

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Subject: Weekly bulletin - Chichester district

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News and appeals

Police respond to spate of criminal damage in Petworth and Midhurst

We are appealing for information following a spate of criminal damage in the Petworth and Midhurst areas.

A total of seven incidents have been reported between Sunday 8 October and Wednesday 25 October, during which windows to cars, businesses and houses have been targeted.

A ball bearing has been discovered on at least two occasions, and officers are attempting to establish the full circumstances.

Inspector Danny West, of the Arun and Chichester Prevention Team, said: "The reports we have received indicate that ball bearings are either being thrown or propelled in some way towards windows. Thankfully, it would appear that those responsible are intending to cause damage rather than putting anybody in danger of injury, although there is clearly a risk associated with their actions.

"They are also of course committing a crime, and enquiries are ongoing as we attempt to identify those responsible.

"We believe these incidents are linked and are being carried out deliberately, and on a couple of occasions a car has been seen or heard speeding off.

"If you've seen anything suspicious in the area, or have any information which could assist our investigation, please report it online or call 101 quoting serial 669 of 25/10.

"In the meantime, we are carrying out increased patrols in the area and would urge residents to remain vigilant."

Latest scam newsletter

We would like to remind everyone to be suspicious of all telephone calls claiming to be from banks, companies or individuals trying to find out about their finances or bank details.

As always, we encourage everyone to be vigilant and warn others who may be vulnerable to any type of fraud.

Click here to read the latest newsletter: <https://sussex.police.uk/media/3473/fraud-newsletter-october-2017.pdf>

Arrest summary

Between the 25th October - 1st November more than 15 people were arrested from across the Chichester district. Offences included domestic assault, drunk and disorderly, assault and driving whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Crime summary

Chichester and surrounding area

Pynham Crescent, Hambrook - Theft of lead theft from porch roof of new house. Occurred overnight into 23rd October. Ref 0381 of 25/10.

Tinwood Lane, Eartham - Yamaha motorcycle stolen from metal container. Entry gained by cutting hinges with disc cutter. Quad bike, generator and gas bottles also stolen but found in field nearby. Occurred overnight into 26th October. Ref 0642 of 26/10.

West Stoke car park - Handbag stolen from car between 4:10pm - 6pm, 26th October. Ref 1168 of 26/[10](#).

[Meadow Close, Lavant](#) - Two vehicles broken into overnight into 29th October. Purse and cash stolen. Ref 0862 of 29/10.

Selsey, The Witterings and surrounding area

Harcourt Way, Selsey - Break to shed overnight into 27th October. Entry gained by forcing lock. Theft of bike and lock which was padlocked inside shed. Ref 0907 of 27/10.

Midhurst, Petworth and surrounding area

Haslemere - Break to semi-detached property between 10:30am, 24th October - 3:50pm, 25th October. Entry gained via breaking rear conservatory door. Jewellery, watch and cash reported stolen. Ref 0929 of 25/[10](#).

Pound Street, Petworth - Damage caused to shop front window. Occurred between 29th

September - 9th October. Ref 0378 of 25/[10](#).

[Pound Close, Petworth](#) - Break to garages in complex. Theft of scrap metal. Occurred overnight into 25th October. Ref 0427 of 25/[10](#).

[Pipers Lane, Northchapel](#) - Break to property between 2:30pm, 24th October - 10am, 27th October. Entry gained via rear garden door. Theft of a watch. Ref 0982 of 28/10.

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If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please [contact us online](#), email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

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