

Horsham Police Weekly Update Friday 10th Feb 2017

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 1020 03-02

Location: Chestnut Gardens, Horsham

Date and time: 1655 03/02/17

Details: Victim returned home and disturbed suspects in the house suspects made off with jewellery amongst other items.

Reference: 1036 03-02

Location: Lower Station Street, Billingshurst

Date and time: Over period of time

Details: Entry gained through smashed glass door that had been boarded up. Attempt made to steal hot water cylinder.

Reference: 1099 03-02

Location: Marringdean Road, Billingshurst

Date and time: Between 02-2 and 03-02

Details: Door lock forced, cabinets ripped from walls , £1,000 cash and Jewellery stolen.

Reference: 0881 05-02

Location: Bramber Road, Steyning

Date and time: Between 1530 - 1645

Details: Smashed patio doors to gain entry. Believed intruders were disturbed. Very messy search in bedrooms. Foreign currency and jewellery stolen.

Reference: 1281 07-02

Location: Kingstone Avenue, Steyning

Date and time: 1450 – 2030 hrs

Details: Entry gained via insecure door. Jewellery stolen amongst other items.

Reference: 0781

Location: Thakeham

Date and time: 08/02/17

Details: Entry gained by breaking a window and climbing in. untidy search of property antiques stolen.

Other

Over the last couple of days we have had a number of reported door to door sellers acting suspicious or aggressively. We are encouraging people to report any suspicious activity via 101.

- Don't let anyone into your home that you don't know. Always ask for identification
- official visitors won't mind being asked for ID.

- Fit a door chain, if you have a solid front door, fit a wide angle door viewer.
- If you were not expecting anyone, explain that you need to check they are legitimate and ask them to wait outside for a few minutes. Take a note of their name and the company they claim to be working for and then close and lock the door.
- Look up the phone number for the company in a telephone directory or on the internet and check they have an employee of that name and that they are visiting you on legitimate business. Never just take someone's word for it and don't use any phone number they give you to check their identity - you don't know if it's a genuine number.
- If someone is asking for a favour, such as to use your toilet, borrow a pen or retrieve a ball, don't let them in. Instead direct them to a shop, office or public place. It's only natural to want to help someone, but sadly that's one of the techniques often used by distraction burglars.
- If you have any concerns about someone who has called at your door, call police immediately. If you have a chance try to note what they look like and any vehicle they have with them, so police can investigate.

News and appeals

Could you Volunteer?

We (Sussex Police) currently have some volunteer opportunities in our Community Hubs in Ferring and Billingshurst and the Police Office in Southwater.

Volunteering is both rewarding and challenging, offering a unique opportunity to develop new skills and experience, try new things, meet new people and learn more about how Sussex Police works.

If you have a few hours a week to spare and are looking to do something positive and meaningful, why not come and work with us? We'd love to hear from you.

You will find more information about volunteering and the current vacancies we have by [clicking here](#)

Were you a good Samaritan who helped a distressed woman in Horsham?

Police are appealing for a good Samaritan to come forward after helping a woman in distress on Wednesday (February 8) in Horsham.

A 18-year-old woman was picked up about 7.30pm on Rushams Road after she got out of another car. The good Samaritan drove the woman to another location in Horsham and dropped her off.

Detective Sergeant Sian Harding said: "We believe the woman got out of another car and was kindly picked up in a car and we are keen to trace this driver as they may be able to help with our investigation. We believe the woman was with someone she

knew before getting the lift. We have spoken to her and are working with her to establish what happened. We have arrested one man and believe there is another man involved."

A 36-year-old man from Crawley has been arrested on suspicion of kidnap and has been bailed until April 5 while investigations continue.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police quoting serial 1168 of 08/02.

Horsham crash witnesses sought after man sustains serious head injuries

24-year-old stable after collision.

Police are seeking witnesses to a crash in Redford Avenue, Horsham, in which a red Citroen Saxo car failed to negotiate a left-hand bend and collided with a parked Volkswagen Touran, which in turn struck a parked Volkswagen Transporter.

It happened at around 1.50am on Sunday (5 February) and the Citroen driver, a 24-year-old Horsham man, sustained serious head injuries.

He was taken by ambulance to the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, where he has been detained for treatment. His condition is stable.

The two other vehicles involved were unattended, and there were no other injuries.

Anyone who saw what happened or who may have noticed the Citroen being driven shortly beforehand is asked to report details quoting Operation Goldsmith.

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

[Visit our Website](#) to contact your local team, view local news and follow our social media accounts. Simply type your post code in the '**Find a Local Area**' box located in the top right of the web page.

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