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Eastbourne Police Weekly Newsletter

News and appeals

Woman sexually assaulted on Eastbourne run

Sussex Police would like to trace this man who may hold information about an incident in Eastbourne. Police received a report of a man slapping the bottom of a woman in her 40s who was participating in the Eastbourne 10km run on Sunday (June 30). The incident happened around 9.05am near the Wish Tower.

Police would like to speak to anyone who recognises this man, witnessed the incident or are a victim of a similar assault please report [online](#) or call 101 quoting 1402 of 30/06.



Car failed to stop after colliding with cyclist in Eastbourne

Police would like to speak to witnesses and, if possible, the driver of a car involved in a collision in Princes Road, Eastbourne, on Wednesday (24 July). It happened around 3.45pm when a 17-year-old boy riding a pedal cycle near the road's junction with Beatty Road and an old-style silver estate car collided. As a result, the teenager sustained cuts and bruises. The car, travelling south towards the Sovereign Centre, failed to stop.

The driver, anyone who saw what happened or who may have dash-cam footage is asked to contact Sussex Police [online](#), by emailing collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk or by phoning 101, quoting serial 1088 of 24/07.



New PCSOs out on patrol are among the first apprentices nationally

Matt Duvall, Ellie Cogger and Barney Reed joined policing teams this week as PCSO Apprentices - some of the first in the country

Former postman PCSO Matt Duvall is one of the country's first apprentice Police Community Support Officers. As a new recruit with the policing team in the Wealden district, he will train on the job and at the same time earn a professional qualification.

Sussex Police and Surrey Police are the first forces in the country to introduce apprenticeships for PCSOs, which will eventually be rolled out across all 43 forces nationwide.

A further 100 PCSO apprentices will be recruited by Sussex Police over the next year to strengthen local policing, thanks to the increased 2019 council tax precept. Recruitment opens for applications again in August.

Matt and his fellow PCSO apprentices, who joined teams across the county in the last week, have already had 12 weeks' training at the county HQ. They will continue to work towards a Level 4 Diploma in Community Policing over the next nine months while working full time in the community.

For Matt, the opportunity to work towards a professional qualification – the equivalent of a HNC or foundation degree – has been life-changing:

He said: "The apprenticeship means the world to me. I've wanted to join Sussex Police since I was a teenager, but as I left school with few qualifications I never thought I would be able to get in. Now I am eight months away from getting a Level 4 qualification.

It's so exciting doing a job I have wanted for over 20 years. I'm really enjoying being out in the community, putting my new knowledge and skills to the test. I have a second baby on the way, so doing this locally on the job makes a big difference.

I'd particularly like to help the local kids to try and steer them in the right direction. I grew up on a council estate in East Grinstead so I know what goes on and what I can do to help."

Fellow apprentice Barney Reed, an international Deaf Rugby Union player, joined the Prevention team in east Brighton last week and is looking forward to helping the community. Barney said: "I'm loving being out on division. We've been out doing patrols in hot spots for anti-social behaviour in Whitehawk and the marina and attending jobs.

I'm enjoying getting to know the community. I want to be that friendly face to have a chat with. As PCSOs we are here to help the community and prevent crime. It's through building relationships that we do that.

I really looked up to officers when I was growing up, but as I have significant hearing loss, I never thought it possible I could become one. I struggled at school because of my hearing difficulties, but have always excelled practically. The apprenticeship and the equipment Sussex Police has provided, including an adapted earpiece for my hearing aids, has made it all possible.

PCSOs play a vital part in keeping Sussex safe, carrying out activities proven to reduce crime and to protect the public



The new diploma - which replaces the previous 5 week PCSO training - ensures recruits have the knowledge and skills necessary for 21st century policing. To reflect the complex and changing nature of crime, digital policing, protecting vulnerable people, problem solving and evidence-based policing are included in the curriculum.”

“I feel like we have gained a more in-depth understanding of what we do and the important role PCSOs play within policing,” says Ellie Cogger, who has just joined the Hastings team.

