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Hastings and Rother Weekly Bulletin

Friday, 16th October 2020

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News and Alerts

Witnesses sought to assault in Hastings

Police are appealing for witnesses to an assault in Robertson Road, Hastings, outside The Havelock pub.

Officers were called at 8.45pm on Monday (12 October) to reports of an altercation involving a group of men. The victim - a 31-year-old man - suffered serious injuries.

Anyone with information, or who saw what happened, can report [online](#) or call 101, quoting 1230 of 12/10.



Police in Rother invest in new tracker technology

Rother Police have invested in new tracker technology to help identify those causing harm to their communities.

Through financial support from the Joint Action Group, police have been able to purchase equipment for people in the district to use on their farm machinery and quad bikes.

Read more [here](#)



Fraud warning after elderly couple lose £70,000 to Bitcoin scam

Police in Hastings and Rother are urging elderly people to be wary of fraud after a couple lost £70,000 to a scam.

Officers were contacted by an elderly man who had been offered the possibility of investing Bitcoins. Wanting to pay off his mortgage quicker, he decided to invest as the promised profit was a very significant amount.

Read more [here](#)



Police campaign to raise awareness of modern slavery

Sussex Police launches a two-week campaign to focus attention on our work with partner organisations to tackle modern slavery offences in our communities.

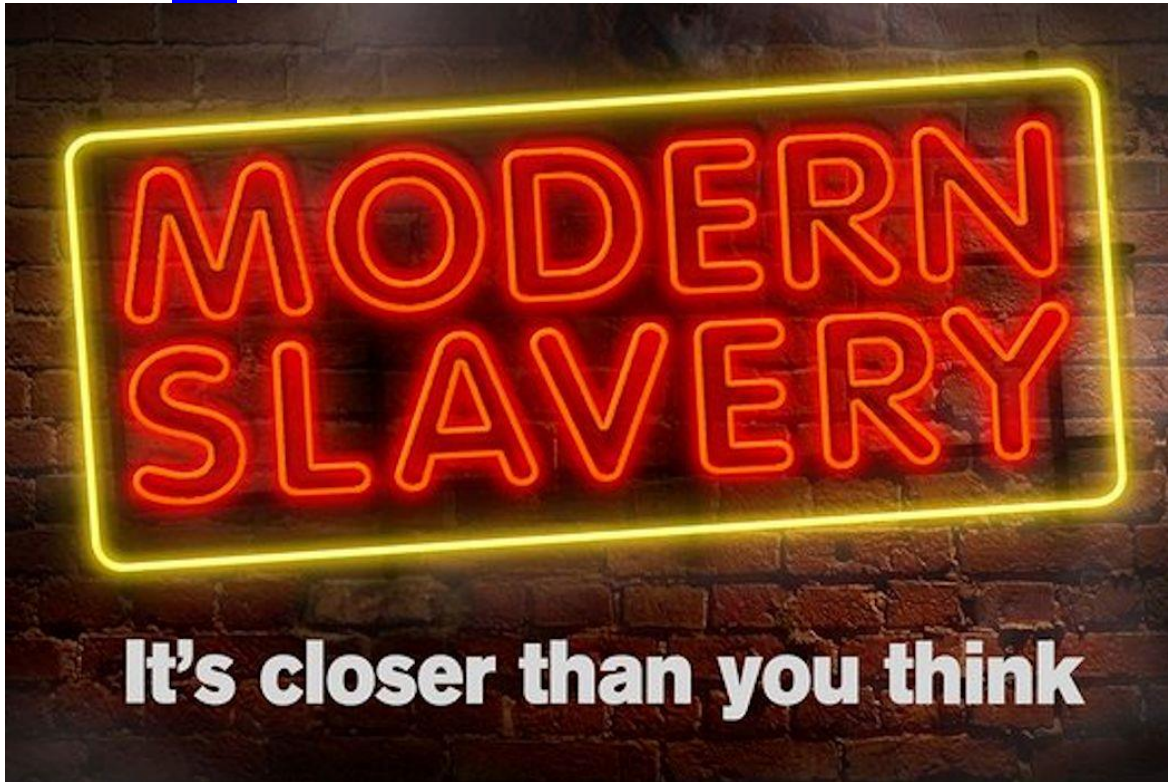
Chief Inspector Kris Ottery, operational lead for modern slavery said: “Modern slavery is a serious crime that is often hidden in plain sight. Perpetrators exploit people from all backgrounds and will target an individual’s particular vulnerability. That vulnerability could be an individual’s desire to seek a better life for themselves and their families or they could be homeless living on the streets. There is no one stereotype to neatly define a victim of modern slavery.

“Our best approach to protect people who are being exploited is to work with our communities and partner organisations. Police cannot act alone to eradicate modern slavery, it takes a number of agencies to work together to achieve this from gathering intelligence from the public, acting on it, safeguarding potential victims and getting a case to court. This process can take up to two years.

