

Worthing NHW Newsletter



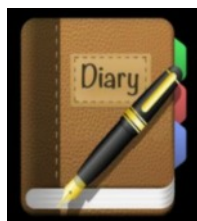
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Burglaries +

Reference No.	Date Time	Location	Details
0945 02/03/2023	28 th February	Ainsdale Road Durrington	An attempt was made to enter a property. No entry was gained and nothing was stolen, but damage was caused to a rear door.
0039 04/03/2023	Between 22:30 Hrs 3 rd March & 00:20 Hrs 4 th March	Cotswold Road Worthing	Windows were broken on a caravan that someone was living in.
0673 05/03/2023	Between 10:00 Hrs & 13:20 Hrs 5 th March	Winchester Road Worthing	A property was entered after a rear door was removed. Jewellery was stolen.
0134 06/03/2023	Between 16:00 Hrs 3 rd March & 04:30 Hrs 6 th March	York Road Worthing	A shed door was damaged and entry gained. A pedal cycle was stolen.



If you would like to talk to someone about your safety at home and in the community, as well as any concerns you may have about anti-social behaviour and crime in Adur & Worthing, the Safer Communities Partnership will be hosting monthly pop ups at your local library. The monthly pop-ups will be attended by a range of agencies who form the Safer Communities Partnership such as Sussex Police, Adur & Worthing Councils, West Sussex Fire & Rescue and Neighbourhood Watch. If we can't answer your query, we will put you in touch with the agency who can.

Goring Library 19th April - 10:00 - 11:30 Hrs

Broadwater Library Dominion Rd, Worthing BN14 8JL - 27th April 10:00 - 11:30 Hrs

Durrington Library 85 Salvington Road - 2nd May - 12:00 - 13:30 Hrs

Newsletter

If you received this Newsletter by email it means you are registered correctly on the Alert System, but please let us know if you change your address or phone numbers.

If you did not receive the Newsletter by email you need to register at : <http://worthingnhw.ourwatch.org.uk> - it's free .



West Sussex residents are being warned not to throw batteries and electrical items away in their household bins as they could unintentionally start a fire.

Since August 2022, there have been 24 fires across the County Council's recycling and waste plants; evidence points to batteries being the leading cause.

Batteries contain hazardous metals and chemicals that harm the environment if they aren't responsibly recycled. They can become damaged from crushing during the collection and sorting process, causing paper, plastics, and other materials to catch alight.

Many items, such as e-cigarettes or vapes, contain 'hidden' batteries which people might not realise are there so it's important to dispose of them correctly to reduce the risk of them starting a fire once in the bin.

Deborah Urquhart, West Sussex County Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said: "These recent incidents highlight just how important it is to dispose of batteries and electrical items safely, and there are a number of ways you can do this.

"You can take old or broken electrical items to any of our recycling centres in West Sussex, or if your item is in good condition, you could consider donating it instead. Electricals contain valuable components such as metals, plastic and glass which can be recycled into new products."

You can also check to see whether your [district or borough council](#) offers a kerbside collection service for batteries or small electricals.

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service's Deputy Chief Fire Officer Mark Andrews, who is also the National Fire Chief's Council National Lead on Waste and Recycling Management, said:

"Batteries pose a serious risk when thrown away in general waste or recycling bins and it only takes one to start a fire.

"What may start as a small fire can quickly spread and become much larger inside a collection vehicle or at a waste transfer site. This puts staff at risk, disrupts services and can result in significant damage. It also puts pressure on our ability to attend other emergencies where lives could be at risk.

If you have old batteries to get rid of, please take them to your local recycling centre, or to a dedicated collection point which you can find in many shops and supermarkets that sell batteries.

MDMA

Because MDMA cannot be obtained legally, the black market “manufactures” the drug with unknown quality controls and expertise. Sometimes dangerous variants of MDMA (such as the synthetic drug PMA) have been sold as MDMA. Because PMA's hallucinogenic effects take longer to appear, users may consume too much of the drug, which can result in overdose death.

