



## Hastings and Rother Weekly Bulletin

**Friday, 30th October 2020**

### **News and Alerts**

#### **Rural crime team warning to walkers: Please do not damage stock fencing**

Rural Crime Team PCSO Julie Pearce-Martin has joined forces with local farmers and Battle Town Council to highlight the problem of walkers damaging stock fencing.

Farmer John Wheatland says his fences behind the Battle Abbey area have been deliberately cut. He said: "It is a constant worry for me. My cows and calves get out onto public land and I have to get there as quickly as possible to get them back onto my land."

Read more [here](#)



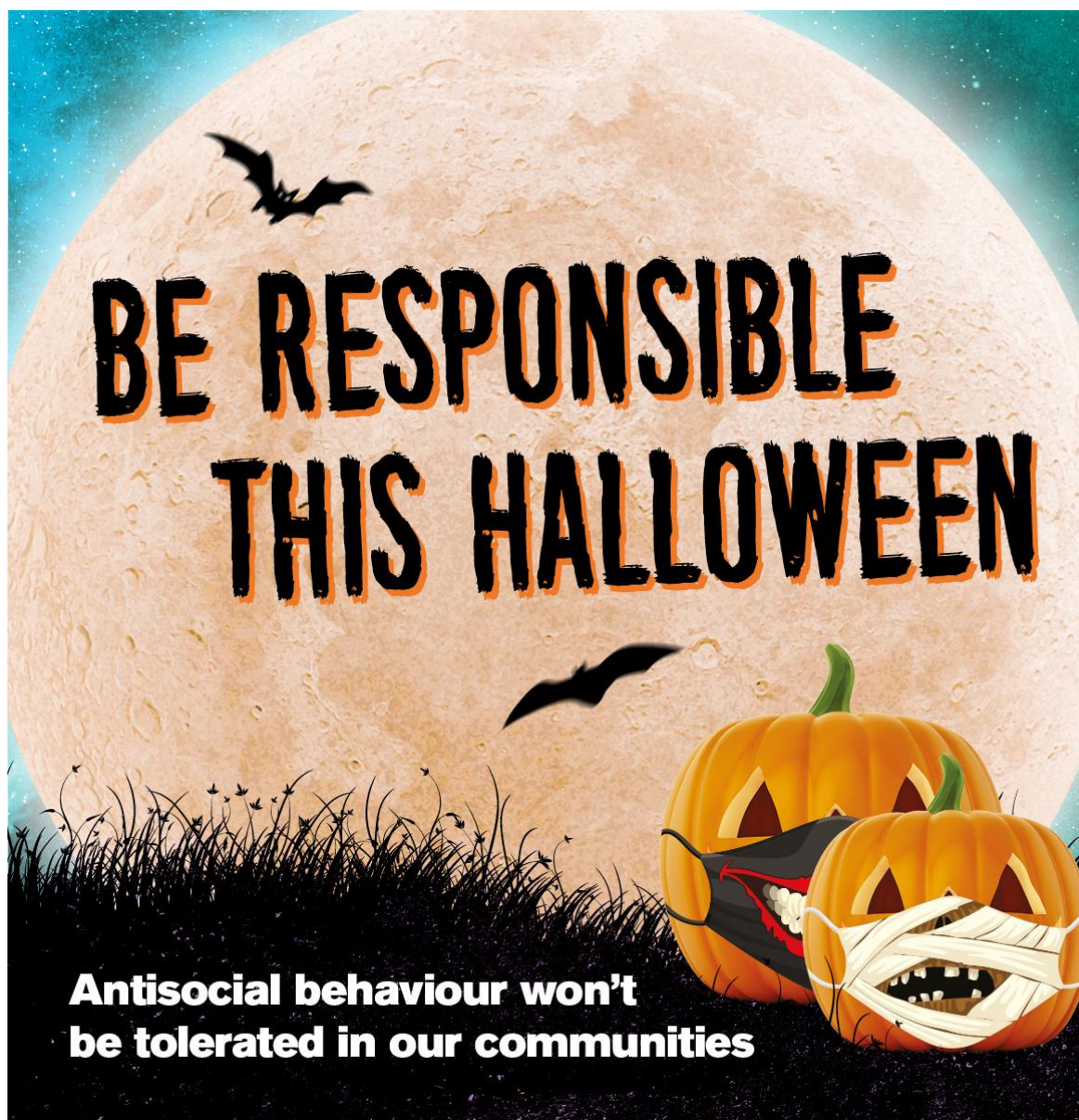
### **Be responsible this Halloween**

Halloween celebrations are likely to be a bit different this year due to the pandemic restrictions.

