



## Horsham Weekly Bulletin

**Friday 1st June 2018**

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### News and appeals

## Sussex Police support for new national agreement to help combat stalking

Sussex Police have welcomed publication of a new package of measures to help further improve the way that the criminal justice system deals with stalking and harassment.

The measures - agreed by the CPS and the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) - are a significant shift in the way such cases are dealt with.

Detective Chief Inspector Pierre Serra said; "We welcome this new protocol, which reflects many of the changes we are already introducing in Sussex.

"Most importantly, it confirms that the approach we must take in dealing with all reports of harassment is to treat them as stalking unless there is evidence to show that they are not stalking. Our training for all front-line officers and staff includes exactly that requirement and we are glad to see that this is now a nationwide requirement too."

The force has also been carrying out extra work with Paladin, a national organisation which supports high risk victims of stalking with their specialist Independent Stalking Advocacy Caseworkers (ISACs). They have trained a selected number of officers across Sussex who will have an extra level of specialism in this area of work. They are able to advise and support other investigators whenever needed.

In addition, thanks to funding by Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne, community interest company Veritas Justice provide independent stalking advocacy caseworkers who are working with people affected by stalking. Veritas have also been providing extra training for officers and

staff, including call handlers, on how to spot signs of stalking patterns of behaviour. They have also delivered this training to local statutory and voluntary partners across Sussex.

Commenting on Sussex Police's improved approach to dealing with victims of stalking, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: "One of my priorities, since taking office in 2012, has been to encourage victims to report all forms of abuse, including serious sexual offences. This report has validated the decision I made to put forward additional funding for safeguarding units and training for specialist sexual offence liaison officers so that Sussex Police now has the structures in place to cope with the increase in reporting.

"From this funding I have also improved the support available to survivors of rape regardless of whether they report to the police or another agency.

"It is vital that we continue to give each individual victim and their families the confidence to report rapes and serious sexual offences. I want to ensure that every victim receives the care and support they need and reassurance that the offender will be brought to justice."

For further information about the new national protocol see the NPCC [website](#).

For advice and information about stalking and harassment see the Sussex Police [website](#)

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/sussex-police-support-for-new-national-agreement-to-help-combat-stalking/>

**Alerts/Press Releases sent out this week click the link to see full details.**

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## **Crime summary**

### **Burglary**

Reference: 0747 26<sup>th</sup> May

Location: Woodfield Road, Rudgwick

Date and time: Between 1500hrs – 1600hrs 26<sup>th</sup> May

Details: Point of entry via insecure door, cash was stolen.

### **Other**

Our latest Newsletter. Keep your Money Safe is available to download on the Sussex Police Web site. Please follow the link.

This month's letter highlights a fraud that uses Money Saving Expert Martin Lewis to endorse tips on market trading, and reports of calls that claim they offer government grants for solar panels.

<https://sussex.police.uk/media/8754/fraud-newsletter-may-2018.pdf>

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

### **Volunteers Week 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

We would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers in our Southwater Volunteer Station in Beeson House, Fairbank Road, Southwater and in Billingshurst at Billingshurst Community & Conference Centre, Roman Way.

The Southwater hub is open Monday to Friday from 0930hrs -1230hrs & 1430hrs - 1700hrs and Billingshurst is open at various times – please contact them before attending.

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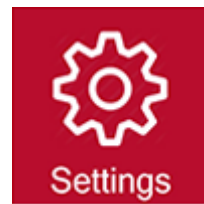
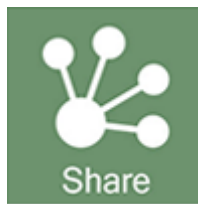
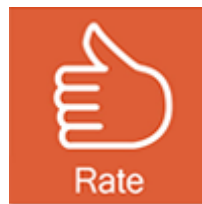
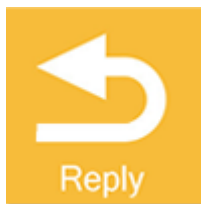
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