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## Stay in touch with your district Prevention team

Your local Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers work for the complete Horsham District, including this community.

We would like you to stay in touch with us!

### Stay in touch by receiving information:

#### **Sign up to IN THE KNOW**

You tailor this email messaging system to suit your interests and receive alerts, information and advice from Sussex Police including our team as well as Neighbourhood Watch and Farmwatch.

Search online for 'In The Know messaging Surrey and Sussex' to sign up.

#### **Follow Horsham Police on Facebook**

#### **Follow @Horsham\_police on Twitter**

Check in with the **Sussex Police website**; it holds a great deal of useful information, advice and news that could be of interest to you or answer questions that you have.

### Contact Sussex Police whenever you need us:

All of these methods reach a trained call taker with the systems and skills to assess your report and ensure that you receive the appropriate response from Sussex Police.

#### **For EMERGENCY always call 999**

when a life is threatened or there is imminent danger.

#### **To REPORT less urgent matters call 101**

when you want to talk to someone but don't require an urgent response.

#### **or you can REPORT ONLINE for many less urgent matters**

[www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) – note: online reports should receive a response within 24 hours.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired, you can use

#### **TypeTalk on 18000 or send a text to 65999**

Please note that due to the nature of SMS texts, we may not receive your message immediately.



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## **Here's a good idea!**

**We find this system a useful way to let people know about what is happening around them. It's already effective and is due to grow!**

**In The Know is an email messaging system which you tailor so that you receive just the type of messages that you want for just the area that you choose.**

It is a useful source of alerts, information and advice from Sussex Police and Neighbourhood Watch, it includes Farmwatch and other community messages.

**You are in control!**

If you receive fewer or more messages than you would like then you can choose fewer or more subject groups, or even opt to receive a digest instead of messages.

If you read something that you'd like to reply to then you can do that, or rate the message, or forward it to someone else.

Updates arrive in your inbox whenever there is information that is relevant to you because it has occurred in your area or relates to the interests you chose when signing up.

Look online for In The Know messaging Sussex and Surrey. The website **[www.intheknow.community](http://www.intheknow.community)** has more information and is where you can sign up online and make your choices.

**This information is from your Prevention Team working for our Horsham District rural communities,  
based at the Police Station, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DJ**

This is an example of an In The Know message, being one of the weekly bulletins which is written for the Horsham Prevention Team:



## Horsham Weekly Bulletin

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**Friday 4th May 2018**

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### News and appeals

## Police release efit of wanted male for Horsham sexual assault

Officers have released an efit in a bid to trace a man for a sexual assault in Horsham. Please click on the link below to view the efit.

A 23-year-old woman was walking along Brighton Road in Horsham at around half midnight on Saturday, April 14, when she was grabbed by a man near to the junction with Gorings Mead. He grabbed her around the neck and pulled at her clothing.

She kicked him and ran home and called the police.

The woman was able to describe him well enough for an efit to be put together. He is described as tall with blonde hair, blue eyes, stubble, medium build, black shoes with laces, tight blue jeans with a brown belt and a blue polo top with a yellow symbol on the left of the chest. He had a grey Nike jacket on and was late 20s to early 30s. She described him as smelling of Malibu, cigarettes and Calvin Klein. He had a scar on the right side of his stomach and possibly had a pierced tongue.

Detective constable Kai Murray said: "The victim was extremely shaken by the incident and has been able to help us with this clear description.

"Were you driving through Horsham and see anything which may be able to help us? Or do you recognise this man? Please contact us."

Information can be reported [online](#) quoting serial 86 of 14/04.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/police-release-efit-of-wanted-for-horsham-sexual-assault/>

## Police appealing for witnesses to Horsham attempted robbery

Police are appealing for witnesses to an attempted robbery in Horsham.

Around 10.30pm on Wednesday (25 April), a woman was walking in North Parade, close to the junction with Rushams Road, when she was approached by an unknown man holding a knife, who demanded her belongings.

The victim, a 33-year-old woman from Horsham, screamed and ran away from the suspect.

He is described as tanned, of stocky build, with short dark hair and unshaven, wearing a grey hooded top, dark grey tracksuit bottoms and dark shoes.

Officers attended, and located and arrested a man matching the description provided. No knife was found.

The 32-year-old man from Horsham, arrested on suspicion of attempted robbery, has been released under investigation.

Anyone who saw what happened is asked to [report it online](#) or call 101 quoting serial 1369 of 25/04.

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

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/police-appealing-for-witnesses-to-horsham-attempted-robbery/>

## Police warning to West Sussex residents about thefts by bogus 'water board' callers

01 May, 2018 09:32 [News Witness Appeals](#)

Police are reminding local residents across West Sussex to be wary of unannounced callers following two distraction burglaries in the area and an attempted third, on one day.

On Tuesday 25 April three such offences, against elderly residents, were reported on the one day, in Pagham, Arundel and Cowfold.

At 2pm a woman resident answered her door in Mill Park Road, Pagham, to callers who entered and stole £250.

