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News and appeals

Police to increase patrols as part of Christmas crackdown on drink and drug-drivers

A quick drive under the influence of drink or drugs could lead to a life behind bars.

This is the message being issued by Surrey Police and Sussex Police as they prepare to launch their Christmas crackdown on drink and drug-drivers.

Under new Government proposals, motorists who cause death by careless driving while under the influence of intoxicating substances face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. The current maximum term is 14 years.

The plans have been put forward following significant support from people including bereaved families of victims and road safety experts.

But while the penalty for the offence looks set to increase, the advice from police remains the same – if you're prepared to drive with drink or drugs in your system, prepare to face the consequences.

Chief Inspector Warren Franklin, of the Surrey and Sussex Roads Policing Unit, said: "Each and every year, people's lives are destroyed through drink and drug-driving, and it won't be tolerated on our roads in Surrey and Sussex.

"Our officers will be carrying out dedicated patrols to target offenders across the two counties between 1 December 2017 and 1 January 2018, and will deal robustly with anyone caught driving under the influence.

“Patrols will include static stop checks at various locations, which will be in addition to responding to reports of drink and drug-drivers all year round. Our priority is to educate people of the clear risks associated with drink and drug-driving, and to keep road users safe.”

During the same campaign last year (1 December 2016 to 1 January 2017), a total of 187 arrests were made in Sussex, of which 143 have since led to convictions.

Driving under the influence of drink or drugs is among the four major causes of serious injury and fatal collisions, along with speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and using a mobile device while driving.

Chief Insp Franklin added: “Christmas is a time for friends and family, but it’s also a time when a stupid decision could lead to the loss of someone’s life.

“For those caught and convicted, it will have dire consequences – offenders face a minimum 12-month disqualification, fines up to £5,000 and up to six months’ imprisonment. If you kill someone, you could face life behind bars.

“This could happen to anyone. You may think it’s only a short drive home or you’ve not been caught before, but you might not be so lucky next time.

“We always encourage motorists to plan ahead. If you’re going for a night out or you’re likely to be hungover in the morning, for example, arrange a taxi or a lift with someone sober. Don’t chance driving yourself. It’s really not worth the risk.

“Please ensure you make the right decision this festive season, and don’t ruin Christmas.”

The month-long initiative is supported by the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership, Drive Smart in Surrey and the independent charity Crimestoppers.

People in Sussex can text officers on 65999 with the details of people they suspect of drink or drug-driving, or visit the [Operation Crackdown](#) website.

Alternatively, you can visit the [Crimestoppers](#) website or contact the independent charity anonymously on 0800 555 111.

If you know someone is driving while over the limit or after taking drugs, call 999.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/police-to-increase-patrols-as-part-of-christmas-crackdown-on-drink-and-drug-drivers/>

Street briefing held to address anti-social behaviour in Billingshurst

Horsham Prevention Policing Team held a street briefing in Billingshurst to address issues of local anti-social behaviour.

The briefing was held in the High Street on Saturday (November 25) and residents were able to speak to Police Community Support Officers and other agencies about local issues.

Inspector Sarah Leadbeatter, from the Local Prevention Policing Team, said: “The street briefing provided us with a fantastic opportunity to work closely with our partners and engage with the community by listening to their concerns regarding the local area.

“From this, we will be able to focus our resources on the areas that need it most, tackling and

preventing crime and keeping our communities feeling safe.”

Also in attendance of the street briefing were West Sussex Fire and Rescue, local Parish Councillors, Neighbourhood Watch, Horsham District Councils' Community Safety Team and Billingshurst street pastors.

If you would like to report any issues of anti-social behaviour please report [online](#) or call 101.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/street-briefing-held-to-address-anti-social-behaviour-in-billingshurst/>

Boy robbed of BMX bike in Bishopric, Horsham

Police are investigating after a 16-year-old boy was robbed of his BMX bike in Bishopric, Horsham, at around 8pm on Wednesday, 1 November.

Shortly after passing KFC, the boy was approached by a group of three youths, one of whom ordered him to get to his knees before kicking him and stealing his bicycle. The trio then headed off into the town centre.

The suspect is described as white, 5'8" and was wearing a grey hooded jersey and blue jeans.

Anyone who saw what happened, who may recognise the suspect or who may have other relevant information is asked to contact police online or call 101, quoting serial 1377 of 01/11.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/boy-robbed-of-bmx-bike-in-bishopric-horsham/>

Crime summary

We are pleased to say there are no Burglaries to report this week.

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Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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