

Horsham Neighbourhood Alert.

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News and appeals

New scheme stops more than 500,000 pounds being defrauded from vulnerable people in one month

[News](#)

A national scheme, adopted by Sussex Police just 18 months ago, aimed at preventing elderly and other vulnerable people falling victim to fraud across the county, has prevented £528,083 being stolen in just one month

In October 2018, there were 35 calls to the force from banks and other financial institutions under the [Banking Protocol](#), about potential victims with an average age of 75. In each case police responded and succeeded in ensuring that the person did not hand any money over.

Since June 2017 433 such calls have been received by Sussex Police from banks and £2,478,761 has been saved from being defrauded.

In Sussex this process dovetails with the force's [Operation Signature](#), because following a call from the bank, police attend and always take positive action in crime recording and taking further action to safeguard the victim.

Police advise:-

- Be wary of any calls, texts or emails purporting to be from the police asking for your personal or financial details, or for you to transfer money.
- If you are approached, or feel something is suspicious, hang up the phone and don't reply. Then report it to Action Fraud and your bank on their advertised number.
- Never send or give money to anyone you don't know or trust; check people are who they say they are; don't share your personal information; make decisions in your own time; and if in doubt phone a relative or a friend.

Operation Signature is the Sussex Police campaign to identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud across the county. Fraud is becoming more complex and deceptive, and much of it is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people.

For further information about Operation Signature and ways of preventing fraud, especially against elderly and other vulnerable people, see the Sussex Police website [here](#).

For the full story please click on the link or see our website.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/new-scheme-stops-more-than-500-000-pounds-being-defrauded-from-vulnerable-people-in-one-month/>

Sussex Police welcomes 38 new constables

This latest intake sworn in on Wednesday (December 5) boosts the total number of new constables this year to 208, much of the recruitment made possible by this year's rise in council tax.

To see the full story, please click on the link or see our website.

<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex-police-welcomes-38-new-constables-338646>

Another busy weekend tackling drink and drug-driving across Sussex

It's been another busy weekend for roads policing officers across Sussex targeting drink and drug-drivers in the Christmas crackdown.

Despite publicity around the launch of the campaign and the 26 arrests made over the first weekend, a further 20 drivers were arrested on Saturday and Sunday (December 8-9), bringing the total to 72 in just eight days.

To see the full story please click on the link or see our website.

<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/another-busy-weekend-tackling-drink-and-drug-driving-across-sussex-339850>

Alerts/Press Releases sent out this week click the link to see full details.

Christmas and New Year bulletins.

Due to Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on a Tuesday, the bulletins will be limited and may not be sent out as usual. We will of course send any urgent information that we feel relevant. We would like to thank you for your understanding and hope that you all have a safe and very Merry Christmas.

The next bulletin will be sent out next Friday 21st December

You can keep up to date with Sussex police news stories on our website

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/>

Relocation of Pulborough Police Station.

Whilst Pulborough Police Station is open for appointments only, we would like to advise that this will be closing 17th December and relocating with SECamb a short distance away. A yellow phone will be installed on 18th December at the new policing base which can be used to call our contact centre to report crime. The address of the new site will be Stane Street Nurseries, Stane Street, Codmore Hill, Pulborough RH20 1BQ.

Crime summary

Good news - There are no burglary dwellings or burglary other than dwellings to report this week.

Help us keep Sussex safe

If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please [contact us online](#), email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Your local teams

[Visit our Website](#) to contact your local team, view local news and follow our social media accounts. Simply type your post code in the '**Find a Local Area**' box located in the top right of the web page.

Links and attachments: Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust. We will only send you attachments where we believe it is absolutely necessary.