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## Horsham District Monthly Update – What we did in April 2015

### Crime and Community Safety

#### Two arrested for break-in to garage in Horsham

Following the report of a break-in to a garage in Cricketfield Road, Horsham just after midnight on Monday 13 April where a motocross bike and mountain bike were stolen, officers have arrested two men in connection with the offence. They are currently on conditional bail whilst further investigations are carried out.



Pictured: Police Community Support Officers Adrian Bell and Charlene Parsons also located the stolen motocross bike hidden behind a block of flats within eight hours of it being taken.

#### Local man convicted of committing Horsham burglary

Joshua Caswell, 24, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty at Lewes Crown Court on 20 April of committing a burglary at a property in Littlehaven Lane, Horsham in March 2015. Caswell was sentenced to 29 months imprisonment and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £120.

## **Continuing success of Junior Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Horsham District**

PCSOs Damian Cecil and Sue Poynter visited Southwater Junior academy earlier this month to talk to pupils about the Junior Neighbourhood Watch (JNHW) scheme. They are pleased to report that due to the popularity of the scheme amongst the pupils, the school will be launching the six week course this half term.

The programme devised by Derek Pratt, Deputy Chair of Sussex Neighbourhood Watch Federation, consists of six, one hour sessions for Year 6 (11 year old) pupils, delivered after school. Attendance is voluntary, with parental approval. Derek's programme gives full and very effective guidance for the JNHW volunteers and for the pupil. JNHW helps to educate the pupils to assist in preventing children becoming victims of crime or future causes of crime. It develops skills to ensure the pupils can keep themselves safe, as well as their homes and streets; it helps build the children's self-esteem and assists in breaking down fear barriers with the police to promote dealing with police openly and with respect.



Pictured: PCSO Sue Poynter talking to Southwater Academy pupils

## **New sponsored car for Horsham neighbourhood policing team**

Horsham neighbourhood policing team has been given a sponsored car thanks to Lifestyle Ford and Swan Walk shopping centre.

This is the third year the sponsorship project has run between the three organisations.

Chief Inspector Howard Hodges, Sussex Police's Horsham district commander, said: "We are delighted that we have continued to benefit from the generosity and community-spirited provision of a sponsored vehicle from Lifestyle Ford and Swan Walk.

"Partnership working is key to catching criminals and keeping people safe and this vehicle helps my staff to maintain their visibility, availability and patrols across the district."

James Maciejewski, the sales manager for Lifestyle Ford in Broadbridge Heath, said: "We are extremely proud to continue supporting the neighbourhood policing team in Horsham."

Swan Walk centre manager Gill Buchanan said: "Swan Walk has a longstanding and proactive relationship with the wider community and everyone's safety and security is a priority for us, whether in the centre or at home.

"We know that this car allows the neighbourhood policing team to be more effective and to support our customers in their home villages as well as when they are shopping in the town centre."



Pictured: Chief Inspector Hodges with James Maciejewski at Lifestyle Ford in Old Guildford Road.

## Public Confidence

### A celebration of police volunteering in Horsham District

On Monday 20 April Horsham Police hosted an event in the parish chamber at Beeston House, Southwater to recognise the significant contribution that local police volunteers bring to help keep Horsham safe. This was an opportunity to thank all those who volunteer their time and representatives were present from the Southwater and Billingshurst community hubs, the Billingshurst Street Pastors, Special Constables and the others who give their time at Horsham Police station and elsewhere.

The new West Sussex Divisional Commander, Chief Superintendent Steve Whitton, attended and the highlight of the evening was the presentation of certificates to six volunteers who had achieved their long service awards. They are Tony Biggs with 15 years, Nancy Brock with 15 years, Esther Clark with 15 years, Kathy Chambers with 10 years, Stan Speller with 10 years, and Bill Smith with 10 years.

The event was attended by a number of friends and family and a buffet spread - prepared by Sergeant Rachel Mundy - was enjoyed by all! Overall, this was an excellent event to celebrate police volunteering in Horsham District and it was a privilege to meet so many people who willingly give up their time for the benefit of others.



Pictured: Chief Inspector Howard Hodges,  
Volunteer Bill Smith & Chief Superintendent Steve Whitton

## E-mails/Letters of thanks

### 1/ Hello from the Met Police from former Sussex PCSOs Alex Clarke and Laura Anderson:

*Hello Mr Hodges*

*I hope you are well and everything is going to plan in sunny Horsham.*

*Just a short line to say Alex and myself passed out from Hendon earlier in the month (photo attached) and we wanted to thank everyone at Horsham for their help and support over the past couple of years, we had a great base for joining as officers and really appreciate all that the Horsham team did for us we were a lot more prepared because of our time at Horsham and working with the great team we had there, in particular Sergeant Miller and James Munden who provided us with the opportunities to gain confidence and guided us in the right direction to become PCs.*

