



Friday, 30th October 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. **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.
4. **Op Hackle** - Criminal Damage to various house windows in Udimore/Rye. It is believed the damage is being caused to enforce existing drug debts.
5. **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.
6. **Op Petrol** – District operation focussing on an emerging trend of garages and sheds being broken into in Hastings and Rother.

Monthly round-up:

Arrests: 31

Offences included: criminal damage, drug driving, burglary, vehicle theft, stalking, assault, and affray.



Burglaries: 25

A barn in Rye was targeted, where 2 quadbikes, a tractor, tack and bridles were stolen. Access was gained by the padlocks being broken off.

A number of commercial properties were also targeted in the Robertsbridge area. Again, entry was gained by damaging the padlocks. We are advising property owners to review their security measures and look out for any suspicious behaviour.



Incident of note

Due to recent proactive work by our Licencing Team, in partnership with Rother District Council, we have been able to identify and take robust action against two licensed premises. This action will have an immediate impact in reducing the amount of anti-social behaviour for our local residents.





Out in the community:

PCSO Daryl Holter walked alongside Lewis Kirkbride yesterday. Lewis completed his 19 day, 300 mile 1066 Battle walk in full 4.5 stone kit from York to Battle for the mental health charity Man Health. Well done to all involved, raising over £20k & raising awareness.



This month, we did another day of action around speeding. We had a visible presence on main roads and hot spots in Hastings and Rother, supported in places by the community Speedwatch. 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.



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, Etchingham, 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 Georgiou, PCSO Orla Lindsay





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