



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 30th October 2018

News and appeals

Please be considerate this Hallowe'en

As Hallowe'en and Bonfire season begins, we typically see large crowds gathering to celebrate. On Hallowe'en night, please consider the vulnerable, particularly the elderly, who may feel anxious and intimidated by strangers knocking at their door. The misuse of fireworks and uninvited trick or treaters can be intimidating and are considered anti-social behaviour by some.

Inspector Simon Burroughs said: "We know that around this time of year there will be more people out and about celebrating both Hallowe'en and Bonfire night. We also know that the vast majority of people will enjoy this in a safe and respectful way. However there are some who will use the opportunity to disrupt their local community. We are asking people to be aware of those who are not celebrating in the same way and respect those who feel anxious or intimidated by strangers knocking on their doors. We have posters that residents can display as a clear indication of whether they would like trick or treaters to visit."

If you are looking to take part in the Hallowe'en celebrations then you can print off the ['Trick or Treaters welcome'](#) poster.

To deter unwanted trick or treaters on October 31, this year is to print off the ['No Trick or Treaters please'](#) posters

If you see someone displaying a no trick or treat poster, please do not call at those homes as people do not wish to be disturbed. Just be careful who you scare on Hallowe'en. You'll also see this message on social media
[#becarefulwhoyouscare](#) [#halloween](#)

We are pleased to report that across Sussex, incidents of reported anti-social behaviour have fallen this year. We continue to work with other agencies to tackle issues in the community and safeguard the vulnerable. Targeting 'hot

spot' areas with our Prevention teams is proving an effective means of reducing anti-social behaviour and low level criminality. When necessary, Sussex Police is using powers such as Section 35 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to disperse groups who cause ASB and criminality.

Op Blitz, an operation specifically set up to target anti-social behaviour incidents is used across a number of districts, including in Eastbourne, Lewes and Wealden. It has proven effective in dealing with concerns from the community by using dedicated patrols staffed by PCSOs with the support of uniformed PCs at peak times. Youth intervention programmes are proving effective in reducing repeat offences and supporting families when they need it most.

Visit [here](#) for more information about ASB or go to our website, click Protect your neighbourhood, then click Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Halloween then useful documents.

Anti-Social Behaviour incidents can be reported to us by calling 101 or 01273 470101, or 999 in an emergency or [online](#).
Some safety tips for Hallowe'en:

- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Consider calling only at houses where you know the occupants, rather than strangers.
- Respect the privacy and wishes of people who do not want to take part in trick or treat – observe the 'No Trick or Treaters please' posters people may display in doors or windows.
- Residents are also advised to continue to be vigilant when opening the door to strangers or unexpected callers.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/please-be-considerate-this-halloween/>

Help us identify these phone thieves

Someone must recognise these brazen thieves, please help us identify them. (Photos can be found on the Sussex Police website).

These three men walked into Vodafone in West Street, [Horsham](#) at around 3.30pm on Monday, July 23 and prised five mobile phone out of the display units.

The bold thieves came into the shop together and quickly took the phone before running from the store. They stole a Samsung Galaxy S9, Samsung S9 plus, iphone 7, Huawei P20 and Huawei P20 Pro.

Investigator Teresa Bevan said; "The three men made no attempt to disguise themselves and we have clear images of their faces. One of the men was white, late 20s, 6' with a dark blue bucket hat, a black T-shirt, dark green cargo shorts, long white socks pulled up and black

trainers with white rims. The second man is white, late 20s, 6'. short wavy brown hair with a beard, stocky build, red polo shirt, light blue shorts and grey trainers with a white band around the bottom. The third man is also white and in his late 20s, medium length curly light brown hair and a beard, a plain white T-shirt and light blue jeans.

"Someone must recognise these men as the images are so clear. Please get in touch."

If you recognise them or saw these men running away after the theft, please contact police [online](#) quoting serial 985 of 23/07.

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

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Sussex Police and Trading Standards join forces for Operation Rogue Trader

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Rogue traders and aggressive doorstep sellers were targeted during October as part of Operation Rogue Trader.

Officers worked with Trading Standards on a joint week of activity to stop rogue business practices and raise awareness of the dangers linked to hiring cold-callers.

In [Brighton](#) more than 20 trade vehicles were stopped and more than 20 homes visited where people had tradespeople. The tradespersons were really positive about why we were making the checks as they wanted all the rogue traders robustly dealt with to allow the genuine tradespersons to get on with their business.