On the 12th November 2020, MDMA claimed the life of Billy Mullin, who had settled in a career as a carer for adults with complex learning difficulties, and in which he felt fulfilled. Three days earlier, being Billy's 24th birthday, he had decided early the following morning, after a few drinks, to take MDMA. which led to a fatal heart attack.

Billy's mother Nicci Parish has since set up a charity Billy and Beyond (<https://billyandbeyond.co.uk>) which is also registered on Facebook and is aimed at supporting and enhance children and young people's mental wellbeing, increasing drug safety, awareness and providing a non-judgemental community for those who wish to share their experiences.

The charity has funding for local schools if they want to book drug education workshops and also has a parents' online workshop on Tuesday 25th April at 6.30pm which any parent/carers of a young person can book free of charge. It has a registration link on its Facebook page and is put on by the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation.

The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation is a drug and alcohol education charity that aims to support young people to make safe choices about drugs and alcohol and reduce harm, which it does through increasing understanding of the effects and risks, and helping to develop life skills and resilience. It was set up in January 2014 by Tim and Fiona Spargo-Mabbs who - like Nicci - lost their 16-year-old son Daniel to a heart attack as a result of taking ecstasy.

Tim Drew

Low-level crimes

In last month's *Worthing Journal*, Sentinel took Sussex Police to task for no longer bothering to inform the Press and public about low-level crimes, while mentioning that a whole series of such crimes had been listed in a Neighbourhood Watch leaflet that he had picked up at the library. (Presumably, he was referring to the monthly Worthing Neighbourhood Watch newsletter)

He does not appear to have asked whence Neighbourhood Watch had obtained that information.

Had he been a Neighbourhood Watch member and registered as such on the national Neighbourhood Watch database, he could have been receiving messages via email from Sussex Alert featuring crime reports for Adur and Worthing from Sussex Police on a weekly basis, in addition to the monthly Worthing Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

Sussex Alert is part of the Neighbourhood Alert network, which is a free messaging service providing recipients with alerts specific to their interests, and local area, from reliable sources since 2008. It is part of the National Neighbourhood Alert system, which is a secure online messaging system that allows authorised administrators - such as Sussex Police, Neighbourhood Watch and community groups - to send messages to those registered. Data held on the Neighbourhood Watch Register is controlled by the Neighbourhood Watch Network - the umbrella organisation for England and Wales - and processed on its behalf by VISAV Ltd., which is a web design company based in Nottingham.

Through this network, Neighbourhood Watch and the Police can message over 100,000 people in Sussex, and many of those will forward messages on to social media. Neighbourhood Watch also sends selected key community messages on behalf of not-for-profit partner organisations such as the Office of Police & Crime Commissioner, County Councils, the NHS, Trading Standards and the Community Resilience team, to boost their own distribution networks where this is in the public interest.

A long overdue vote of thanks is due to David Hansford, who compiles and produces our Newsletter.

Tim Drew

Unseen deadly danger

A safety warning has been issued after a person suffered a serious electric shock from the metal casing of a device bought on Amazon.

The device, a PoE (Power over Ethernet) switch, was supplied with a standard three-pin cable, commonly referred to as a 'kettle lead'. A sample lead was found to have the earth wire connected to the live pin, meaning the metal casing of the PoE device became live when plugged in.

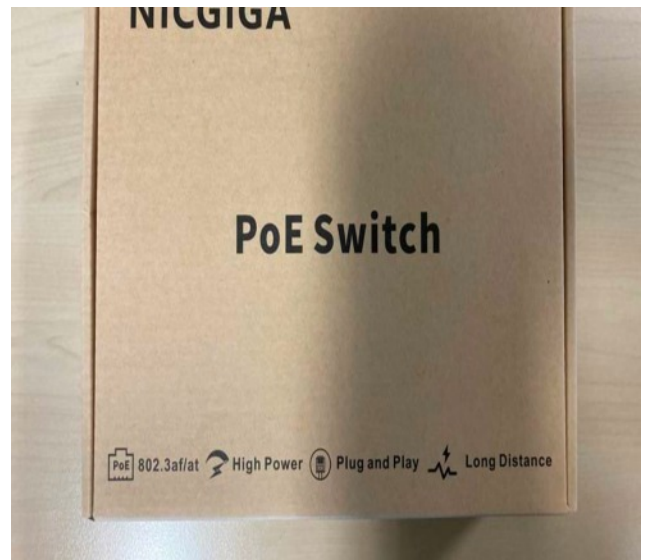
"The danger of this power lead was hidden inside a moulded plug, and it was inevitable the user would receive an electric shock," said Peter Aston, Trading Standards Team Manager. "It's only as a result of luck the reported accident didn't result in a fatality; although the resident is suffering long term nerve pain and remains under medical investigation."

