

Worthing NHW Newsletter



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Those of you who are already Neighbourhood Watch members will be familiar with Sussex Alerts. It is a messaging service provided free of charge by Sussex Police and is part of the National Neighbourhood Alert network, which is the largest secure two-way community messaging system in the UK.

Sussex Alerts will typically publicise witness appeals, crime updates and crime prevention advice, but will also provide you with alerts specific to your interests and local area from reliable sources. You will be in control of how often you are contacted and from whom you receive information. If you feel that you are getting too many messages, you can simply change your settings. This you can do by clicking the "change settings" link provided at the bottom of Sussex Alerts

To sign up to the Sussex Alerts system, you are required to complete a registration form online which will help us to target our information to you. Once you have joined, you will get updates from your local police and Neighbourhood Watch and the intention is to include community organisations as well. Updates are sent by email or (in cases of emergency) text message or telephone, and are tailored for you based on where you live and what your interests are. You can also respond to the messages, and all emails are read and actioned as appropriate.

During the registration process and in your 'administration' area you will have the opportunity to review and select additional licensed information providers who will, if authorised by you, be able to see your data and send you messages. Although all the information providers listed may not be actively using the system at this time, you will be notified as they come on board. You can remove any information provider at any time.

Sussex Police publicise bike marking and registration sessions (also free of charge) through this method, and the next of these will take place on Sunday 27th July in South Street, town centre between 13.00 – 14.00 hrs. If you are planning to attend, please bring evidence of ID such as a passport or driving license.

Web Site: <https://worthingnhw.ourwatch.org.uk/>

Sussex Police have made recent announcements on domestic abuse, ninja swords and the Children and Young Peoples' Plan for 2026-29 as follows:

Domestic abuse can affect anyone regardless of ethnicity, age, gender, sexuality or social background, and Sussex Police have recently reinforced that warning.

If you are suffering from physical, sexual, psychological or financial abuse, or are being threatened, intimidated or stalked by a current or previous partner or close family member, it's likely that you're a victim of domestic abuse.

You can report it to the Police or you can contact support organisations who will help you, such as Crimestoppers, on 0800 55511 or via its anonymous online form. Remember that you are never on your own.

If you're a victim of domestic abuse, or have reason to suspect that someone else is, and there's an emergency that's ongoing or life is in danger - call 999 now. You can also report any historic abuse via the Police online services or 101.

Up to 31 July this year, a national surrender and compensation scheme will be in place whereby you can dispose of ninja swords at specific police stations, with no consequence for the possessing of the surrendered article. From 1 August it will be illegal to possess, manufacture, sell or transport these weapons.

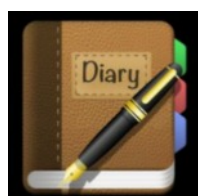
Find out more about the scheme and where you can dispose of them here:

<https://orlo.uk/LSMKG>

Please make sure to wrap your weapon in newspaper, bubble wrap, or cloth, then place it in a sturdy bag or box that's completely sealed.

Lastly, all children and young people in West Sussex deserve to have the best start in life and the support to achieve their potential, and to this end a public consultation is now open for you to have your say on Sussex Police partnership plans to refresh the Children and Young People's Plan for 2026 – 2029. Please encourage family, friends and colleagues to take the survey. Anyone who is unable to complete the survey online can visit their local library for help.

You can find out more and take the survey here: <https://orlo.uk/rv1EU>.



Sunday 27 July (10 am–4 pm) – Waste Prevention Information Stand at Worthing Lions Summer Festival, Worthing Seafront, Marine Parade, Worthing BN11 3QA

Watch out for scam text messages

Scammers are always finding ways to try and get your information, including by sending out scam text messages.

Between April 2020 and April 2025, more than 27,000 scams were removed as a result of suspicious text messages being reported by the general public.

To keep yourself safe from text scams, make sure you don't click on links or share personal information, even if the message appears urgent or official and always check directly with the company using trusted contact details.

You can also report the suspicious text by forwarding it to 7726. It's free and helps your mobile provider block scammers.

Quishing is a form of phishing where scammers use QR codes to trick users into visiting malicious websites or downloading harmful content, often to steal sensitive information like passwords or financial data. It exploits the trust people have in QR codes, making it harder to detect compared to traditional phishing methods. The warning encourages people to stay vigilant and double check QR codes to see if they are malicious, or have been tampered with, before scanning them online or in public spaces.

Quishing happens most frequently in car parks, with criminals using stickers to tamper with QR codes on parking machines. Quishing has also occurred on online shopping platforms, where sellers received a QR code via email either to verify accounts or to receive payment for sold items.

Reports also showed phishing attacks were taking place impersonating HMRC, or other UK government schemes, targeting people with QR codes designed to steal personal and financial details.

