

Worthing NHW Newsletter



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Burglaries +

Date Time	Location	Details
20 th May at about 21:25	Worthing	A female was seen entering a porch. No entry was made & nothing stolen.
Between 3 rd & 9 th May	Worthing	A bike was stolen from a shed.
4 th May	Heene	A back door was found open. Nothing was stolen.
Between 8 th & 9 th May	Broadwater	The lock on a shed was broken. Entry gained . Nothing Stolen.
16 th May	Shakespeare Road	Three bikes were stolen from a garage.
16 th May	Heene	There was an attempted burglary causing damage to a patio door frame. No entry was gained.
16 th May	Tennyson Road	Three bikes were stolen from a garage.
Between 15 th & 16 th May	Selden	Burglary to a insecure dwelling. Items including storage heaters were stolen.
Between 15 th & 16 th May	Broadwater	Car keys were stolen from an unlocked property. A car was then stolen.

Vehicle Crime

Date Time	Location	Details
01/05/2023	Marine Area	A BMW was entered. Items were stolen.
04/05/2023	Heene	A vehicle was entered. An untidy search was made but nothing was stolen.
04/05/2023	Worthing	Two car windows were broken. Some money and a bottle of water stolen
04/05/2023	Worthing	A motorcycle was stolen.
04/05/2023	Worthing	An insecure moped was stolen. Later found close by.
07/05/2023	Marine Area	Persons were seen trying car doors. The persons were challenged by a neighbour and they ran off.
10/05/2023	Broadwater	A Lexmoto was stolen from a driveway.
Between 18 th & 19 th May	Worthing	A security pass & Sat Nav were stolen from an unlocked vehicle.
Between 18 th & 19 th May	Goring	Two motor cycles were stolen.
23/05/2023	Shelley Road	A window was broken on a Honda Jazz. The car was entered. A witness called the police and a man was arrested.
Between 10 th & 15 th May	Broadwater	Damage was caused to a van. A hole was drilled in the door. No entry was gained.
Between 14 th & 17 th May	Tennyson Road	Damaged was caused to a Nissan car.

Fire safety warning for parents with young children

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is urging parents to keep matches and lighters out of the reach of young children to help keep them safe from fire.

Firefighters have attended two fires caused by matches and lighters in the hands of young people so far this month.

West Sussex Fire & Rescue's Head of Prevention, Nicki Peddle, said: "It's understandable for children to be curious about fire, so it's vital that as parents and carers we can spot fire risks in our home and take action to reduce them, this will keep our families and homes safe from harm.

"The sole purpose of matches and lighters is to start fires, and when started, they can burn rapidly and become out of control. In the wrong hands, these items can be extremely dangerous and therefore must be kept locked away and stored out of reach of children.

"We also have an online home fire safety check tool available which will assist you in looking at the fire risks in your home, and will give advice on how to reduce them."

Matches and lighters fire safety tips:

- Never allow a child or young person to play with lighters or matches

- Keep all matches and lighters out of reach in a high cabinet, preferably a locked one

- Teach young children to tell a grown-up when they see matches or lighters

- Encourage children to tell an adult if someone suggests that they should play with matches or lighters

If you have concerns about a young person's behaviour and believe they could be at risk of deliberately starting a fire, you can contact our FireWise team on 0330 2222 515 or email firewise@westsussex.gov.uk.

Immobilise (<https://www.immobilise.com>)

The UK's national property register is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year and is now the world's largest free register of possession ownership details. Over 25 million users worldwide have registered over 35 million items of property since its creation.

The Immobilise register is also linked with CheckMEND (<https://www.checkmend.com>), the second-hand stolen property database, which can help detect stolen items and prevent them from being traded.

Les Gray, one of the founders of Immobilise, commented: "When we first launched Immobilise, we knew its potential. To watch it flourish over the years and become the critical tool against crime that we knew it could be, has been really quite special."

Any item with a unique identifier can be registered on Immobilise – from mobile phones and laptops to bikes, jewellery and musical instruments. If your item doesn't have a serial number, or anything else that might help to identify it, using a marking product like a UV pen or asset label could prove useful as adding a touch of uniqueness will help to identify you as the owner. A number of marking products are sold through the Immobilise online shop, but the system will accept any identifiers, from any third party.

