

# Adur NHW Newsletter



## Lancing & Sompting Issue

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## Adur NHW AGM 9th July 2024 - 2pm to 4pm





Our committee has decided it was time that we reinstated the Adur NHW AGM following the end of the pandemic.

This will take place on the 9th of July at the Lions Community Hall, Roberts Road, Lancing at 2pm.

If you are interested in joining our committee please contact us giving details of how you can assist.



## In April 2024 our Highways Teams...

-  Received 6533 enquiries from the public, of those 3736 related to potholes
-  Delivered 4327 safety repairs, of these 3267 were for potholes.
-  Completed 320 find and fix jobs (covering 205sqm) (this is a proactive approach to roads with multiple potholes)
-  Repaired 607 safety potholes using the Velocity Jet Patcher covering 450.5sqm

Report a pothole @

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/>

## Vehicle Thefts

Motorists are facing an escalating threat - the stripping of vehicles for their parts. The rate of thefts has soared as the cost of car parts has surged by approximately 35 per cent, leading many to steal rather than buy replacements. Last year's data revealed a shocking 72 per cent increase in chop shops compared to 2022 - leaving many motorists to foot the bill when it comes to replacing their beloved vehicles.

Clive Wain, head of police liaison at Tracker, the UK's leading stolen vehicle recovery specialist, explained that the production of new parts has been impacted by various global factors. These, coupled with the cost-of-living crisis, have seen demand grow for quality second-hand parts leading to this latest car crime spate. Even basic parts prices like discs, brake pads and wiper blades have shot up, so car cannibalisation can be a very lucrative market for criminals. Mr Wain further warned that the surge in cases, along with the rise in chop shops, signifies an urgent need to ramp up vehicle security.

He cautioned that these crimes occur either in illegal chop shops or even at the roadside in broad daylight. Criminals are stealing items such as headlights and steering wheels, which are then sold for cash or on the black market, both domestically and internationally.

Tracker, which works with police forces across the UK and has its equipment fitted in 2,000 police cars and every police helicopter, claims a 95 per cent success rate when it comes to stolen vehicle recovery. It offers patented VHF location technology, which is effective at finding stolen vehicles even if they are hidden in shipping containers, lock-ups or underground car parks, where GPS-only tracking can struggle.

"We work closely with the police to find and shut down illegal chop shops, but regrettably, these 'businesses' are so profitable and operations so slick that as soon as one is closed, another pops up to replace it," says Mr. Wain. "However, by acting together with the Police and our customers, we can continue to disrupt organised criminal gangs and bring them to justice."

## West Sussex Youth Justice Service

The West Sussex Youth Justice Service is looking for appropriate adults prepared to support vulnerable people and young people aged 10 – 17 when they have been arrested and held in police custody in West Sussex.

The Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984 requires that an appropriate adult be present when a vulnerable adult (e.g. one with learning difficulties or mental health problems) or someone under 18 is being interviewed by the police. In most cases, this will be a relative or carer, but there may be times when these people are unable to attend the custody suite and, in these cases, the police will call on another independent, responsible adult to act in their stead.

The role will involve working in the Worthing or Crawley custody suites and:

- Supporting and assisting the young person
- Ensuring that the young person understands their rights
- Ensuring that the police act fairly and respect the rights of the young person
- Ensuring effective communication between the young person, police and others
- Raising any concerns around the safety and well-being of the young person

Volunteers must be aged over 19 years of age, and key qualities include being able to commit to volunteering for at least one year, being non-judgemental with good listening skills, and being able to establish a good rapport with young people.

All volunteers undertake full training comprising:

Seminars/briefing sessions on legislation, police and practice

Study of PACE Codes of Practice

A period spent shadowing an experienced volunteer

A period of attachment to an experienced volunteer in which the trainee takes the lead under supervision

All volunteers are required to complete an enhanced DBS form and the West Sussex Youth Justice Service will also seek a reference from their current employer and two others who have known the volunteer for over five years.

All expenses for travel are reimbursed and the training dates are Saturday 7th and 14th September 2024, at Horsham. For more information please contact the Justice Service at [volunteerunit@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:volunteerunit@westsussex.gov.uk) or by telephone (0302 228686).

## The Dark Net

The Dark Net is generally believed to be a complex, secretive environment that involves encryption and hackers, where drug dealers, weapon buyers, child pornographers, terrorists and other criminals can work anonymously with little chance of getting caught. Certainly, its combination of encryption, support for privacy and ease of use creates a simple medium for criminals to exploit.

It had its origins in the 1990s, when the lack of security on the internet and its ability to be used for tracking and surveillance was becoming clear, and scientists at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory therefore sought a way to create internet connections that do not reveal who is talking to whom, even to someone monitoring the network. Their answer was to create and deploy the first research designs and prototypes of onion routing. From this eventually emerged the TOR Project, with the development of the TOR browser (the one most associated with the dark net) commencing in 2008.

TOR is the acronym for "The Onion Router" and supports multiple dark net forums and markets through encryption, in common with sites that don't rely on TOR (such as password-protected forums where hackers trade secrets and stolen credit card numbers) and can also be considered part of the dark web. Instead of sites ending with .com or .org, TOR users connect with sites that end in .onion. Many high-profile organisations have dark net sites, including BBC News and Facebook.

