



YOUR Local police Newsletter

Wealden District

Wealden Resident,

We endeavour to ensure that you are fully updated on everything that is happening in your area. However some of you have asked if we can update you more regularly.

Therefore we have decided to run a trial for 2 months sending out a Wealden district newsletter. This newsletter will update you on crimes that have happened in the last 2 weeks, as well as requests for information. We will also be giving crime prevention advice relevant to the time of year or crimes that have occurred recently.

Remember, this is your newsletter. If you want anything more or feel that there is too much information, let us know.

Once we have completed our trial we will send out a very quick questionnaire to gain feedback, before deciding whether to continue.

We hope you find the first newsletter helpful and informative

Your Wealden Neighbourhood Policing Team

CRIMES IN WEALDEN

9th October-19th October 2011

There continues to be a spate of thefts from garages and outbuildings in Wealden. If you see anything suspicious day or night, let us know. You can call us 24/7 either on the non emergency number or 999.

There have been 3 break ins to peoples homes in this period. Whilst this is too many, we need to take into account we have over 63,000 homes in Wealden, making this very low. We will be working to reduce this number even further.

There were 19 reports of criminal damage in this period.

We have seen an increase of theft of scrap metal. There have been thefts recently of drain covers and crash barriers. The increase in this type of crime is due to the high price of scrap metal. If you see anything suspicious please call us.

HELP US IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

44 crash barriers were stolen on the A22 in Forest Row overnight on the 17th October. If you saw anything suspicious when passing by let us know quoting 0898 18/10

Between Thursday 13th October and Friday 14th October, a resident had their catalytic converter stolen from a vehicle in Wadhurst. The offence happened in Sparrows Green. Any information call us quoting 0546 17/10

CRIME PREVENTION

Bogus callers

Doorstep callers come in various forms. The difficulty at the door is knowing whether or not they are genuine.

Always report bogus callers to the police.

Always put the chain on before you open the door, or use a door viewer.

Bogus 'officials' may claim to be from gas/water/electricity board, health authority or other organisations but all 'officials' have a company identity card. Ask to see it and take hold of it to read it. Keep asking questions until you are absolutely sure they are who they say they are. If they are genuine they will have no objections to this. If you are in any doubt call their head office, but close the door first and do not call a number they give to you, look it up in a telephone directory.

Hoax emails

Phishing (pronounced "fishing") is a type of online identity theft. It uses email and fraudulent websites that are designed to steal your personal data or information such as credit card numbers, passwords, account data, or other information.

Con artists might send millions of fraudulent email messages with links to fraudulent websites that appear to come from websites you trust, like your bank or credit card company, and request that you provide personal information. Criminals can use this information for many different types of fraud, such as to steal money from your account, to open new accounts in your name, or to obtain official documents using your identity.

If you think you've received a phishing scam, delete the email message. Do not click any links in the message. Remember your bank will not ask you for your password.

Heating oil

The theft of heating and diesel oil happens on Wealden due to the rural nature of the district and the greater number of users. We often see an increase in this crime when demand increases or fuel prices rise. Now the cold weather is setting in the demand is increasing so if you are using heating oil now's the time to check your security. Please consider fitting an audible alarm, this doesn't have to cost a great deal and may save you the cost of a tank of fuel.

WEALDEN NEWS

Woman assaulted in Crowborough

Police are appealing for witnesses after a woman was assaulted in Crowborough on Friday morning.

The woman was walking near the junction of Windsor Road, Crowborough Hill, at about 11.15am on Friday 14 October when she was approached by a man who blocked her path. He grabbed her shoulder and after she pushed past him he came up behind and touched her inappropriately over her clothing. She managed to push him away and ran off.

The man is described as white, about 61, 5'5" tall of proportionate build with a lined and freckly face, scruffy ginger hair and clean shaven. He was wearing blue jeans, a dark top, green khaki coloured waist length coat and brown "Kicker" style shoes.

PC Chris Cope said: "The woman was shaken by the ordeal but otherwise unhurt. We would urge anyone who recognises this man or was in the area at the time and may have seen the assault to contact us on 0845 60 70 999 or the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Appeal for witnesses to hit and run in Forest Row

Two pedal cyclists were injured when they were in collision with a vehicle which failed to stop.

A 40-year-old man cyclist suffered a slight head injury and a 44-year-old man cyclist suffered back and hand injuries after the collision on the B2110 Hartfield Road at Forest Row on Tuesday 11 October at 8.50pm. They were taken to Pembury Hospital in Kent for treatment.

The cyclists were travelling west when they were in collision with what they describe as a silver Ford travelling in the same direction. The driver did not stop.

Police are appealing for the driver or any witnesses to the incident to contact them on 0845 60 70 999 quoting reference 2011/6395.

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