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Horsham District Monthly Update – What we did in February 2015

Welcome and Farewell

During February we are pleased to have welcomed to Horsham PC Laurabeth Limbrick who has joined the District Response Team and Special Constable Mhairi-Ann Hill. We have however waved farewell to PCSO Tina Dunning who has left Sussex Police for pastures new and PCSO Tom Slaughter who is moving on to become a Police Constable.

Crime and Community Safety

Operation Tulip

Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team is launching Operation Tulip to tackle outdoor property theft in the Horsham District this spring. As the warmer weather arrives, the opportunities for thieves can increase with open windows, insecure sheds and gardening tools left out.

During February PC Darren Worsfold has been planning for Operation Tulip. There will be four 'come and meet us' sessions held at local garden centres during March for members of the public to attend and speak to local officers. Members of Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch will also attend and be giving out crime prevention and property marking advice. They will also be promoting Neighbourhood Watch and Immobilise, the UK National Property Register.

- PCSO Carol Boniface will be at Squires Garden Centre, Washington on Sunday 8 March between 11am and 3pm
- PCSO Adrian Bell will be at Hillier Garden Centre, Horsham on Sunday 8 March between 11am and 3pm
- PC Darren Worsfold will be at Old Barn Nurseries, Dial Post on Sunday 22 March between 11am and 3pm
- PCSO Tracy Field and PCSO Andy Reed will be at Newbridge Nurseries, Broadbridge Heath on Sunday 22 March between 11am and 3pm



Pictured: PCSO Sue Poynter and PCSO Damian Cecil at Newbridge Nurseries on 25 January 2015

Rudgwick Vehicle Thefts

Horsham Police are continuing to investigate a small series of thefts from vehicles in the Rudgwick area that occurred overnight on 6 -7 February 2015. On 22 February 2015 a 28 year old man from Brighton was arrested on suspicion of these offences and is currently on police bail while the investigation continues.

Sergeant Victoria Tomlinson said "Local Officers have been conducting a full and thorough investigation into these offences which has led to this positive arrest. The investigation is ongoing and we hope to achieve a positive result for the victims in due course"

Closure of a cannabis growing site in Partridge Green

Horsham Police have closed down a cannabis growing site in Partridge Green.

At 12.52pm on Sunday (22 February) following information from members of the public, police executed a Misuse of Drugs Act warrant to search a disused warehouse on the Star

Road trading estate, Partridge Green. Inside they found 100 baby cannabis plants and some 250 mature plants.

Later the same day a 41-year old Brighton man was arrested at his home address, on suspicion of cultivation of cannabis. He was later released on police bail until 20 May while enquiries continue.



[Pictured PC James Munden at the site in Partridge Green](#)

Bus Safety and Awareness Advice

PCSO Sue Poynter and PCSO Damian Cecil attended St Andrews School in Nuthurst recently along with Pene Mather, School Travel Advisor from West Sussex County Council to speak with pupils about bus safety and awareness. Many of the children use the school buses and Sue, Damian and Pene spoke with them about how certain behaviours can cause distractions to the bus drivers. They also gave advice on how to cross the road safely when the bus is there. The whole school was involved and PCSO Poynter said that she hoped that the children would pass on what they had learnt to their parents and friends and that the time spent with the children was informative but fun.



Pictured: PCSO Damian Cecil, PCSO Sue Poynter, Pene Mather and pupils from St Andrews School, Nuthurst

Public Confidence

New Neighbourhood Panel In Amberley

PCSO Carol Boniface has successfully set up a new Neighbourhood Panel in Amberley parish.

The launch meeting was held on Tuesday 3 February and fifteen local people attended. Sergeant Chris O’Leary said, “the meeting was really positive and the local people were very supportive. I was really impressed with the way Carol answered questions and managed expectations. She represented Horsham District extremely well and demonstrated a high level of knowledge and professionalism.”

The new panel came up with one priority of speeding. Carol has taken this away as an action, to look at the possibility of setting up a community speed watch scheme in the parish. Carol held the meeting at the local community café and our thanks go to the owner for letting us use his business for our meeting.

Working with partner agencies – National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV)

PC Michael Leech recently worked alongside the National Centre for Domestic Violence, a charity, which works to link in with victims of domestic violence. The NCDV, who often offer their services free of charge, can secure an injunction or non molestation order at Court usually within 24 hours ensuring protection and reassurance to victims.

A young female victim was extremely frightened of her boyfriend. He was extremely violent towards her and had assaulted her in the past. He was very controlling and had even put a tracker on her phone. She had tried numerous times to leave him but he would not understand. She even moved away to get away from him but he caught up with her. She was frightened to tell police about what she was going through but eventually her

friend contacted police and PC Leech dealt with the incident. The offender was arrested and interviewed and he admitted to pushing her in a night club. He was bailed while PC Leech carried out further enquiries.

PC Leech spent time with the victim explaining the process of the NCDV to her and asked her if she wanted him to make a referral to them which she was in agreement with. After the referral was made the non molestation order was issued to him with 48 hours by Horsham Family Court.

Emails/Letters of thanks

Received via the 'Your voice counts' section of the Sussex Police website:

"I would like to thank members of the Sussex Police Force who were very helpful when on 10 Feb of this year I lost my handbag in Poundland. The very next day my bag was returned to me intact and I am grateful for their locating it so quickly and for the sympathy they showed....bless you!!

Value for Money

A donation of £200 from the Police Property Act fund was presented to Steyning and District Young Farmers by PCSO Tom Slaughter on behalf of PCSO Bryony Sparks who had made the application. The money will be used to buy new embroidered jumpers for members of the club.

The Police Property Act Fund is made up of monies received by the police from the sale of found property and from property confiscated by order of court and then sold. The main aim of the fund is to support local projects undertaken by voluntary/charitable organisations that solely benefit the communities of Sussex.



Pictured: PCSO Tom Slaughter presenting the cheque to a representative from Steyning and District Young Farmers.

Regards

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