The power lead was also fitted with an unsafe fuse which could have resulted in injury or fire. Trading Standards Officers took immediate steps to ensure these items were removed from sale and a product recall was undertaken. Details of that recall can be found [here](#).

Investigations found that the seller was based in China. "Our advice for anyone purchasing electrical products or power leads is to buy them from a reputable business in the UK", said Peter Aston. "Exercise care when buying something online that appears to be a particular bargain."

Duncan Crow, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue, said: "The dangerous nature of this product is thankfully not something our Trading Standards Officers come across often, but the unseen deadly risk it posed is of great concern."

If you live in West Sussex and have bought an unsafe electrical product, you can let Trading Standards know by calling Citizens' Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506 or by going online to www.westsussex.gov.uk/tsreport.



Avast UK works in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch

and researches and develops computer security software. It has made three major predictions for 2023 relating to cyber crime.

The first of these is that ransomware will become an increasingly serious problem as cybercriminals use phishing attacks and other social engineering techniques to access the systems of both public and private organisations, with perhaps the most high-profile case yet involving the Lockbit ransomware attack on Royal Mail's international services in January.

The second is that scams will continue to be a favourite method for cyber criminals. The 2022 "Scamdemic" saw a variety of scams proliferating as cybercriminals pursued individuals worldwide. This may be partly due to software solutions that thwart cybercrimes becoming more sophisticated, making people easier targets than devices.

The third is that cybercrime as a business will become ever more sophisticated. Last year saw increased professionalisation including a ransomware group offering a bug bounty program. Perhaps even more worrying is the intrusion of cybercriminal recruiting into spaces which young people frequent.

But, while these trends might seem alarming, there are easy ways to protect yourselves, your families and your businesses. Avast has provided the following tips to avoid being scammed or becoming a ransomware victim: Research companies and websites before buying. No matter how urgent the offer may seem, or how badly you want the item or service, do your research first.

Pay with a credit card or trusted payment processor. Compared to debit cards and bank transfers, credit cards are far more secure.

Avoid unknown links and downloads. Scammers can use attachments and websites to infect your computer with malware.

Keep personal information to yourself. Many websites ask you to answer a series of security questions in case you need to recover your password. Remember which information you've set as security measures, and never share it.

Secure yourself online. If a website offers two-factor authentication, use it. Use strong, unique passwords on the websites you frequent, and store them more securely with a dependable password manager.

