

Some of the key points in relation to the Steyning 'Unlicensed music event/rave' – Dated 26th to 28th June 2021

- **Police were made aware in early hours of Sunday morning via a local resident of a convoy of cars heading along Bostal Road in Steyning.**
- **There were approximately 3,000 people in attendance at the site of this 'rave' with a significant number of vehicles 100+ blocking the roads leading to the site. People were abandoning their cars on verges and there were also a large number of people on foot. The people who were stopped had come from across the country to attend the location.**
- **Due to the size of the gathering this was hugely resource intensive and required mutual aid from Hampshire, Surrey, Kent and Thames Valley Police to support the Sussex Police Force.**
- **There has been in excess of 80 arrests for offences including drink/drug drive and public order offences and an investigation is now underway and sits with CID at Worthing. This will include looking at any covid legislation breaches.**
- **To date there are still a few vehicles and their occupants in situ (Sleeping it off) but the plan this morning {Monday 28th June} will be to disperse anyone remaining and return the location back to normal.**
- **Police Chief Superintendent Howard Hodges will be doing media interviews today due to the fact this has made local and national press.**
- **The local NPT team will continue to monitor tensions and the Police have a number of street briefings planned, with Councillors, Police, PCSO's and the Wardens in attendance and working collaboratively.**

Direct link to Police press releases concerning the incident as follows:-

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/further-arrests-made-at-unlicensed-music-event-in-steyning-following-identification-of-organisers/>