

Steyning Police Station to temporarily close on the 24 December to enable a refurbishment of the facilities available to both staff and the public.

We recognise the need to keep pace with advances happening elsewhere in society so that we are fit to provide policing services to the public not just in the short-term, but for many years to come. To allow for this, reinvestment into the towns we serve is at the forefront of our Estates strategy. We are keen to ensure agile working solutions enable our staff and officers to work more flexibly, not being tied to one location, but using technology to make the most efficient use of our workspaces to serve our communities in the best way possible.

As a result, we will be refurbishing Steyning Police Station. We aim to invest in the site and make a vastly improved area for both the public, our officers and staff.

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said, "Public contact points, like this one, are a key part of the reassuring footprint of policing for communities across Sussex, but they are also places of work for our police officers and staff."

"The ongoing modernisation programme of the Sussex Police estate is transforming tired buildings like this one into more efficient buildings that are designed and equipped for 21st century policing."

As part of the refurbishment, the front office will be completely renovated, and essential building maintenance will take place. To enable these works to take place, Steyning Police Station will close from **25 December until 6 May 2019**.

While this refurbishment takes place a mobile community engagement van will be available for the public where they can meet Police Community Support Officers for advice and guidance. It will be located in a centralised position on the High Street. Available every **Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 12-2, starting from Friday 4 January**.

Until that date and throughout the refurbishment, the public will also have access to a yellow phone on the existing site, which can be used 24 hours a day to report crime or speak to us about any concerns. This will be available throughout the refurbishment and will not be affected in any way. After refurbishment, Steyning Police Station will have an improved front desk area for the public, have an open plan space that will make the very best use of the building, and will have improved resting areas for the staff who work so hard to keep the community safe.