



MONTHLY REPORT
SEDLSCOMBE & EWHURST WARD & BODIAM
NOVEMBER 2010

SEDLSCOMBE

Between 1845hrs on the 8th and 0705hrs on the 9th a garage was broken into and an untidy search made. Items taken included an angle grinder and a set of golf clubs.

12th - there was a report from Budget cars of a number of vehicles criminally damaged. The vehicles were scratched and marked by a sharp object. This is currently under investigation.

EWHURST GREEN

No crimes reported.

STAPLECROSS & CRIPPS CORNER

8th - a report of a burglary to a caravan at Lordine Court. A number of items were taken including a tv and laptop.

13th - a report of a further burglary to another caravan at Lordine Court. Items taken included 2 x tvs.

BODIAM

Between 1630hrs on the 5th and 1000hrs on the 6th 5 tyres and 4 alloy wheels were stolen from a motor vehicle - there are no witnesses to this incident.

Between the 12th and 14th a burglary occurred in the Bodiam Business Park area of Bodiam. It is not believed any items were stolen at this time.

Between 2300hrs on the 25th and 0500hrs on the 26th criminal damage was caused to a vehicle on The Green in Bodiam. This was paint and non- permanent. There is a suspect and the investigation is ongoing at this time.

CRIME UPDATE

MURDER INVESTIGATION - JULIAN GARDNER - ROBERTSBRIDGE

On 24th November 2010 a 22-year-old man from Tunbridge Wells, Kent, was arrested on suspicion of the murder of Julian Gardner at his home in Robertsbridge on 11 October. He is currently being interviewed by detectives from the Major Crime Branch. He is the seventh person to be arrested in relation to the murder.

The body of Mr Gardner, 53, was found at Bush Barn Farm, off the A21 north of Robertsbridge, on 11 October. Detectives investigating his death believe this was a burglary that went tragically wrong. Mr Gardner, it is believed, disturbed an unknown number of people in the early hours of the morning forcing outbuildings where he ran an agricultural and car repair business.

A 40-year-old man from Ashford, Kent, arrested for the murder on 16 October, was rebailed yesterday to 17 January.

A 30-year old man, also from Ashford, arrested for murder on 26 October, has today (26 November) answered bail and been rebailed to 17 January.

Two 31-year-old men - one from North Wales and the other from Ashford - were arrested on 29 October for murder and have been bailed until the 6 and 13 January.

A 46-year old man from Sandhurst, Kent, was arrested for murder on 1 November and is bailed to 14 January.

A 30-year-old woman from Ashford was arrested for assisting an offender on 17 October and has been bailed to 6 December.

DCI Adam Hibbert, Major Crime Branch, who is leading the investigation, said: " The latest arrest is part of a complex and ongoing investigation and I cannot discount further arrests being made in the future. I would appeal to anyone who has information in relation to the death of Julian Gardner to come forward. They should contact detectives on 0845 60 70 999 or the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

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 with 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 with 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.

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 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 out 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!**

Operation Vortex came to the Battle area on the 26th November as part of their Speedwatch Week.

OPERATION CRACKDOWN

Please don't forget, if you see any form of Anti-social driving (speeding, using a mobile phone whilst driving, regular drink drivers, disqualified drivers etc), please report it to us via our Op Crackdown system:

<http://www.operationcrackdown.org/> or 01243 642222

CRIMESTOPPERS

Or, if you have any information about crimes that have occurred or, possible illegal activities that people are committing, you can always report it to Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999, or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>

**Thank you
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