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Chichester Weekly Bulletin

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News and appeals

Warning after impersonator fraud scam reported in Sussex

Police are issuing a warning after several people in West Sussex have fallen victim to impersonator fraud scams in the last month.

Impersonator fraud is when a victim is deceived into giving money or financial details to someone claiming for an organisations they trust. Click [here](#) to read more.

Catalytic Converter theft

There is precious metal in catalytic converters and we have seen a rise in theft over the last few months across Sussex.

Together with our partners, we're committed to tackling the issue and catching those responsible. To keep yours safe, ask your car dealer if they can give you any advice on locks or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer and tested to Sold Secure Gold.

Alternatively, try to make sure your vehicle is parked in a garage overnight, or if you have a commercial vehicle park it in a secure compound. If this isn't possible, park in an area that's well-lit and overlooked and try to park so that the convertor can't be easily reached by potential thieves. Vehicles that sit high above the road are particularly vulnerable.

You should also register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of.

Community Speedwatch

Welcome to new Midhurst Community Speedwatch volunteers who have just been trained to use new equipment to calm traffic.

We'll loan them this new equipment for six months to get the group established.

If you'd like to join your local group, find out more by click [here](#).

'Ask For Ani'

If you are suffering from domestic abuse, you can now safely and discreetly seek support at pharmacies across Sussex. By using the codeword 'Ask for ANI', participating pharmacies will offer you a private space, a phone and offer you access to support services. Please share this information.

Crime summary

Chichester and surrounding areas

Mosse Gardens, Chichester – Theft of delivery parcels between 4 – 9pm, 9th April 2021. Ref 0632 of 12/04.

Fletcher Avenue, Chichester – Eggs were thrown at a car between 12 – 3:30pm, 12th April 2021. Ref 0785 of 12/04.

East Pallant, Chichester – Theft of Carrera Gryphon bicycle between 5pm – 7pm, 13th April 2021. Ref 0952 of 15/04.

Hayleybridge Walk, Tangmere – Theft of bag from car parked, entry gained by smashing window. Occurred 4pm – 5:10pm, 17th April 2021.

Selsey, The Witterings and surrounding areas

Fisherman's Joy, East Street, Selsey – Graffiti damage to wall and vehicle parked at location around midnight 12th April. Ref 0272 of 12/04.

East Beach Road, Selsey – Theft of Ridgeback bicycle between 6 – 6:30pm, 13th April 2021. Ref 1468 of 13/04.

Millfield Close, Selsey – Theft of solar lights taken from front garden on 3rd April 2021. Ref 1085 of 17/04.

Midhurst, Petworth and surrounding area

Works Yard, Cowdray Estate - Bucket and hand tools stolen. Entry gained by making hole in fence to enter yard. Ref 0094 - 12/04/21

Hogs Hill, Fernhurst – Theft of catalytic converter between 6:30pm, 12th April and 7:30am, 13th April 2021. Ref 0205 of 13/04.

Hoes Lane, Petworth – theft of water trough from field. Occurred overnight into 16th April. Ref 0373 of 16/04.

Linch, Liphook – Entry gained to property by forcing downstairs window open. Occurred during the day time of 15th April. Ref 1350 of 15/04.

Cowdray Farm Shop, Midhurst - damage caused to toilets on site, occurred approx. 9pm, 16th April. Ref 1450 of 16/04.

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