As concerns continue about rising Covid-19 infection rates across the county and the traditions of trick-or-treating carry a risk, Sussex Police are urging members of the public to enjoy safer ways of celebrating Halloween.

There are many alternatives that mean you can still enjoy Halloween

Read more [here](#)



### **St Leonards stabbing: Police appeal for witnesses**

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was stabbed in Grand Parade, St Leonards, on Monday (26 October) at about 3.15pm.

The incident occurred near the Grand Hotel. The 38-year-old victim was taken to hospital for treatment and is in a stable condition. A 44-year-old man was arrested shortly after the incident on suspicion of grievous bodily harm and remains in custody.

Read more [here](#)



### **£500 reward offered in search for Andrew Anderson**

Police in Sussex have offered a £500 reward in the search for Andrew Anderson, already sentenced in his absence to four years imprisonment for a series of threats and offences against women.

Anderson is also wanted for questioning in relation to further offences allegedly committed whilst evading custody.

Read more [here](#)



**Woman sought over East Sussex mobile phone thefts**

Can you identify this woman?

Police want to interview her about at least two incidents in East Sussex in which mobile phones have been stolen from shop staff.

And officers believe she may also have been involved in similar recent thefts elsewhere in the county and in Kent.

Read more [here](#)



### **Burglary Summary**

Burglaries this week:

Rother: 6

Hastings: 3

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



### **Roads Activity**

At the end of September, our activity on one Friday evening resulted in multiple ticket offence reports for speeding and two vehicles being seized. In addition to this a speed camera caught ten speeding motorists on Coombe Valley Way and St Helens Road in Hastings.

On Wednesday 7 October our PCSOs were placing 'slow down 30mph' signs out around Rother and Bexhill to remind drivers of the 30mph limit. This was shared on the local district social media and was seen 2410 followers.

We're strengthening our links with Community Speedwatch following meetings with the Rother Association of Local Councils by appointing a nominated police point of contact for the Community Speedwatch volunteers to share their data. The data will assist informing targeted police activity in the area. This enables the most at risk locations in Rother to be identified and we're working with partners from East Sussex County Council, Rother District Council and Highways to explore further road safety options. The Rother Neighbourhood

Policing Team (formally known as the Prevention team) inspector is looking to support the Rother Association of Local Councils in obtaining a Black Cat speed tracking device.

On Sunday 11 October in response to complaints of speeding vehicles from residents in the Cooden Drive area, officers went there and issued five speeding tickets.

In one evening on Thursday 8 October 15 vehicles were stopped resulting in the discovery of a raft of offences that included one person arrested for driving over the specified drug limit, tickets were issued for a defective exhaust and no insurance and two warnings were given out for anti-social behaviour whilst driving. These were dealt with under Section 59 and if a second warning is received their vehicles can be seized.



**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:

- We are aware of scammers claiming to be from HMRC offering financial support as a result of coronavirus. If you receive a text, email or call claiming to be from HMRC that asks you to click on a link or give info such as your name, credit card or bank details, it's a scam.



## Watch out for HMRC tax refund scams

- Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details, including requests to send images that prove your identity.
- HMRC will **never** text, email or phone you to ask for bank details, PINs or passwords.

Free: 0300 200 3838  
Subject: REF: 00-ATLX0071R99 - Important: 1074447964/5158 from HMRC(COVID-19) - Stay At Home  
Date: 11 April 2020 at 16:23:28 BST  
To:

You have a new message from HMRC about your Tax Refund

Our annual calculations related your activity determined that you are eligible to receive a tax refund of £69755.80.

In order to complete your Tax Refund, we require one proof of identity and one proof of address.

Please provide a colored copy of your valid ID and proof of address no longer than 3 months (Aster utility bill, bank statement etc). The following ID(s) that we accept are:

- Passport (full details page and barcode has to be visible)
- Utility Bill (Not mobile phones)

\* A photo of yourself holding your Passport in your hand (has to be visible) so we can carry out a full identification, this picture it can also be made with a webcam or a smartphone that will be able to take a good photo. A "selfie" with your Passport would be great.

Please send documentation to : [hmc.TaxRefund.office@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:hmc.TaxRefund.office@hmrc.gov.uk)

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- Criminals will build your trust over a number of weeks or months but are they really who they say they are? Could they be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore requests for your financial or personal details.



### 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](#)

**Twitter:**

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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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