

Hastings and Rother Weekly Bulletin

Friday, 29th May 2020

News and Alerts

Meet the new recruits who joined the force as the county locked down to fight the pandemic

As the nation went into lockdown and the force readied itself for the peak of the Covid 19 pandemic, new recruit PCSO Tara Reid McCoy was just about to start her new career on the streets of East Sussex.

Along with 33 fellow PCSO apprentices, Tara was deployed a few weeks early on 30 March to help boost the county effort to protect the NHS and save lives.

Read more [here](#)



Witnesses sought to Bexhill collision

Police are appealing for witnesses to a single vehicle road traffic collision in Bexhill.

Officers and ambulance crews were called to a crash involving a moped in Barnhorn Road, Bexhill at 10.10am on Wednesday (27 May).

Read more [here](#)



Sussex Police warn hate crime will not be tolerated in the county

Sussex Police is reminding the public that hate crime will not be tolerated in the county.

Superintendent Rachel Swinney, the Force Hate Crime lead, said: “The impact of coronavirus is widespread and is affecting most of us in some way.

“We have seen many communities coming together to help and support each other however there may still be people who are being targeted simply for being who they are.

“I would like people to feel confident in reporting matters of hate crime to us. We are committed to treating victims with respect and empathy, incidents and any reports will be taken seriously.”

Read more [here](#)



Witnesses sought to hit and run in Bexhill

Police are appealing for witnesses to a hit and run collision in Bexhill on Friday (22 May).

About 7.40pm a red Mini with a white roof collided with a moped in Woodsgate Park. The driver left the scene without stopping.

The moped rider - a 16-year-old boy from Bexhill - sustained serious facial injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment.

Read more [here](#)



Police teams work together to tackle drug-related crime in Hastings and Rother

Tackling drug-related crime remains a priority for police in Hastings and Rother.

The important role Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) have to play in this work was highlighted when a quantity of cocaine and cannabis was seized from a car on the A21 earlier this month.

Read more [here](#)



Crime Summary

Burglaries this week:

Rother: 5

Hastings: 12

Please visit our crime prevention pages on home security [here](#) for ways you can protect your homes and belongings.

Action Fraud scam watch

Did you know scams cost the UK economy £5-£10 Billion a year, with over 50% of people over 65 having already been targeted by scams; and only 5% of all scams reported?

This week's scam and fraud warnings from Action Fraud:

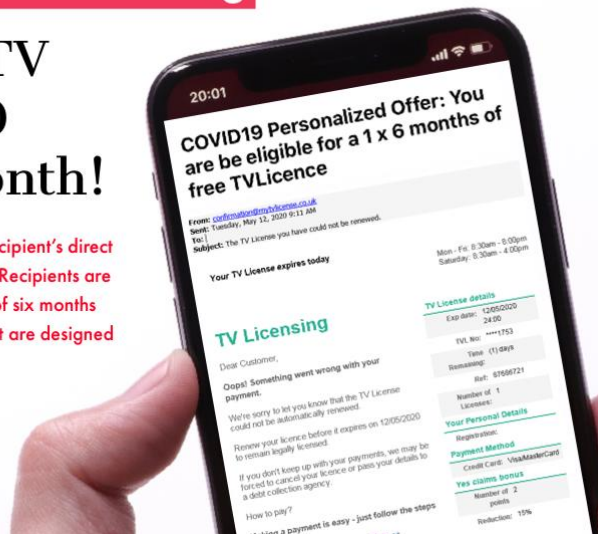
- So far this month we have seen 260 reports about this coronavirus-related TV Licensing scam! If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, please forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service: report@phishing.gov.uk

! Coronavirus Scam Warning

New version of fake TV Licensing emails. 260 reports so far this month!

These emails purporting to be from TV Licensing claim that the recipient's direct debit has failed and that they need to pay to avoid prosecution. Recipients are told that they are eligible for a "COVID19 Personalized Offer" of six months free. The messages contain links to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information.

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.



- Investment fraudsters will try and pressure you into making a quick decision. Follow these top [tips](#) on how to invest safely.



Investment and pension fraud

- Don't be rushed into making an investment. No legitimate organisation will pressure you into making a transaction on the spot.
- Seek advice from trusted friends or family members, or independent professional advice services, before making a significant financial decision.
- Use the Financial Conduct Authority's register to check if a company is regulated. If you deal with a firm or individual that isn't regulated, you may not be able to get your money back if something goes wrong.

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Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

You can also visit our website at www.sussex.police.uk where you can find our easy to use online forms to report all non-emergencies to us.

You can also find police advice to keep you safe and help you understand the law, and also browse our crime prevention pages for first-hand knowledge, industry best practices and practical crime prevention advice from officers and specialist teams all across the police.

Have you ever had a policing question that doesn't actually require direct police involvement to answer? Ask the Police is a great online source of information for the most frequently asked policing questions, visit www.askthe.police.uk for more information.

Your local teams

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