



Wednesday, 30th September 2020

Rother Monthly Newsletter

District priorities - set by Chief Inspector Sarah Godley, District Commander for both Hastings and Rother and cover both areas.

1. **Op Hillside** - District operation centred around the exploitation of vulnerable young people for the purposes of running/dealing/supplying controlled drugs
2. **Op Wagon** - District operation focussing on the top 6 at-risk youths linked to County Lines between Hastings and London.
3. **Op Sunshine** – District operation targeting continued problems with street drinkers etc causing major issues to local businesses in the town centre
4. **Op Dreon** – District operation centred around cross-border crime (namely Rother and Kent).
5. **County Lines** - There are known County Lines operating across both Hastings and Rother. This is not leading to an increase of violence at this stage, but the overt nature of the drug dealing is having an impact on the town visually and on the perceived threat by members of the public seeing it.
6. **White Powder** - There is a large organised crime group operating in Hastings. Feuding within the group has led to an increase in serious violence. The entity involved is Cannabis and Cocaine.

Monthly round-up:

Arrests: 61

Offences included: grievous bodily harm, burglary, drug production, drink driving, harassment, stalking and assault on an emergency worker.



Burglaries: 27

We have seen a sharp increase in breaks to residential garages in Bexhill. For many of these burglaries, there does not appear to be any damage or force applied to the garage doors. Additionally, whilst these garages have been entered, a few of these incidents had no items stolen. Officers will be encouraged to carry out additional patrols and be extra vigilant.



Incident of note

Our officers supported the London Met Police in a [number of warrants](#) in Bromley, where searches identified a number of dogs and items reported as stolen from Rother. Insp Hartley said “These warrants followed ones we did in Rye and Kent. Our aim is to keep going to make Rother as Hostile as possible for offenders”.





Out in the community:

Project EDWARD

This month, we took part in Project EDWARD - EVERY Day Without A Road Death. Our officers conducted speed checks, checked the maintenance of vehicles, and ensured safe driving across the district. During following weeks of action, our officers targeted dangerous drivers and motorcyclists on Cooden Drive, Bexhill and Combe Valley Way. These operations led to multiple Traffic Offence Reports being issued as well as Fixed Penalty Notices being issued.



Dog walkers and livestock

Our Rural Crime Team officers are working closely with local farmers to educate ramblers and dog walkers about straying onto private land with livestock. People are being asked to obey signs and keep to the footpaths.



Your PCSOs:

- **Bexhill, Crowhurst & Battle Town:** PCSO Roy Collins, PCSO Sarah Hunt, PCSO Sam Kemp, PCSO Darren Owen, PCSO Neil Holden, PCSO Rachael Scott
- **Darwell, Ticehurst, Etchingam, Salehurst, Ewhurst, Sedlescombe & Rother Levels:** PCSO Daryl Holter, PCSO Laura Harrison, PCSO Emma Phillips, PCSO Matt Neve
- **Brede Valley, Marsham, Eastern Rother & Rye:** PCSO Becky Unicombe, PCSO Joe Winchester, PCSO Demi Georghiou, PCSO Orla Lindsay





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