Just before 3pm a similar incident happened in Canada Road, Arundel, where the callers entered and stole approximately £350.

Then at about 8pm two men called at an address in Fairfield Cottages, Cowfold, but the woman resident shut the door on them and they left empty-handed.

Tom Carpenter of the West Sussex Community Investigation Team said; "In each case two men called at the victims' homes, saying they were dealing with a water leak at a neighbouring property. In two of the cases they were able to come in and whilst the victims were distracted in the kitchen, cash was stolen from their homes.

"These type of incidents are thankfully rare but are nevertheless an unpleasant and often traumatic experience."

Tom Carpenter said; "We are investigating, and meanwhile advice which has previously been given about this type of crime is worth repeating;

· If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it. Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are purporting to be from i.e. gas, electricity, water or police.

- Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller they may be bogus.

- Telephone a neighbour or friend nearby to come along and check out the caller before you open the door to them. Some areas have nominated neighbour schemes you can sign up to. Check with your local police to find out if there is one in your area.
- Many service providers provide password schemes, sign up to these. When unannounced callers knock at your door they should know the password if they are genuine.
- The "Waterboard" no longer exists, it is an obsolete phrase used only by bogus callers.
- Don't keep large quantities of cash at home; put it in the bank where it is safe.
- Keep doors locked and windows secure at all times.
- Ensure that if you do let somebody in to your home, that you close the door behind them - distraction burglars often work in teams, where one will distract you whilst others sneak in through the insecure door.
- If somebody asks for your help - needs to make a telephone call, lost a ball in your garden, needs a drink or pen and paper for example, refer them to another neighbour or assist them through a closed door. Alternatively, call a friend or neighbour to come and assist.
- Not sure? Don't open the door!

"On the same day a group of men were seen calling at addresses in the vicinity of the Pagham offence, offering gardening services. Police are keen to trace these men as they may have information of importance to the investigation. "If you know their identity, or have been visited by similar people in the last few days, or have any other information, please contact us [online](#) or by calling 101, quoting serial 634 of 25/04.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/police-warning-to-west-sussex-residents-about-thefts-by-bogus-water-board-callers/>

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

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### Crime summary

**Burglary** – apart from a break to a garage, there are no burglaries to report this week.

### Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0435 28<sup>th</sup> April

Location: Riverside, Storrington

Date and time: Between 2300hrs 27<sup>th</sup> April & 1100hrs 28<sup>th</sup> April

Details: Lock on garage door was broken and 2 mountain bikes were stolen.

### Other

It is reported that this weekend will be nice weather. Don't forget to close all windows when going out - don't give burglars easy access to your property.

Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secure – further advice can be found by clicking on the link.

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

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## 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](mailto: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](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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## 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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**Links and attachments:** Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust. We will only send you attachments where we believe it is absolutely necessary.

## **Message Sent By**

Janice Brown (Police, Prevention Support & Engagement Officer, Sussex)

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This is an example of an In The Know message sent by Neighbourhood Watch: (note, the survey is open for submissions until Sunday 10/06/2018)

**In the know**  
Surrey and Sussex



## 2018 National Rural Crime Survey

It has been three years since the first National Rural Crime Survey asked the public for their views on matters relating to rural crime. In this year's survey those who live, work or visit rural communities in the county are being encouraged to respond and have their voice heard. This is significant to Neighbourhood Watch as some rural crimes may be carried out by people who live in urban areas.

In late 2017, Sussex Police appointed Superintendent Emma Brice and Sergeant Tom Carter as dedicated leads for rural crime, to address the vulnerabilities and crime types which are specific to rural areas.

Supt Brice said: "A large proportion of Sussex residents live, work in or visit rural areas regularly and we really want to hear your views on issues related to rural policing and crime. We know that there are certain types of crime and areas of vulnerability which impact rural communities and businesses differently from those in urban areas. Alongside other measures, the responses to this survey will contribute towards ensuring we are meeting the needs of our rural communities."

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: "One of the focuses of this year's survey is whether rural crime continues to be under-reported. Three years ago, one in four people who responded to the survey nationally said they didn't report the last crime they'd been a victim of because they didn't see the point. This is an uncomfortable thing to hear for all those involved in protecting rural areas, so it's important we ask these questions again and find out whether people are more willing to report crime and if they feel safer. It's vital that the voice of rural communities is heard by those who can make a difference – from the Police to Government. I urge residents to take part in the survey and help us build a clear picture of crime and anti-social behaviour in rural Sussex and to understand the impact it has where you live or work."

It is possible that you may already have been invited to complete this survey, in which case we apologise for troubling you again. The survey is open for submissions until Sunday 10 June.

Have your say here:

<http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research/internal/2018survey/>. We appreciate that many people are rightly cautious about clicking on links in E-mails. If you prefer, please search on the internet for 2018 National Rural Crime Survey, which you can find on the National Rural Crime Network website.

To contact Sussex Neighbourhood Watch please E-mail [enquiries@sussexnwfed.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sussexnwfed.org.uk) or visit [www.sussexnwfed.org.uk](http://www.sussexnwfed.org.uk).

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