

# Adur NHW Newsletter



## Lancing & Sompting Issue

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## Safer Streets

The Government has set out its Safer Streets Mission, which is aimed at reducing violence against women and girls, knife crime and restoring confidence in our police service. Violence against women and girls in particular continues to proliferate, with 1.1 million people experiencing sexual assault in the past 12 months, 2.2 million people experiencing domestic abuse, and 1.5 million people experiencing stalking.

Integral to the Mission will be the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, which will restore community patrols and enable Police and Crime Commissioners to prevent crime effectively. The changes will also ensure that policing has the national capabilities it needs to fight fast-changing, complex crimes which cut across police force boundaries, and to do this the Government will focus on:

- establishing a neighbourhood policing team in every local area, carrying out intelligence-led and visible patrols. The Government will hold forces to account for ensuring neighbourhood policing teams are protected, so they remain focused on serving communities. 13,000 additional police officers, PCSOs and special constables will be placed in neighbourhood policing roles.
- community-led policing with a named, contactable officer for every neighbourhood. Residents and local businesses will be able to influence police priorities for their area.
- clear performance standards and professional excellence. A new Police and Crime Performance Unit will be set in the Home Office, using high-quality data to spot trends, and improve performance standards. This unit will agree a single performance framework for policing (including minimum standards on neighbourhood policing), providing an important source of accountability for communities.
- creating new neighbourhood policing career pathways. New training for officers and standards for professional excellence will ensure neighbourhood policing is developed as a specialist policing capability.
- giving neighbourhood policing teams increased powers to tackle persistent anti-social behaviour. This includes piloting the new Respect Order to enable swift enforcement against prolific offenders, and a dedicated lead officer in every force working with communities to develop a local anti-social behaviour action plan.
- committing neighbourhood policing teams to crack down on shop theft, street theft and assaults against shop workers, thus reducing crime and the fear of crime.

## Fire service issues electric blanket safety warning following fire

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is urging people to close their internal doors and shut fires out following a fire in Chichester. At 8pm on 5 January two crews attended a fire at a block of flats in Baxendale Road.

Upon arrival firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the property and located a fire in a first-floor bedroom.

The fire was started by an electric blanket laid on top of a blow-up bed, causing the materials to overheat and ignite.

Fortunately, the fire and 90% of the smoke damage was contained to the room of origin because the occupier closed their bedroom door after hearing the smoke alarm.



The occupiers then safely evacuated the building, and firefighters were able to swiftly extinguish the fire.

Anton Mezzone, Station Manager at Chichester, said: “The occupiers of this property perfectly followed every bit of safety advice we recommend in the event of a fire: firstly, they had working smoke alarms, they then closed the doors and swiftly left the property. By following this advice, the damage caused by this fire was kept to a minimum.

“We always recommend closing internal doors at night or when leaving the house, as this can prevent the spread of a fire and toxic fumes by up to 20 minutes.

“Not only does this incident highlight the importance of keeping doors closed, but it also raises awareness of keeping heating appliances away from flammable materials. While electric blankets don’t use naked flames, the risk of fire is still present.”



**WOULD YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
TO DO?**

Increase your skills and awareness on the road as a biker, pillion rider and/or general road user by taking part in a free Biker Down course taking place at Shoreham Fire Station 2 Stoney Lane Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6LA on 20 February.

About this event: Currently, nearly a quarter of all individuals killed and seriously injured are riding a motorcycle – a massive overrepresentation when you consider that motorcycles only account for around 5% of vehicles on the road.

Actions taken in the first few moments, following an accident involving a biker, can be crucial in minimising injuries and can make a real difference to the lives of those involved.

Biker Down is a free training workshop run by professionals for bikers and designed to aid them if they were to find themselves in a situation of need. Originally developed by Kent Fire & Rescue Service’s Fire Bike Team, it utilises the expertise of the Emergency Services and HSE qualified First Aid Trainers to prepare motorcyclists, should the worst happen on the roads.

The workshop lasts approximately four hours and is broken down into three modules:

- Module one: Looks at the initial scene management, the protection of those present, and risk assessing the scene.
- Module two: Is delivered by a HSE First Aid Trainer (often by a SECAMB Paramedic) and focuses on assessing the casualty when dealing with trauma, and when and how to safely remove a motorcyclist’s helmet.
- Module three: Focuses on being seen as a motorcyclist. The module is delivered by a member of the SussexSaferRoadsPartnership, who uses their experience in investigating and/or dealing with serious and fatal motorcycle crashes. Equipment and clothing are also discussed.