One of the main aims of the TOR project was to help conceal the identity of whistleblowers and dissidents living under repressive regimes to communicate with the outside world, so technologies used to facilitate dark net activities are not inherently good or bad.

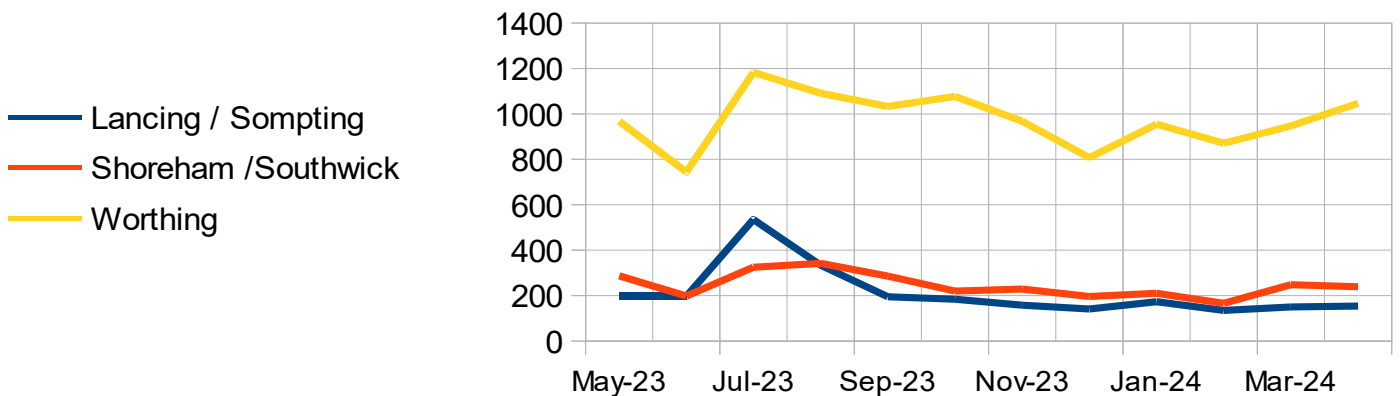
Criminals using the dark net are no longer assured of a safe hiding place, however, and Police worldwide have an extensive array of different techniques to identify, arrest and convict them. One of the most commonly used policing techniques in cyber investigations, including those on the dark net, is the use of Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) which is data and information that is collected legally from open and publicly available resources.



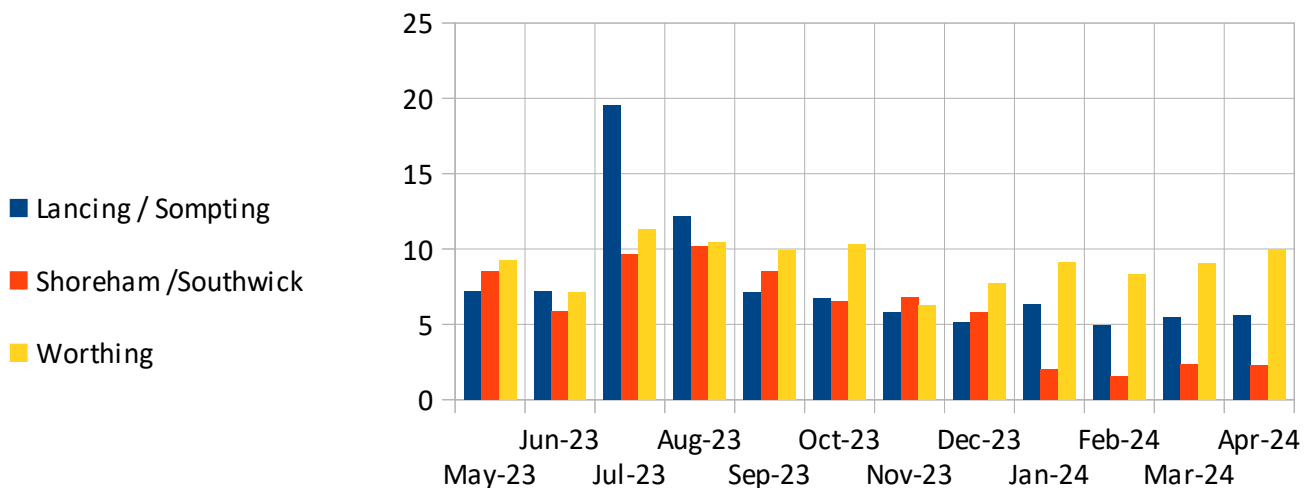
## Crime Statistics for April 2024

April 2024	Churchill	Cokeham	Manor	Mashbarn	Peverel	Widewater	Sub Total
Antisocial Behaviour	2	0	2	6	4	2	16
Bike Theft	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Burglary	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Criminal Damage	2	2	4	2	5	1	16
Drugs	0	1	0	3	0	0	4
Other Crime	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Other Theft	1	1	6	3	2	1	14
Weapons	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Public Order	3	1	0	0	3	8	15
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Theft Shop	0	0	3	16	2	0	21
Theft Person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Crime	2	1	4	1	0	2	10
Violence & Sex Offences	7	5	9	8	7	14	50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>154</b>

### Crimes May 2023 to April 2024



### Crimes per 1000 of Population



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