Vehicle Crime

Reference No.	Date Time	Location	Details
1522 28/02/2023	Between 22:00 Hrs & 23:00 Hrs 21 st February	Fairview Avenue Worthing	A pair of Rayban sunglasses were stolen from a car. There was no damage caused to the vehicle.
0235 03/03/2023	Between 08:00 Hrs & 18:00 Hrs 2 nd March	Rugby Road Worthing	A Yamaha scooter was stolen.
0774 05/03/2023	Between midnight & 14:00 Hrs 5 th March	Quicksilver Street Worthing	A moped was stolen.
1063 05/03/2023	At approximately 00:45 Hrs 4 th March	Quicksilver Street Worthing	Cash was stolen from a Nissan Qashqai.
0254 06/03/2023	Between 23:00 Hrs & 23:15 Hrs 5 th March	Anselms Road West Tarring	Three people were seen attempting to steal a motorcycle. The alarm went off on the bike and the persons ran off.
0318 14/03/2023	Between 23:00 Hrs 13 th March & 09:00 Hrs 14 th March	Becket Road West Tarring	Power tools were stolen from a van. No damage was caused to the van.
0830 14/03/2023	In the early hours of 14 th March	Richmond Road Worthing	Items including a motorcycle helmet, jacket and some gloves were stolen from a Volvo Estate.
0412 15/03/2023	Bretween 18:00 Hrs & 21:30 Hrs 14 th March	Barrington Road Goring by Sea	A Honda moped was stolen.
0522 15/03/2023	At appoximately 01:15 Hrs 15 th March	Keymer Crescent Goring-by-Sea	Two people were seen trying car doors to gain entry to steal from within. The vehicles were secure and nothing was stolen. There is CCTV and investigations continue.
0215 16/03/2023	Between 18:00 Hrs 15 th March & 07:15 Hrs 16 th March	Nursery Lane Worthing	A Honda motorbike was stolen.
0220 16/03/2023	Between 21:00 Hrs 15 th March & 07:30 Hrs 16 th March	Furze Road Salvington	A Ford Transit van was stolen.
0259 16/03/2023	At approximately 02:30 Hrs 16 th March	King Street Worthing	A window was broken on a Citroen car. Entry was made and some loose change was stolen.
0303 16/03/2023	At approximately 01:30 Hrs 16 th March	Penbury Close Worthing	A person was seen on CCTV trying a van door. The van was secure. No entry was gained and nothing was stolen.
0932 16/03/2023	Between 22:00 Hrs 15 th March & 10:00 Hrs 16 th March	Centrecourt Close Worthing	The door was forced on a Renault Trafic van. Entry was gained and several power tools were stolen.
0252 17/03/2023	Between 18:00 Hrs & 19:00 Hrs 15 th March	Gratwicke Road Worthing	Items including three jackets and some documents were stolen from a BMW car. There was no damage caused to the vehicle.
0410 17/03/2023	Between 20:30 Hrs 16 th March & 07:00 Hrs 17 th March	Ardsheal Close Worthing	Entry was made to a Citroen Relay van after it was left unlocked. Items including driving licence, some jewellery and some power tools were stolen.
1286 18/03/2023	Between 13:15 Hrs & 14:35 Hrs 18 th March	Montague Place Worthing	A blue disabled parking badge was stolen from an insecure vehicle.
0079 19/03/2023	At approximately 00:20 Hrs 19 th March	Roedean Road Salvington	A Suzuki Lexmoto motorbike was stolen from a driveway.
0537 19/03/2023	Between 01:20 Hrs & 01:50 Hrs 18 th March	Queens Street Worthing	The cover was stolen from a Fiat Ducato motorhome. There is CCTV of the incident and investigations continue.

Vehicle Crime

Reference No.	Date Time	Location	Details
0170 20/03/2023	Overnight between 19 th & 20 th March	West Avenue West Worthing	Entry was made to an Audi A3. Items including sunglasses and a sat nav were stolen.
1185 20/03/2023	Between 22:00 Hrs 17 th March & 07:00 Hrs 18 th March	Goring Way Worthing	Financial cards were stolen from a Smart car. The financial card was then used in a local shop. There is CCTV and investigations continue.
0414 20/03/2023	Between 21:00 Hrs 19 th March & 06:00 Hrs 20 th March	Reigate Road West Worthing	Cosmetic items were stolen from an Audi Q5. There was no damage caused to the vehicle.
1423 20/03/2023	19 th March	South Farm Road Worthing	A vehicle was entered. Nothing was stolen and no damage was caused.
0023 21/03/2023	Between 09:00 Hrs & 17:30 Hrs 20 th March	Shakespeare Road Worthing	Items including some loose change were stolen from a BMW car. There was damage caused to the lock.

Youth crime and anti-social behaviour, burglaries.

Police communication and technological aids and a resurgence in courier fraud all featured at the latest meeting of the Town Central Neighbourhood Panel last Wednesday evening at the Ardington Hotel.

