



STEYNING POLICE STATION

SteYning Council Meeting **January / February 2014**

Door knockers

We have received reports regarding banging on front doors to properties situated along Shooting Fields, the usual time of these incidents is between 16:30 - 20:00. We would like to remind the public to report any suspicious behaviour to Sussex Police on the non emergency number (101).

Cold calling or door knocking can be very intimidating for vulnerable and elderly members of the community, and can often leave the victim very distressed and upset.

If you display a sign on your front door prohibiting cold callers, they could be committing a trading standards offence if they ignore it.

Knocking on doors and running away is classed as anti social behaviour and the offenders could be charged under the Harassment act if the behaviour continues.

Neighbourhood Panel

The most recent meeting took place on Tuesday 21 January at the Upper Beeding and Bramber Village Hall. It was decided that the initial issues and concerns raised when the panel was started have since been resolved and the meetings would now cease. I am looking into new methods of reaching out to members of the community through social media sites and police web chats. This approach would also help members who have busy schedules and commitments to take part and would help me to reach a larger audience who might not have been able to attend previously. More news to follow.

Dogs

We receive lots of calls regarding stray dogs in the area. Trying to reunite the animals with their owners can be very time consuming especially when they do not have collars and have not been micro chipped. Taking these measures will help reduce the risk if your animal is lost or stolen and time taken by the emergency services in contacting the owner.

Having the owners details stored on the national database means that other agencies including the RSPCA can act quickly and keeps details current and up to date.

Scams

Please be aware of a current scam that has already been used in Steyning and surrounding areas. It starts with a person purporting to be from the police stating that your bank account has been used fraudulently. They will then ask for you to hang up and call the police back to make sure the call is genuine, but they will remain on the line and use a fake dialling tone to disguise this. They will ask for confidential information about bank account details and dates of birth ect and use this to gain access to your accounts.

The police will never ask for private or confidential information over the phone and will be more than happy to supply identification in person when asked. If your are in doubt about the authenticity of the caller you can report the incident to your local police station to investigate or use a separate phone line (like a neighbour or mobile phone) to check with the police.

I am linking in with local banks to help stop these scams from taking place.



There is more information regarding crimes that have taken place in Steyning on the police website - www.police.uk. Sussex Police offer a free service called community messaging that e-mails out alerts and information regarding crimes and trends that are relevant to your area, and often give important information regarding security.

Street Surgery:

PCSO Tom Slaughter will be holding a PCSO surgery on Monday 17/02/14 between 10:30 - 11:00 outside the Co-Operative in Steyning. Local residents are welcome to go along and speak with Tom about any policing matters they wish to discuss.

Contact details.

101 - Police non emergency contact number.

999 - Police emergency response number.

For all other slow time enquiries please contact me on 101 584219 or on 07917073587.

Tom Slaughter

[Police Community Support Officer](#)

Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Steyning Police Station, Charlton Street, BN44 3LE

This police station front office is open Monday to Friday from 10am until 2pm.

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