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## **Mid Sussex District Monthly Update - January 2014**

How we deliver policing to Mid Sussex District is broken down into three sections;

Crime & Community Safety, Victim Focus and Public Confidence.

To reflect this, my update will be structured alongside key themes supporting each pillar.

### **Welcome to our new team members**

Sgt Will Keating-Jones joins Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team

### **Crime & Community Safety**

Whilst on routine patrols this month, officers tried to stop a vehicle in suspicious circumstances. The vehicle failed to stop for the officers in Hickstead. A short time later, the suspects then fled the vehicle and ran into nearby fields. Officers contained the area for a couple of hours and as a result arrested two suspects. It transpired that the vehicle they had abandoned was stolen from a burglary in Hove. Both suspects were charged with burglary and theft of motor vehicle and remanded for court.

Whilst traffic officers were on patrol, they were alerted to a stolen motor vehicle tracker activation, the signal of which they tracked to an industrial unit near Haywards Heath. The officers located the stolen car and also arrested a man who was present. Enquiries are ongoing.

Emergency services were called to the B2112 near Ditchling at 9.27am to a green Peugeot 106 which had collided with a tree. When officers attended, the two men in the car assaulted the three officers and were arrested. Both men have been charged with assaulting police officers.

Luke Andrews, 25, of Mowel Court, Haywards Heath has been charged with failing to provide a specimen, taking a vehicle without the owner's consent and assaulting a police officer.

Luke Sherbourne, 22, of Brooklands, Lower Bolnore Village, Haywards Heath has been charged with taking a vehicle without the owner's consent and assaulting a police officer and ABH.

They are both due to appear at Crawley Magistrates Court on February 12.

## Public Confidence

### The 'Pavements are for People' campaign



The 'Pavements are for people' is a new initiative in Haywards Heath to raise awareness of the hazard caused by blocked pavements to pedestrians, blind, disabled, older people and those with small children and pushchairs.

Parked cars, delivery vehicles, shop A-boards and overgrown vegetation can all cause hazards for pedestrians, forcing them to walk in the road putting them in potentially serious danger.

The campaign has been launched by Haywards Heath Town Council in conjunction with local charities 4Sight, Kangaroos and Guide Dogs.

Sussex Police are also backing the campaign alongside West Sussex County Council and Mid Sussex District Council.

The 'Pavements are for People' campaign was launched in the Orchards

Shopping Centre on Friday 24th January, partners who attended included Haywards Heath Town Council, Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team, local charity 4Sight and the Guide Dogs Association. All were on hand to answer questions.

Free leaflets can be collected from Haywards Heath Town Council, The Town Hall, 40 Boltro Road. For more information, please contact Haywards Heath Town Council 01444 455694 or email [town.clerk@haywardsheath.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@haywardsheath.gov.uk).

## Victim Focus

### Business watch launched in Haywards Heath



A new scheme has been set up to help support businesses in Haywards Heath.

Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team are working with local businesses and are inviting them to join the new scheme in the town.

Business Watch has been set up to help all businesses, whatever size, in the Haywards Heath district to connect with Sussex Police, to help prevent and detect crime, increase intelligence and reassure the community. The watch is supported by Hayward Heath Town Council, The Town Team, and Haywards Heath District Business Association who encourage businesses to sign up to this scheme.

The scheme is free of charge, and all correspondence is sent by Sussex Police via an emailing system to businesses who sign up. A window sticker and useful information folder are also provided to all businesses who become part of the scheme.

Officers will use the hashtag **#SussexBusinessWatch** to keep members connected and updated on Twitter and Facebook.

Please keep an eye out in your local area and report any suspicious activity immediately to Sussex Police on 101 or 999 if you believe that a crime is in progress.

*Please share this message with your family and friends - thank you.*

Regards

**Chief Inspector Simon Beardwell**

Mid Sussex District Commander

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