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Dear All,

Just a quick note from the author (that's me)

This is my last Community Contact that I will be preparing for the BATTLE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM. I am being moved onto pastures new for my sins. I now leave this task in the very capable hands of the Battle team. As from Monday 9th May I will be working at Hastings Front Office. This is all due to the operational changes that are affecting many people in the force.

I wish you all well, be safe and goodbye.

Christina Turner

POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT OFFICER

Please see below the crime updates for w/c 30.04.2011

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

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 99, or anonymously to Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111
http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/

SERIALS 468 30.04.2011 & 706 30.04.2011
BOWMANS DRIVE, BATTLE

Two reports of criminal damage were received; a large stone or brick was thrown at a roof causing damage to several roof tiles. At the same time a neighbouring property had their rear fence broken; several panels were kicked and ripped apart. The local PCSO Samantha Kemp was made aware of the incidents.

SERIAL 1318 30.04.2011
BEXHILL ROAD, NINFIELD, BATTLE

A property that is under renovation was broken into overnight. A door was forced open to gain entry and several items were stolen, WHICH INCLUDED SCRAP COPPER PIPING AND AN OLD CYLENDER. The informant was notified of the crime number via email.

SERIAL 478 03.05.2011
POTMANS LANE, NINFIELD, BATTLE

A garage was broken into overnight. Several high value items were stolen which included ECHO STRIMMER, STHIL DISC CUTTER, STHIL CHAIN SAW AND A SHINDIWA HEDGE CUTTER, the total value of items stolen was over £1700.00

SERIAL 901 03.05.2011
CROWHURST SCHOOL, FOREWOOD LANE, BATTLE

A large amount of lead was stolen from the roof, the incident happened over a period of a couple of days. The estimated value is about £3000.00; access to the roof was gained via a flat roof. Enquiries are continuing.

SERIALS 1343 & 1452 03.05.2011
WHATLINGTON VILLAGE HALL, WHATLINGTON

Two separate reports of criminal damage were received; signage and a gate were damaged in one incident. The second was a report with named suspects that were seen throwing eggs and damaging pipes and roofing. Enquiries are continuing.

SERIAL 519 04.05.2011
GUILD SHAW, BATTLE

A report was received via email of criminal damage to a wooden bench. The slats were removed and one of the arms ripped off.

SERIAL 452 05.05.2011
CLAVERHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BATTLE

STATION OPENING TIMES

A large amount of lead was stolen from the roof overnight. The CCTV shows two males in dark hooded tops climb on the roof and strip the lead from 12 sky lights. A further 5 metres was taken from the parapet. The suspects then loaded the lead into a wheelie bin and took it off site to a waiting vehicle. Enquiries are continuing.

As many of you will know, Sussex Police has been reviewing how the public use our police stations and has asked local people how they want to contact us in the future. People were directly engaged through telephone surveys, local face to face surveys in every district and through surveys of callers to police stations.

Sussex Police understands how important neighbourhood policing is to our communities and we have promised to protect this despite the need to make savings of £52 million by 2015. Our foremost priority is to keep our police officers out on the streets and working with their local communities so we are examining every aspect of how we currently operate to see what changes we can make that will save money but protect the service we provide.

We recognise that some of our current buildings and processes were designed decades ago to serve an incredibly different world and the way people want to contact us is changing. Most people contact us over the phone rather than by visiting a front office. The majority of visitors to police stations at the times that we are reducing hours are related to custody, bail or lost property. Many of our front counters have, on average, less than one visitor an hour.

Considerable research and consultation with the public suggests that most people do not currently know the opening hours of their local police station front office and are willing to use alternative ways to get in touch with us. Many would prefer to make an appointment rather than just 'drop in'. When asked their preferences for opening hours, the majority preferred office hours. The conclusion of our review is that there are alternative ways that people can contact us that would be more convenient for them and less expensive to run. The total cost of current front office arrangements is £4.2 million each year. By changing opening hours of front offices at times that they are not

well used by the public we will save over £2 million per year. Making savings here will mean we can protect policing in local communities.

From May 9th we will be reducing the hours that people can just drop into front offices and offering more pre-planned appointments instead. In the future people will be able to book these online as well as over the phone, although this service is not yet available. From May 9th Battle police station will be open as follows:

Mon-Fri 1000 to 1400
Sat-Sun CLOSED

Please be reassured that even when the front counter service is not open the police station is still staffed and functioning normally. In an emergency the public will always be able to contact us quickly through our 999 number. We have one of the best records of all forces in the country at answering these calls quickly. Your policing service is provided by many people working from a number of different locations, which includes but is not limited to, your local police station. For example, officers do not respond to 999 calls from police stations, but are already out on patrol across Sussex. People who have been arrested are taken to centralised custody centres, not a local station. We are confident that the overall service you receive will not change.

If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please contact me using the details below.

JUSTICE SEEN - JUSTICE DONE

29-year-old Spencer Pickstock has become the latest Sussex offender to face losing profits from crime.

Pickstock, of London Road, East Grinstead, appeared at Lewes Crown Court on 15 April this year where a confiscation order was granted against him under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) for £36,479.

This follows an investigation by the Sussex Police Money Laundering Investigation Team following his appearance at Hove Crown Court on Wednesday 22 September last year when he was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, for two counts of fraud by false representation, suspended for two years, and a community order to carry out 240 hours of unpaid work within 12 months.

In 2005 Pickstock applied to re-mortgage his house for £132,000 and in May 2008 he fraudulently purchased a £1,800 sofa from DFS. In both cases Pickstock fraudulently claimed to be employed and earning a wage in order to gain funds or goods, when in fact he had not declared any earnings to the tax office since 2003. Pickstock claimed he was self-employed with an annual income of £42,000 in order to re-mortgage his property and claimed he was working for an underpinning company with an annual salary of £24,000 in order to gain credit for the sofa.

This latest order adds to the success by Sussex Police in securing, during the financial year 2010/11 alone, 173 court confiscation orders following convictions, valued at the highest ever total for Sussex of £3,006,055. The force also obtained 25 civil forfeiture orders valued at £188,643, following cash seizures from suspected offenders.

Individual confiscation orders ranged from several thousand pounds up to £450,000.

These results follow the 2009/10 totals of 179 court confiscation orders, valued at £2,388 million, plus 34 civil forfeiture orders valued at £178,405.

Detective Inspector Chris Neilson of the force's Economic Crime Unit said "These are just some of the latest results of continuing hard work by our officers, and in particular our expert financial investigators. We now target not just the criminals but also the profits of their crimes, whether they be from drug dealing or any other form of criminal activity. It can take time and each investigation is subject to a court-authorised confiscation order, and criminals need to know that where we think they have profits, hidden though they may be, we don't give up after sentencing. Financial investigation is increasingly at the heart of all criminal investigation.

"The money confiscated is ploughed back to support further financial investigations and also into the wider community through worthwhile local projects."