“Modern slavery cases are complex and often entwined with other serious offences such as drugs, knife crime and sexual exploitation. All of these crimes trade in human misery and exploit people for profit.

“We continue to build stronger links with our partners, voluntary organisations and businesses to establish working practices which are aligned to tackle modern slavery, stop it from happening and protect those exploited by it. Later this week we’re involved in a milestone event with local authorities, you can find out more on Friday, 16 October.”

Read more [here](#)



Burglary Summary

Burglaries this week:

Rother: 10

Hastings: 5

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

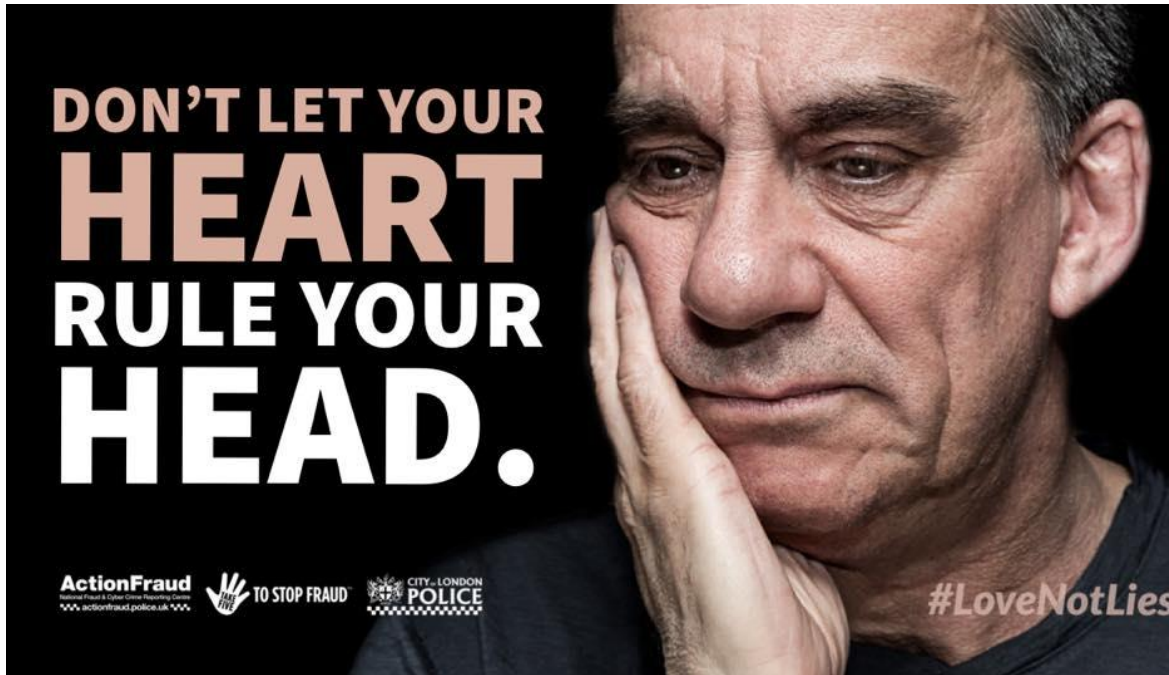


Action Fraud scam watch

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:

- Criminals are very skilled at making you believe their feelings are genuine. They will speak to you for months before asking you for financial help. Don't be fooled. A criminal's end goal is only ever to get your money. Read more [here](#)



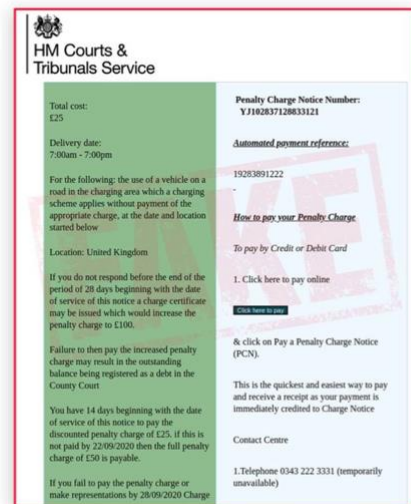
- Be on the lookout for these FAKE penalty charge emails. The links in the emails lead to websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial details. If you receive one, report it to: Report@phishing.gov.uk

SCAM WARNING

Be on the lookout for fake penalty charge emails.

The email, which purports to be from HM Courts & Tribunals Service, states that the recipient has been issued a penalty charge for "the use of a vehicle on a road in the charging area which a charging scheme applies without payment of the appropriate charge". The links provided in the emails lead to genuine-looking phishing websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information.

- Your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, call them directly.
- Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) - 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

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

You can find your local PCSO by entering your postcode at www.police.uk

Follow your local Police team on social media, click below:

Facebook:

[Rother 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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