Remember that:

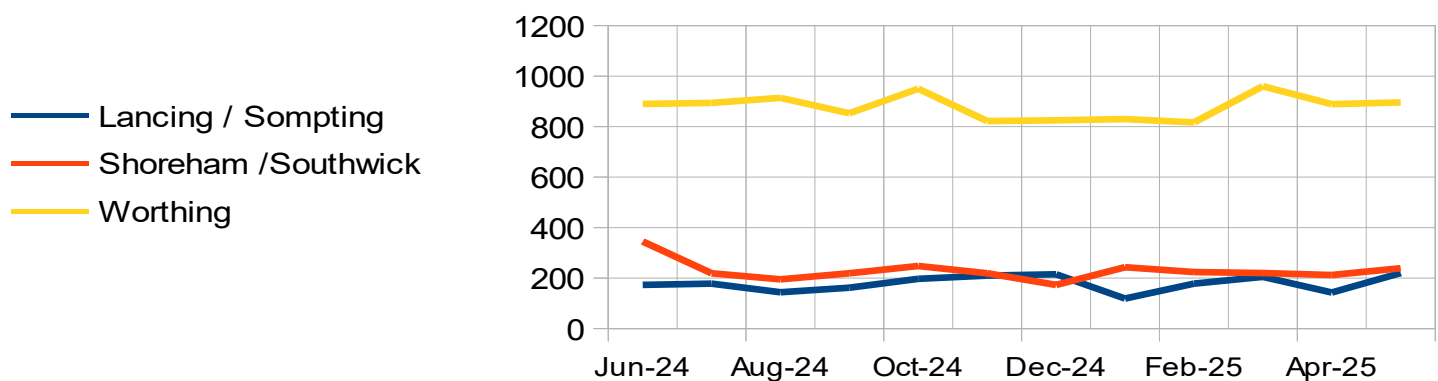
- QR codes used in pubs or restaurants are usually safe to scan.
- Scanning QR codes in open spaces (like stations and car parks) might pose a greater risk. Check for signs that codes may have been tampered with (usually by a sticker placed over the legitimate QR code). If in doubt, do not scan them: use a search engine to find the official website or app for the organisation which you need to pay.
- If you receive an email with a QR code in it, and you're asked to scan it, you should be cautious due to an increase in these types of 'quishing' attacks.
- Use the QR scanner that comes with your phone, rather than using an app downloaded from an app store.

If you receive a suspicious email, report it by forwarding it to phishing@report.gov.uk. Action Fraud provides further advice about quishing on its website at www.actionfraud.police.uk

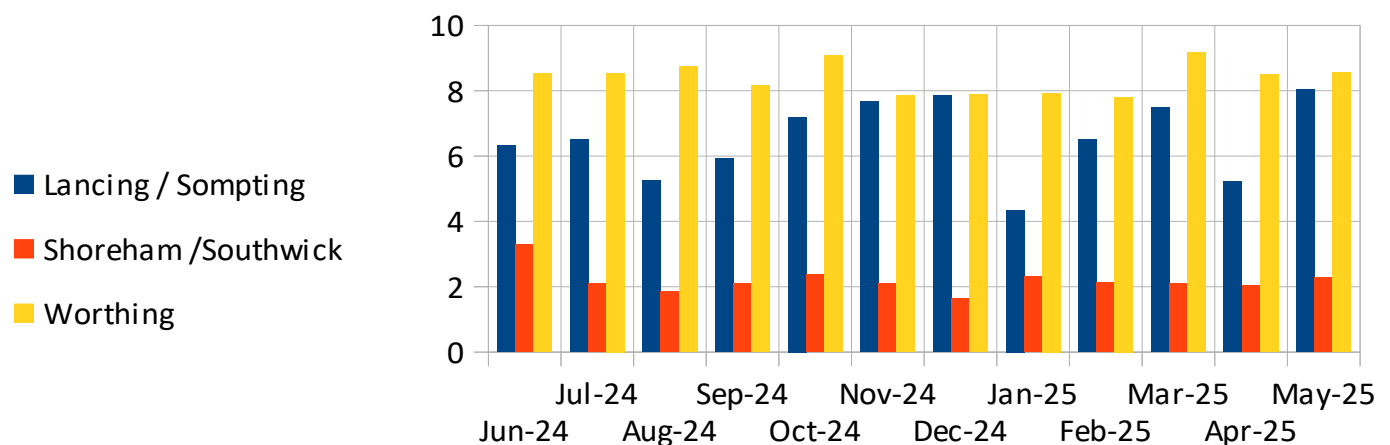
Crime Statistics for May 2025

May 2025	Broadwater	Castle	Central	Durrington	Findon	Gaisford	Goring	Heene	Marine02	Northbrook	Offington	Salvington	Selden	Tarring	Sub Total
					BN Codes										
Antisocial Behaviour	6	10	63	7	3	9	8	11	6	13	4	6	8	2	156
Bike Theft	0	1	7	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	4		19
Burglary	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	20
Criminal Damage	1	2	8	3	0	5	6	4	5	4	1	6	3	2	50
Drugs	2	2	4	0	0	3	1	1	1	9	0	0	0	2	25
Other Crime	1	2	5	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	0		17
Other Theft	1	3	12	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	1	2	5	3	37
Weapons	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		7
Public Order	5	6	25	1	4	3	0	1	0	6	4	4	6	4	69
Robbery	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	14
Theft Shop	7	22	29	4	0	2	5	12	10	0	14	3	5	15	128
Theft Person	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		7
Vehicle Crime	1	0	3	1	0	6	2	2	1	4	1	1	4	1	27
Violence & Sex Offences	15	14	92	19	2	31	18	24	3	26	16	31	21	8	320
Totals	41	68	261	38	10	64	45	64	35	69	45	56	60	40	896

Crimes June 2024 to May 2025



Crimes per 1000 of Population



See the latest Alerts at : [https:// worthingnhw.ourwatch.org.uk/](https://worthingnhw.ourwatch.org.uk/)