting suspiciously, flagged down a police car and pointed out the suspect, who was arrested on suspicion of robbery just eight minutes later. All the cash was recovered.

Only one customer was in the bank at the time and nobody was physically threatened or injured.

Alan Bourne, 44, of Marine Terrace, Folkestone, was charged on Friday afternoon 10 September with robbery of £2000 cash, and will appear in custody at Hastings Magistrates Court on Saturday 11 September.

JUSTICE SEEN - JUSTICE DONE

On Wednesday 8 September, 30 officers from Sussex and Kent Police took part in Operation Collusion, a cross-county border initiative targeting the main routes between East Sussex and West Kent. UK Border Agency (UKBA) and Vehicle Operator Standards Agency (VOSA) staff also took part.

Several mobile check points were used, whilst others were intercepted by a mobile Kent Police ANPR (Automatic Number plate Recognition) team. At a static A21 checkpoint in FLIMWELL alone, 31 vehicles were stopped.

At FLIMWELL, five drivers were reported for having No Insurance, and six Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for, variously, driving whilst using a mobile phone, for having no vehicle tax, and for vehicle defects. Two people were reported for summons to court, one for possession of a small quantity of cannabis and the other for having no valid Driving Licence.

Three drivers were reported for summons to court for driving without valid vehicle Test Certificates.

VOSA also made large numbers of vehicle condition checks, and issued eight on-the-spot Prohibition Notices preventing vehicles being driven further.

Two arrests were made. Michael McLeod, 32, of Coltsfoot Green, Luton, Bedfordshire, was charged with possession of crack cocaine and was bailed to appear at Hastings Magistrates Court on 21 September. A 44-year old local man was arrested on suspicion of vehicle theft and was bailed without charge pending further enquiries by Kent Police.

Inspector James Scott of Sussex Police, the Rother Neighbourhood Inspector, said; "Operation Collusion is a joint initiative between Sussex and Kent Police, aimed at deterring and reducing local crime of all kinds by making the road network dangerous for travelling criminals. It was excellent to see both forces working together and it has yielded some excellent results and intelligence. We will be using this tactic again. "We were also grateful for the support of the Safer Rother Partnership, which included the provision of tents for driver interviews and vehicle examination.

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF CONSTABLE MARTIN RICHARDS

Sussex Police Chief Constable Martin Richards has spoken of "putting the public at the heart of policing" as he builds a force fit for the future and faces the challenge of the £52 million budget cuts expected by 2015.

The five year plan to reduce spending while providing the best possible service to the people of Sussex is well underway, under the Serving Sussex 2015 programme of work. The precise amount the Force will have to save will not be known until sometime after the Government's autumn spending review.

Chief Constable Richards explained: "The spending challenge provides an opportunity for us to put people, not paperwork, at the heart of policing. This means focusing on what matters most to the public and freeing our officers and staff from bureaucracy to do just that.

"Jobs cuts are inevitable for both police officers and staff, but we aren't simply becoming a smaller Force, we're fundamentally changing the way we police to put people at the centre of all we do. This means unburdening officers and staff from unnecessary paperwork and process, freeing them to use their initiative and respond to local needs.

"The budgetary situation is not of our making and public organisations across the country are facing similar challenges. But although we have no choice in saving money, we're working hard to ensure that improving the way we police is our driving principle, not desperate cost-cutting.

"We're working closely with the Police Authority to scrutinise where we can streamline processes. Of course we don't want any of our people to lose their jobs, but this is a reality when faced with spending cuts of this magnitude."

Current estimates show that there are likely to be 1,050 posts affected, of which 500 are police officer roles, but Mr Richards stressed that the Force is still "a long way from final decisions".

He added: "We are still in the very early stages of this process and these are the best estimates possible at this time. Specific roles that could be affected have not yet been identified. We are keeping the Police Federation, Unison and other staff organisations fully aware as the project progresses, so they can assist in supporting anyone likely to be affected."

Steve Waight, Vice-Chairman of Sussex Police Authority, said: "There are some very tough decisions that have had to be made in order to achieve necessary savings, and further difficult choices are still to come.

"Working closely with Sussex Police, the Police Authority has already made some key decisions to make savings and these post reductions are an inevitable part of this process. The October meeting of the Police Authority will be a difficult one where hard choices and the further realities of the budget savings will be discussed.

"Whilst the Police Authority will seek to ensure that the quality of policing in Sussex is not affected, undoubtedly difficult judgments will need to be made which may result in changes to the way Sussex is policed in the future."

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch for the Battle area is now joining Rye and Bexhill and will come under the title of Rother Neighbourhood Watch. PC Karen Heyes has been appointed the Special Point of Contact for the Battle area – please call if you would like to join the scheme 07810655971.

There are lots of new and interesting initiatives for Neighbourhood Watch which include local sponsorship from companies and a reward scheme with local businesses and members.

Neighbourhood Watch is very important to the work we do and we need more members - please consider and have a look online at the Sussex Police Website or again call PC Heyes.

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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