For more information regarding the Biker Down workshops, please contact FRS Firebike via [FRSFirebike@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:FRSFirebike@westsussex.gov.uk)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/biker-down-tickets-841598362357?aff=oddtcreator>

## Bicycle theft

Bicycle theft continues to be a widespread and growing problem, so the Neighbourhood Watch bike marking team will be readying itself for plenty of new sessions once the weather improves.

Bike marking is free of charge and involves the bike's owner providing the team with details such as its make and colour and registration number, in addition to ID such as a passport or driving licence. Each bike is then marked with two QR code labels and the details recorded on the National Cycle Database; once you have been notified that this has been completed, you can upload a picture of your bike, showing any distinguishing markings.

That may not in itself prevent your bike from being stolen, but it does add an extra layer of security and improves the chances of the bike being recovered – and not necessarily with the aid of the Police. One owner found his stolen bike advertised for sale on Ebay, and got it back once he had proved his ownership credentials.

The sessions are usually two hours long and the team is happy to provide advice on bike security. In order to drive down the number of thefts, good quality locks are essential and Police-approved "Sold Secure" D-locks are recommended.

## Neighbourhood Watch Membership



It's that time of year to check that your membership details are correct & up to date on the Neighbourhood Watch Alert Database.

If you received this Newsletter by email it means that your email address is correct and working OK.

You can log onto Alert to check your other details at one of the following entry points.

<https://members.sussexalerts.co.uk/Login> or  
<https://worthingnhwmembers.ourwatch.org.uk/Login>

If you did not receive the Newsletter by email you need to register at :

<https://worthingnhw.ourwatch.org.uk/Content/Pages/Join-Us>

Our two websites for Adur & Worthing are to be found at :

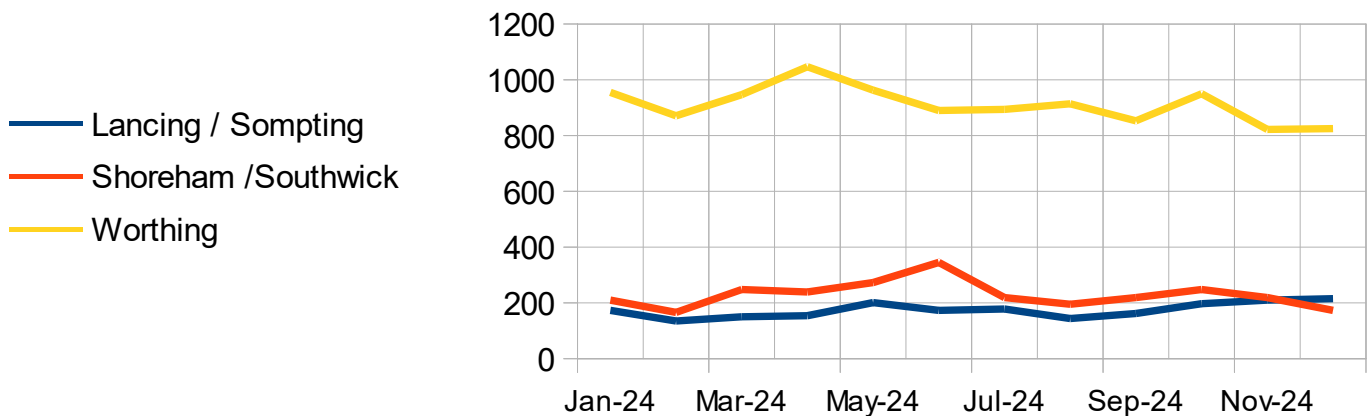
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# Crime Statistics for December 2024

December 2024	Churchill	Cokeham	Manor	Mashbarn	Peverel	Widewater	Sub Total
Antisocial Behaviour	5	2	3	10	0	5	25
Bike Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	0	3	0	1	1	6
Criminal Damage	3	4	1	6	3	1	18
Drugs	1	2	0	0	1	1	5
Other Crime	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
Other Theft	0	2	3	2	0	2	9
Weapons	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Public Order	1	2	0	12	1	5	21
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft Shop	2	0	0	51	7	0	60
Theft Person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Crime	2	0	1	2	0	0	5
Violence & Sex Offences	10	7	8	18	7	10	60
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>215</b>

## Crimes January 2024 to December 2024



## Crimes per 1000 of Population

