



Sussex Countrywatch Newsletter

Saturday 10th November 2018

Sussex Countrywatch foreword:

The newsletter this week is a bumper edition covering two weeks' worth of incidents. This is due to planning activities for our contribution to the National Rural Crime Day of Action which took place on Thursday 8th November.

We had a range of activities which involved officers and staff from all over Sussex. Crawley and Lewes saw officers from the Environment Agency, Angling Trust and Police tackling angling crime, heritage sites in Battle and Rother had visits along with activity tackling metal theft from heritage assets. Brighton and Hove and Worthing and Horsham both saw officer and PCSO's engaging with the public and asking people using the countryside for recreation to be vigilant and report suspicious or illegal activity which they see. Chichester had Police and Environment Agency tackling waste offences and fly tipping.

We were also fortunate enough to have the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, with us in Stanmer Park speaking with dog walkers and ramblers raising awareness of rural crime and also the Sussex Countrywatch partnership.

Gillian Keegan MP also joined us in Chichester to visit potential waste storage sites and to stop vehicles transporting waste.

We undertake these activities throughout the year however we have never attempted to do them all on the same day.

It was really good to talk to people from the local community whilst I was out and what struck me was the care that everyone had for the countryside. We all have our part to play in keeping our countryside safe and I thank all of you for your contributions.

What's been happening?

I am experimenting with this part of the newsletter and this week I have attached the crime table as a PDF document which should assist in both opening the document and also sharing it if required.

A small white van was seen in the Crawley Down area this week driving in and out of farms. When challenged, the two occupants became abusive to the farmer. I am currently looking into the matter however please remain vigilant and report any similar incidents either to ourselves or crimestoppers. Please remember that if something is happening there and then in front of you call 999. Non-emergencies can be reported via 101 or on-line via <https://www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-online/>. If you wish to report crime anonymously please call Crimestoppers, the numbers and a link to their on-line reporting are below.

I was also made aware of an incident of fly-tipping in the Hassocks area. The waste included old tyres and also wood items. Please let me know if you have any information which relates to this.

This week I have also been working in partnership with the Environment Agency on an issue of baled waste. The market for the export of baled waste has fallen and as such there are individuals out there who are trying to get rid of bales of waste using illegal methods. Other areas of the Country have seen baled waste sold to farmers disguised as silage leaving farmers and land owners with significant clear up costs. Individuals have also been known to ask farmers whether they can store baled waste on the farm and then disappear leaving the farmer to deal with the bales. Please do not accept any waste or offer to store it for any time and please contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 or report incidents to their hotline on 0800 807060.

Help us keep Sussex Safe

As the eyes and ears of our rural community, if you have any information about an incident in this message please [contact us online](#) or call 101, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on their dedicated rural crime reporting number 0800 783 0137 or [online here](#)

Wildlife Officers can be contacted via local email addresses

Please only contact your local Wildlife Officers for any general enquiries or questions, not to report a crime. Report all crimes and incidents to Sussex Police [online](#) or call 101.

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Arun: arun@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Brighton and Hove: brightonandhove@sussex.pnn.police.uk

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Lewes: lewes@sussex.pnn.police.uk

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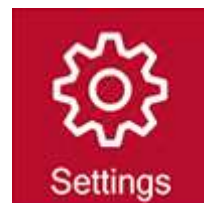
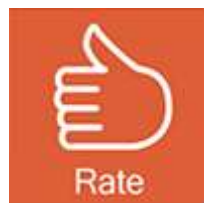
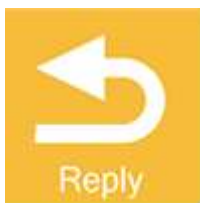
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