Items labelled as having been registered with Immobilise reduces the likelihood of their being stolen, and households displaying Immobilise stickers are less likely to be targeted by burglars.



An article in a leading tabloid last month cited a local resident's description of Worthing as a "complete dump". "There are all these young kids hanging around, bored out of their minds with nothing to do", she went on to say. "There are no opportunities here for them and a lot of them are turning to drugs and crime as a result."

Now this has been a constant and popular refrain over many years in Worthing, although some would contend that it amounts to no more than a lame excuse for inadequate parenting and/or a basic lack of nous on the part of the kids concerned. Anyway, it is certainly not the case that there is nowhere to go and nothing to do for our youngsters, and a good place to start would be the Worthing Boys Club in Ivy Arch Road.

Worthing Boys Club, which is a registered charity, is a sports-based youth club which, thanks to the generosity of Worthing Rotary and the now defunct Round Table, was formed in 1936 to cater for the physical, mental and spiritual development of boys aged between 8 and 16.

The Club provides a safe and engaging environment for the boys in which to socialise and participate in a wide range of activities. Darts, football, pool, archery, dodgeball and chess are just a few of the activities that are available.

It is open two days a week for 48 weeks of the year, only breaking for the Christmas holidays, and also runs extra events on top of the usual club nights such as sleepovers, bowling, trips to watch Brighton and Hove Albion FC and visits to Thorpe Park, quizzes and involvement with the Worthing Carnival parade.

In addition, the Club raises much of its funds through recycling activities, which include a wide variety of objects that most would automatically consign to the non-recyclable bin. A complete list of these is available on the Club website (www.worthingboysclub.co.uk) and Facebook page.

All in all, this is an organisation well worthy of support, and its work deserves to be much more widely known

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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 .

Neighbourhood Watch has recently highlighted “PayPal” scams whereby scammers trick users into clicking fake PayPal links and entering their credit card details. In general, PayPal is a safe online payment system, because end-to-end encryption and two-factor authentication secure transactions, but scammers have many different methods of defrauding unsuspecting users.

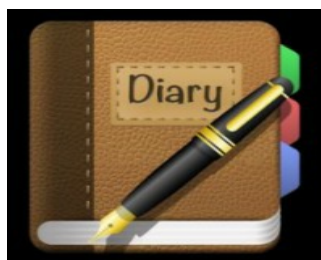
As with many scams, crooks use social engineering tactics to trick you into thinking the order or payment is real. The most common PayPal scams include phishing scams, overpayment scams, shipping address scams, advance-payment scams, fake or hacked account scams and fake payment scams.

Please note that primary email address for PayPal is paypal@mail.paypal.com, and this is the address most commonly used to send account statements and notifications of changes. PayPal sends receipts using service@paypal.com. The email address paypal.me is also a legitimate domain.

If you think you’ve fallen victim to a PayPal scam, secure your account immediately by changing your account password to something strong and secure and notify PayPal at their Resolution Centre if you have lost money as a result of the scam (you may get a refund); additionally, report the scam to the police, as this may at least deter the scammer from striking again later on.. You can mitigate this threat, first by verifying the authenticity of each email and transaction before sharing personal or financial information, or before sending goods to a buyer; and, secondly, by following these basic steps:

- Check for spelling errors or an unusual domain in the email address, such as .vip, .gdn, .win
- Remember that, if something seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Don’t click links in emails appearing to be from PayPal, but log in to PayPal directly and go from there.
- Don’t use unfamiliar delivery services
- Never share personal information such as passwords or other login data.
- Sign up for PayPal’s Seller Protection Program for additional fraud protection if you sell online.

Finally, remember to keep your own device protected – Avast One, Neighbourhood Watch’s partner, has a package that should go far towards nullifying any online threat (<https://www.avast.com/en-gb/avast-one#pc>).



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 21st June - 10:00 - 11:30 Hrs

Broadwater Library Dominion Rd, Worthing BN14 8JL - 22nd June 10:00 - 11:30 Hrs

Durrington Library 85 Salvington Road - 4th July - 12:00 - 13.30