*We are both very much enjoying it up here, and are getting stuck in with all sorts of units, trying bits of everything before we settle in to our new teams. Alex is in Croydon which is keeping him very busy and I am in Merton learning at more of a steady pace, but it does have its moments.*

*Thank you once again.  
Best wishes and Kind regards  
Laura*

*Laura Anderson  
Wimbledon SNT  
Wimbledon Police Station, Queens Road, SW19 8NN*



Pictured: PC Laura Anderson and PC Alex Clarke

**2/ Email of thanks to Horsham NPT regarding Horsham Junior Citizen 2015**

*Dear Colleagues,*

*A massive thank you to everyone who helped this week at Junior Citizen. It never fails to impress me just how much effort goes in and I remain convinced it is an excellent investment of our collective time.*

*My particular thanks to Rob of the Drill Hall as without him we would have no event.*

*I shall be writing to the schools seeking feedback and will ensure you are sighted on the returns.*

*Thank you again and I hope to see you at next year's event if not before!*

*Best wishes*

*Greg*

*Greg Charman, Health & Wellbeing / Community Safety Manager*

**3/ Email of thanks to PEO Louisa Hull, PC Darren Worsfold, PCSO Carol Boniface, PCSO Bryony Sparks and PCSO Andy Reed regarding Horsham Junior Citizen 2015**

*Lou, Darren, Carol, Bryony and Andy,*

*Can myself and Angie just say a big thank you for your help with Junior Citizen, we could not do this without you. Over the week we had 963 students from 30 schools across the district attend the event. The feedback we have had from the schools and the students is that they learnt a lot.*

Thanks again for your work.

Keith and Angie



Pictured: Horsham District Neighbourhood Schools' Officers PC Keith Beckley and PC Angie Keeley at this year's Junior Citizen event held at the Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham where they spoke to students about 'keeping themselves safe'

#### **4/ Letter of thanks regarding PCSO Carol Boniface from a Storrington resident**

*I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the most efficient manner in which your officers have dealt with a break in and loss of a lawnmower from my property. Since dialling 101 on Saturday last to report the incident everything possible has been dealt with in an expeditious and most proficient manner culminating in a call from the community liaison officer to provide future advice. What no doubt would be regarded as a minor crime has been dealt with consideration and in a manner to provide utmost reassurance.*

## **Value for Money**

### **Horsham Police donate £250 to Southwater Youth Project**

Horsham Police has donated £250 to Southwater Youth Project. The monies will be used to buy new computer games and some inflatable sumo wrestling suits to be used at the youth club.

The donation comes from the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF), made up of monies received by the police from property confiscated by order of the court and then sold.

Police Community Support Officer Damian Cecil said: "I am really pleased that the application for funding from the Police Property Act fund was granted for the Southwater Youth Project. During the last 7-8 years as the local PCSO for the area I have seen the youth project grow and provide valuable support to the young people of Southwater and I can't wait to see the sumo suits being used!"



Pictured: PCSO Damian Cecil presenting the cheque to SYP Youth Worker Angie Choat and Rev. Kath Jones from Southwater Community Methodist Church.

## **Police support new Purple Angel Memory Cafe in Henfield**

Horsham Police has donated £150 to Know Dementia to help fund the Purple Angel Memory cafe in Henfield.

The cafe opened in Henfield High Street on Saturday, March 7 and is aimed at people living with dementia and their family. The café, which is held in the Free Church Hall, will be open every second Saturday from 2pm until 4pm.

Jennie Morrison-Cowan, trustee of Know Dementia said: "A big thank you to the police for their support. The cafe is staffed by volunteers however we pay for the premises so with the money from Saxon Weald, Rotary and your good selves should keep us going for a good while. "

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Police Community Support Officer Bryony Sparks said: "I was made to feel really welcome at the opening of the Purple Angel Memory Cafe in Henfield and would like to wish Know Dementia every success with the project. The application to the Police Property Act Fund was originally made by my colleague PCSO Sue Poynter and I was pleased to present the donation on her behalf."



Pictured: PCSO Bryony Sparks presenting the cheque to Chair and Trustee of Know Dementia Alex Morrison-Cowan

## Police donate £300 to Chanctonbury Guides

Horsham Police has donated £300 to Chanctonbury Guides to support them with their fundraising efforts to repair their hall.

The donation comes from the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF), made up of monies received by the police from property confiscated by order of the court and then sold.

Special Constable Neil Worth said: "I'm pleased that the Police Property Act Fund has been able to provide a donation as the repairs are desperately needed to allow all of the Guides sections to continue with their activities in a safe and secure space – that doesn't leak!"



Pictured: Special Constable Worth is pictured presenting the cheque to members of Chanctonbury Rainbows and Brownies.



Regards

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Horsham District

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