In East Sussex checks were carried out in hot spots known for cold calling as well as at the roadside. In [Eastbourne](#) a suspected rogue trader was found doing work on an elderly man's house and trading standards are now investigating.

A man in [Wealden](#) was issued a caution for carrying scrap metal without the correct licence.

The Preventions teams for [Adur, Worthing](#) and [Horsham](#) went out with two trading standards officers during the week and patrolled a number of different areas. They spoke to around 12-15 trades persons and did not identify any rogue workers with everyone happy with the work being completed.

Operation Rogue Trader is a national multi-agency campaign coordinated by the [Chartered Trading Standards Institute \(CTSI\)](#) with Liberal, the Police National Intelligence Unit.

Last year's campaign involved over 1,400 personnel, 1806 were stopped and searched, 87 arrests with 871 offences and over £40,000 in

property seized.

Operation Rogue Trader began specifically to target doorstep crimes, especially distraction burglaries and rogue trader offences. As rogue trading practices diversified, Operation Rogue Trader grew to allow participating authorities to proactively target criminal behaviour, and raise awareness amongst the most vulnerable groups.

Richard Strawson, Team Manager for East Sussex County Council's Trading Standards Service, said: "Rogue traders and doorstep fraudsters prey on the most vulnerable in society. Through the continued efforts of both Trading Standards and Sussex Police we aim to protect people from these criminals and allow legitimate businesses to continue without the unfair competition."

A Sussex Police spokesperson said "Two of our priorities are to protect the vulnerable and catch criminals. Rogue Traders and fraudsters are unscrupulous and target people for their own personal gain. Working in partnership strengthens how we can deal with rogue traders and by raising awareness of their activity allows us to protect the public and keep people safe."

If you suspect someone of being a rogue trader, or find yourself accosted by uninvited doorstep sellers, contact the [Citizens Advice](#) Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506 or contact police on 999 or 101.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/sussex-police-and-trading-standards-join-forces-for-operation-rogue-trader/>

£500 reward offered for armed robberies information

A £500 reward has been offered by police investigating four armed robberies in Sussex over the last month.

The robberies took place at the One Stop in Nevill Road, [Hove](#) on September 23, Tesco Express in West Street in [Rottingdean](#) on October 2, the One Stop in High Street, [Henfield](#) on October 13 and Tesco Express, The Droveway, Hove on October 15.

Detective Inspector Cath O'Connor said: "We would like to hear from anyone who witnessed any of these incidents or has any information about them. In particular, we are very keen to speak to a man who videoed the robbery in progress at the One Stop in Hove and provided the footage to a local newspaper. He has not yet made himself known to us.

"We are offering a £500 reward for information leading to the conviction of whoever is responsible. You can [report online](#) or call 101 quoting serial 615 of 24/10. Alternatively, you can contact the independent charity [Crimestoppers](#) anonymously on 0800 555 111."

A 52-year-old man from Brighton has been arrested on suspicion of

robbery. He has been bailed until November 14 while investigations continue.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/500-reward-offered-for-armed-robberies-information/>

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 0920 23rd October

Location: Patchings, Horsham

Date and time: Between 13th and 23rd October

Details: Rear door of house was broken, unknown what was taken.

Reference: 0801 24th October

Location: Birches Road, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1600hrs 23rd October and 0001hrs 24th October

Details: someone reached through an insecure bedroom window and stole bank card, mobile phone, cash and medication.

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0219 24th October

Location: Bonnetts lane, Ifield

Date and time: Between 20th and 22nd October

Details: Pedal cycle stolen from a barn.

Other

We are still getting reports of persons leaving vehicles unlocked and having items stolen. The majority of this type of crime is opportunistic and occurs because valuables have been left on view or the vehicle is left insecure. If a vehicle is left insecure it only takes 10 seconds for your valuables to be stolen.

Owners are reminded to close your windows and sunroof, lock all doors and activate any security devices when leaving the vehicle even for a few minutes. Check your doors manually as automatic locking devices can sometimes be affected by electronic interference.

For further information on how to keep your belongings safe, please click on the link or see our website.

<https://sussex.police.uk/advice/protect-your-home-and-belongings/>

Help us keep Sussex safe

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

Your local teams

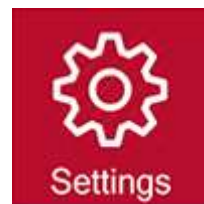
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