Inspector Sharon Sawyer said that, thanks to a huge multi-agency approach (which included the West Sussex Youth Justice and Safety Team) following February's stabbing incident in the town centre, three people had been charged and two remanded. Police patrols had been stepped up locally although business owners remained nervous.

Burglary cases had been increasing but had declined as a result of focused Police activity - in particular, an excellent initiative on the part of a PCSO following two burglaries at the home of an elderly victim, which led to the identification and arrest of the perpetrators. Meanwhile, opportunities for the most advantageous siting of CCTV needed to be identified. Car-related thefts are increasing, due in part to owners leaving their vehicles unsecured.

Police messages and Neighbourhood Watch newsletters can be received on a regular basis on signing up to the Sussex Alert system on <https://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/>; likewise, the Safe Street app (to be used to inform the Police in the event of feeling unsafe while in a public place) can be located on <https://www.sussex.police.uk/notices/street-safe/street-street-safe/>.

Reports of card fraud had been received from Horsham resulting from the use of mobile apps to capture the number and expiry date of the victims' cards while these were still in their pockets or purses. However, card wallets like the OWL Card Minder (<https://www.owl.co.uk/cardminder/>), which are made of a special material designed to block the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) signals which facilitate the fraud, have proved an effective safeguard. The same applies to Faraday bags, which are made of a conductive metallic fabric that blocks signals from reaching whatever is inside.

Taxi companies and drivers are receiving training in identifying courier fraud and potential victims. Courier fraud, whereby police impersonators tell intended victims that their help is needed in crime prevention and end up swindling them out of money or valuables, is currently the highest reported fraud in West Sussex.

Tim Drew

Recycling Centres extend opening hours



Recycling Centres will soon be switching to extended summer opening hours – giving residents extra opportunities to recycle their household waste.

As many of us set to work tidying our gardens or clearing out our homes, recycling facilities are often very busy over the summer period. Extending the hours will help us cope with the extra demand.

From 1 April Recycling Centre will be open for longer on the following days and times:

Worthing: 9am to 6pm - Monday to Sunday

These hours will remain in place until 31 September and will not be affected by the bank holidays. Please remember that you will need to book a slot to attend the following Recycling Centre:

Worthing

Same-day appointments are available through the County Council Book to Recycle system, with some appointments available 14 days in advance if needed. There are a limited number of appointments per day and they are booked on a come, first served basis. You can book a slot at www.westsussex.gov.firstuk/booktorecycle

Deborah Urquhart, County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change said: “By extending our opening hours during the warmer weather even more residents will be able to visit their local recycling centre.

“Our Book to Recycle system significantly reduces waiting times, it takes less than a minute to book your slot and same-day bookings are available. Recycling all you can reduces waste, saves energy, helps tackle climate change, and is an important part of our environmental commitments in Our Council Plan. I would encourage everyone to recycle as much of their waste as possible.”

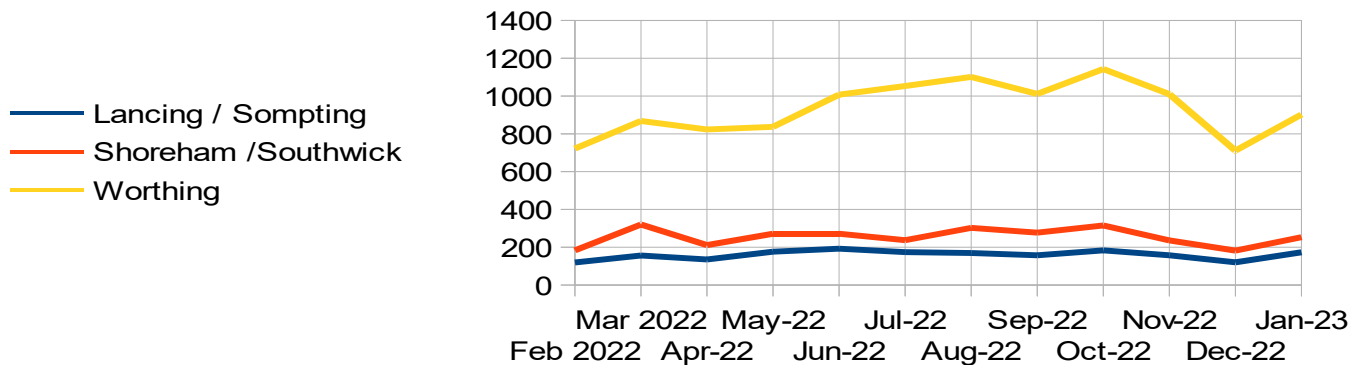
You can recycle almost anything at Recycling Centres, from plant pots to vacuum cleaners. For a handy A-Z and more information on how to book an appointment, go to:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/recycling

