



MONTHLY REPORT

SEDLESCOMBE & EWHURST WARD & BODIAM

MARCH 2011

SEDLESCOMBE

Intruders were disturbed after setting an alarm off at a property in the early hours of the 2nd. They were trying to break into the shed. Police attended and enquiries are continuing. The owners called the Police immediately.

On the 7th it was reported that at least 6 gully covers had been stolen between Sedlescombe and Three Oaks.

On 26th 3 young males were seen throwing a bag into the electrical substation in East View Terrace. These males have been identified and will spoken to in due course by the local PCSO to be given words of advice in relation to the danger they have put the community and themselves in.

EWHURST GREEN

No Crimes Reported

STAPLECROSS & CRIPPS CORNER

Between 0630hrs on 15th and 1600hrs on 18th lead was stolen from St Mark's Church Roof and damaged was caused in the process. This is linked to other similar incidents in the area of theft of roofing lead.

Please call us immediately if you see anything suspicious.

26th a trailer caused obstruction on the main road through Staplecross. Local units attended and the obstruction was cleared to the side of the road.

BODIAM

On the 8th it was reported that two large speakers had been stolen from the Kent and East Sussex Railway Property.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Please see Sussex Police Website under your area to find out your local priorities and what happening in your area.

www.sussexpolice.co.uk

ADVICE **BE AWARE OF SCAMS**

A possible scam has come in from a Sedlescombe NHW co-ordinator:

A foreign sounding lady phoned and said she was from a government dept., and gave her name as Jessica Parker - which was suspicious because this was the name of Sex in the City actress. She then asked whether the council tax is paid by direct debit and asked for the name of the person on the account saying that because of regular payment over the years there was an entitlement to a refund.

She then began to ask further details such as telephone number . The co-ordinator said you must know our number having just called. Then asked for the address and began to ask for more details The co-ordinator asked "How do I know you are genuine?" The caller said "I am from a government dept." When pressed for confirmation the caller put the phone down.

A GOOD RESULT

A member of the public reported to a PCSO that he believed he had seen 5 illegal immigrants jump off the back of a lorry in the John's Cross area of Battle. The PCSO immediately contacted police and then undertook an area search where she located 3 males and 3 females who confirmed they were illegal immigrants. Other units from Bexhill and Battle NPT teams joined the search for the lorry and a Firearms unit that happened to be in the area at the time. The Firearms unit located the lorry in the Russels Green area some way from John's Cross; the vehicle was stopped and the driver confirmed that the persons had been in his lorry.

The driver was arrested and then they were all transported to Hastings Custody where the immigration department then took charge of the investigation.

This is a good example of members of the public helping to assist in the prevention of crime by reporting a suspicious act and then communicating this to the police. Local Police Community Support Officers, Bexhill/Battle Neighbourhood Policing Teams and a Firearms unit that was in the area at the time worked well together to apprehend the immigrants, the driver and the vehicle and then handed over to their partners in immigration. It is believed they entered the UK via Dover and Dunkirk. Well done to everyone involved!

SID Speedwatch ~ Training Available

This training is available to all parish council and volunteers however, councils will need to liaise with Phillip Ball to ascertain how you go about obtaining a SID device and advice in relation to setting this up.

On Wednesday 13th April 2011 at 1900hrs Netherfield Village Hall a one hours SID (SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE) course will be held. Please register your interest with PHILLIP BALL - 01424 838881 or contact him via email phllpball@aol.com This course will last approximately an hour and suggestions of sites for your villages would be very welcome.

The criteria is SID must be placed a minimum of 18” from the road, a minimum of 100metres from a road junction or a change in speed limit and there must be at least 100 metres of clear vision between where SID is placed and where the vehicles first come into view of him (SID). The ground on which SID stands must be flat. Private driveways may be used but only with the permission of the owner.

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 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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