



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

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News and appeals

Sussex Police makes the top 100 list of LGBT friendly employers in the UK

Sussex Police has once again made Stonewall's top 100 employers for lesbian, gay, bi and trans people to work.

The force has risen 30 places this year reaching the 47th place.

Stonewall's top 100 employers is a definitive list showing the best and most inclusive employers for lesbian, gay, bi and trans people to work. Stonewall understands that people perform better when they can be themselves in the workplace.

Giles York, Chief Constable of Sussex Police, said: "I am once again delighted to be recognised as a leading employer for lesbian, gay, bi and trans people to work. We were first recognised for this achievement 9 years ago, and have once again improved to receive recognition of our commitment to diversity in our workforce.

"I hope this result encourages even more LGBT people to consider working with us. It is vital that our workforce reflects the communities we serve. Our Police Constable recruitment opens on Monday 12 February this year. Visit our website for more information on [recruitment](#).

"We are proud to be an inclusive and welcoming organisation and will continue to lead the way in developing services informed by the people we serve. Our diversity and equality initiatives continue to develop and we are privileged to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic LGBT staff network and external LGBT public advisory group."

Inspector Mark Evans, Co-Chair of the LGBT Network said: "This is a fantastic result for Sussex Police which highlights the commitment the organisation has to inclusion and representation of all communities in Sussex. The LGBT network has worked with Sussex Police on this year's Stonewall Equality Index, and we are proud to support both the organisation and colleagues from the LGBT community. I hope this result encourages others from the LGBT community to consider joining Sussex Police and making it their employer of choice".

Full results and more information can be found at [Stonewall](https://www.stonewall.org.uk).

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/sussex-police-makes-the-top-100-list-of-lgbt-friendly-employers-in-the-uk/>

M23 motorist caught drink-driving said he "should have had a bigger burger"

A drink-driver involved in a collision on the M23 claimed he "should have had a bigger burger".

Colin Delaney admitted he had consumed "a couple of glasses of wine at lunch time" prior to the crash just south of junction 9 near Crawley.

He was driving a silver Mercedes CL500 which collided with the rear of a green Ford Transit in lane three of the southbound carriageway.

Both vehicles sustained extensive damage as a result of the collision, which occurred at about 7.40pm on 31 May 2017.

It caused the entire southbound carriageway to be closed for about 30 minutes while the vehicles were recovered and debris was cleared from the scene.

Delaney, 56, a director, of Hammerpond Road, Plummers Plain, Horsham, failed a roadside breath test and was subsequently charged with driving with 40mcg of alcohol per 100ml of breath in his system.

He showed no remorse for his actions and was more interested in finding out how far over the limit he was.

When the arresting officer advised him of the breath test reading, Delaney replied: "I should have had a bigger burger."

At Horsham Magistrates' Court on Monday (5 February), he was disqualified from driving for 13 months. He was also fined £300 and ordered to pay £450 costs and a £30 victim surcharge.

Arresting officer PC Brad Simms, of the Bognor Regis Response Unit, said: "Eating a bigger meal would have had a minimal impact on the breath test reading Delaney recorded. Instead of worrying about how close to the legal limit he was, Delaney could have guaranteed he was safe to drive by not drinking altogether."

“The effects of alcohol vary from person to person, and depend on a number of factors including age, weight, sex, metabolism, type of alcohol, what a person has eaten recently and their stress levels at the time.

“Delaney made a conscious decision to drive having consumed alcohol earlier that day. In doing so he not only risked being over the limit; he also risked his own life and the lives of other road users.

“Aside from being illegal, drink-driving is socially unacceptable and Sussex Police will prosecute anyone caught committing the offence.

“Our advice is simple: drink OR drive; never both.”

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/m23-motorist-caught-drink-driving-said-he-should-have-had-a-bigger-burger/>

Plea to motorist to secure unattended vehicles

A recent flurry of incidents in North Horsham and surrounding areas in which parked vehicles have been targeted by criminals has prompted police to issue a strong reminder to motorists about security.

Several of the vehicles involved had been left unlocked allowing thieves to steal from them but also forcing entry to locked cars and taking anything of value such as Ipods, phones and cash.

It is thought they struck in the early hours of the morning between 4am and 6am. Inspector Sarah Leadbeatter of Horsham district prevention team wants owners to be on their guard.

She said “Some of the vehicles entered were insecure and I would urge all owners to double check their vehicles are locked and secure before leaving them unattended. This applies even when they are left on private driveways or in private car parks and even if they’re only left for a few minutes. Remember to take any valuables with you and don’t leave handbags, money or electronic devices on show”.

Sussex police have stepped up patrols in the early hours to combat this kind of criminal behaviour and would urge members of the public seeing any suspicious activity around vans and cars, is asked to contact police on 101 or online at our website www.sussex.police.uk

Reference: 0565 2nd January
Location: Rectory Lane, Pulborough
Date and time: 1300hrs 2nd January
Details: Broke window, entered, nothing stolen

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0616 8th January
Location: Greenfield Road, Slinfold
Date and time: over a period of 4 months
Details: Garage was broken into and gardening tools stolen.

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If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please [contact us online](#), email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

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

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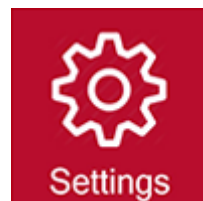
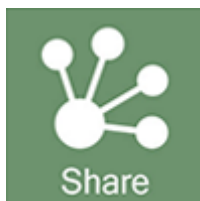
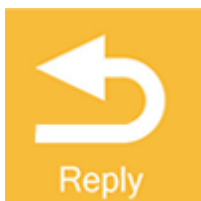
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