“I am looking forward to changing the public perception of PCSOs and the police in general, as well as giving PCSOs a transferable qualification, the Diploma serves as a foundation year for the PC Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) being introduced nationally as an entry route for new constable recruits. They are on a full basic salary from day one of training.

Getting the Diploma will present us with more opportunities and career options,” says Barney. In particular it gives you a path to continue on and become a PC.”

Julia Chapman, Assistant Chief Constable, said, “I am delighted we are offering this new qualification. We believe that by offering an apprenticeship we can appeal to those who may not have considered policing as a career choice in the past.

The opportunity to gain a professional qualification will also ensure policing remains an attractive and competitive career option. For our local prevention teams, every week is ASB Week. With the 100 extra PCSO apprentices we are recruiting over the next year, we will be able to strengthen our reach into communities, providing a more visible and accessible policing presence. Our aim is to engage with the public and deter and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

I am pleased to report that the first cohort of PCSO apprentices paid for by the increase in council tax have just started their initial training at the county police HQ this week, and we are opening again for recruitment in August.”

I am confident that with these additional frontline PCSOs, we will be in the best position to achieve our aim of keeping our communities safe and feeling safe.”

Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, said, “I’m pleased that these PCSOs are now ready to launch their careers with Sussex Police and help to keep us all safer. Residents continue to tell me how much they value their PCSOs and the unique relationship that they develop with the local communities they serve.

These PCSOs are also amongst the first in the UK to undergo the new 12-month apprenticeship scheme, with a robust training and shadowing package, that will prepare them for their important role of visible policing and crime prevention across the county.



ASB week, and Operation Blitz.

Sussex Police is supporting Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week.

In this week of action, the force aims to increase people's understanding of what ASB is, its impact on people's lives and how it can lead to more serious crime.

"Working as a team with the community providing and sharing information and partners identifying and addressing issues, we can successfully tackle local issues," said Chief Inspector Kris Ottery, the force's lead on ASB. "We are committed to tackling anti-social behaviour and reducing the harm that it causes in our communities. We work closely with local authorities, other agencies and the community to seek opportunities for early intervention, support victims, and make appropriate use of the powers available to us where the behaviour persists."

Operation Blitz is an ongoing initiative in East Sussex to deter and deal with anti-social behaviour, with officers being specifically tasked to respond to such incidents. On Friday and Saturday evenings, identified as the most likely times for trouble to occur, a dedicated phone number allows people to report ASB concerns directly to these teams.

The contact number for the Eastbourne area to report ASB between the hours of 1800-0000 Friday and Saturdays is: 07785 372050 To find out about ASB, read more [here](#).

Communities can work together to prevent crime. By joining an existing Neighbourhood Watch scheme or becoming a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator your community can be stronger together. To find out more about Neighbourhood Watch, visit their [website](#).

If you have experienced three incidents of ASB in the last six months and not received a satisfactory response, you can activate the Community Trigger through Sussex Police or your local authority. For more information visit [here](#).



Crime summary

During the morning hours of the 17th July a property off Firle Road, Eastbourne, suspects accessed a rear open window, and made a search of the victims lounge stealing games consoles. (0620 of 17/07)

A pharmacy off Meads Street, Eastbourne was broken into in the small hours of the 19th July, whereby suspects have been seen to smashed their way into the pharmacy. Following an area search no suspects were found but the items stolen, namely tablets, we found by officers. (0157 of 19/07)

During the day of the 19th July, a property off The Paddock, Eastbourne was entered whereby suspects have entered an open rear window and left same. Fortunately nothing was taken (1145 of 19/07)

A business address on Terminus Road, Eastbourne found their window had been removed from the frame overnight on the 22nd July. Fortunately no entry was made.

A service station off Trinity Place reported an attempt break during the small hours of the 22nd, whereby a suspect has attempted to enter the store by prising open secure doors. No entry was made but damage caused.