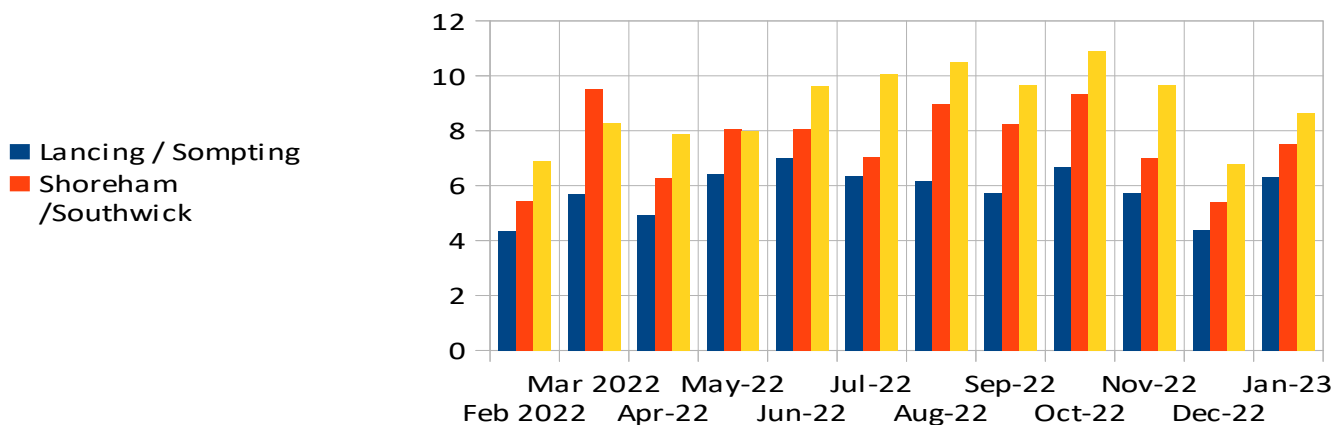
Crime Statistics for January 2022

January 2023	Broadwater	Castle	Central	Durrington	Findon	Gaisford	Goring	Heene	Marine02	Northbrook	Offington	Salvington	Selden	Tarring	Sub Total
					BN Codes										
Antisocial Behaviour	5	11	28	1	0	10	6	6	2	7	2	0	5	2	85
Bike Theft	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	10
Burglary	1	3	5	0	1	2	4	0	1	0	1	2	4	3	27
Criminal Damage	6	2	21	3	3	3	3	4	5	4	3	2	2	5	66
Drugs	0	1	8	0	2	3	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	20
Other Crime	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	12
Other Theft	0	5	9	0	2	3	0	3	0	1	1	2	3	1	30
Weapons	0	0	6	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	13
Public Order	2	5	23	2	2	6	1	8	4	3	3	0	6	6	71
Robbery	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Theft Shop	6	24	67	2	0	13	1	62	5	2	6	1	5	17	211
Theft Person	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Vehicle Crime	4	2	9	1	0	4	1	5	3	0	1	0	3	1	34
Violence & Sex Offences	16	25	89	8	5	16	11	35	22	22	5	27	13	22	316
Totals	45	80	278	17	16	60	30	125	46	46	24	35	43	59	904

Crimes February 2022 to January 2023



Crimes per 1000 of Population



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