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## Hastings and Rother Weekly Bulletin

**Friday 3rd July 2020**

### **News and Alerts**

**As the NHS prepares to mark its 72nd anniversary, public services urge Sussex to 'stay safe' as pubs and restaurants re-open**

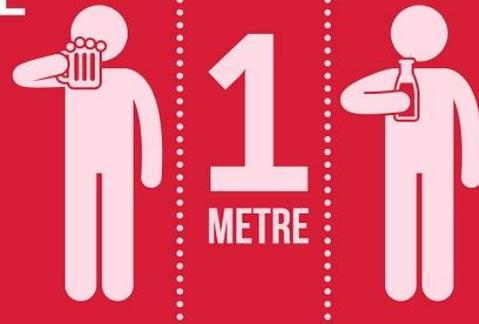
Leaders from local authorities, blue light services and health, have come together to urge people to pay a fitting tribute to the 72nd anniversary of the NHS this weekend, as pubs and restaurants re-open, by staying safe.

The combined message from Sussex Resilience Forum partners, is to stay alert to Covid-19 and avoid placing strain on the NHS and other local services as pubs, restaurants and many other leisure facilities re-open this Saturday, 4 July.

Read more [here](#)

## KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Pubs and restaurants will be enforcing social distancing throughout their premises. Stay one metre or more away from anyone who is not from your household.



## #SussexTogether

### **Elderly woman violently assaulted in her own home**

Police are appealing for witnesses after an elderly woman was violently assaulted in her own home.

Around 10pm on Tuesday 30 June, the 85-year-old victim heard a loud noise at her property in St Helens Road, Hastings, and went downstairs to see what had happened.

After noticing the front porch windows had been smashed, she heard a voice call out to check she was ok. She opened the door, at which point she was grabbed by an unknown man, who placed his hand over her mouth and forced her to the floor.

The suspect demanded money but fled the scene empty handed. The victim sustained hand and facial injuries.

Read more [here](#)



### **Jo Shiner announced as next Chief Constable of Sussex**

“I am incredibly proud and privileged to have been given the opportunity to lead Sussex Police over the next five years,” said Jo Shiner on being appointed the next Chief Constable of Sussex Police.

Jo takes up the post on July 11, becoming the first ever woman to lead the force, following a unanimous decision by the Police and Crime Panel to approve the appointment by Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner.

Read more [here](#)



**Man charged with kidnap and sexual assault on girl in East Sussex**

A man has been charged with kidnapping and sexually assaulting a teenage girl in East Sussex.

Police received a report from a member of the public of a teenage girl being followed by a man in a white vehicle in Gorselands, Bexhill around 12 midnight on Saturday (27 June). The girl was seen to get into the vehicle which drove away.

In the early hours of Sunday (28 June), officers tracked down the suspect vehicle at a property in Withyham Road, Bexhill and arrested a man.

Read more [here](#)



### **Witnesses sought to attack on woman in Hastings**

Police in Hastings who arrested a man after an incident in the town centre in which a woman sustained facial injuries, are appealing for witnesses.

Between 9.30pm and 9.45pm on Thursday 25 June, the 28-year old woman was assaulted in Queens Road, Hastings, near the money shop and Erol's kebab shop.

Read more [here](#)



### **Burglary Summary**

Burglaries this week:

Rother: 8

Hastings: 14

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:

- As venues prepare to re-open with social distancing measures in place following the coronavirus outbreak, we are urging people to be wary of fraudsters selling fake or non-existent tickets to events.



## Spot the signs of ticket fraud

- Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official promoter or agent, or a well-known and reputable ticket site.
- Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer, especially if buying from someone unknown. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal offer greater protection against fraud.
- Be wary of unsolicited emails, texts or adverts offering unbelievably good deals on tickets. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Is the vendor a member of STAR? If they are, the company has signed up to their strict governing standards. STAR also offers an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution service to help customers with outstanding complaints. For more information: [star.org.uk/buy\\_safe](http://star.org.uk/buy_safe)



- Urgent-sounding messages that ask for your personal or financial details are a common tactic used by criminals. If you receive a suspicious email, you can report it here: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails>

[actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing](http://actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing)

## Spotted a suspicious email?

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS)

[report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)



### Help us keep Sussex safe

If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please contact us [online](#), or call 101, quoting the reference number

provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

You can also visit our website at [www.sussex.police.uk](http://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](http://www.askthe.police.uk) for more information.

### **Your local teams**

You can find your local PCSO by entering your postcode at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)  
Follow your local Police team on social media, click below:

#### **Facebook:**

[Rother Police](#)  
[Hastings Police](#)

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### **Links and attachments**

Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust. We will only send you attachments where we believe it is absolutely necessary.

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