

Adur NHW Newsletter



Lancing & Sompting Issue

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West Sussex Recycling Centres switch to winter opening hours from October 1st

Recycling Centres across West Sussex will switch to autumn and winter opening hours from from 9am to 4pm, starting Tuesday 1 October 2024 through to Monday 31 March 2025.

Shoreham-by-Sea - Wednesday to Sunday

Worthing - Monday to Wednesday, Friday to Sunday



Money Mules

Around 23% of money mules are under 21 (some as young as 11), and 65% are under 30. They are often groomed in person and online (including on social media and gaming platforms popular with young people) by criminal gangs, who inveigle vulnerable people into committing the offence of money laundering by offering them the prospect of making easy money. Once they are in the system, the gangs will then coerce them into committing further offences, including blackmail, debt bondage and sextortion.

The consequences of a conviction for money laundering include the closure of your bank account; inability to access student loans, to apply for credit and to get a phone contract; and a term of imprisonment of up to 14 years.

Money muling facilitates many kinds of crime and allows fraud to flourish. Fraud is the most common crime in England and Wales, accounting for almost 40% of all offences.

In March this year, the Government announced a 22 point action plan, including a newly funded post at The Children's Society whose holder is spearheading the education of bank employees, teachers and the police. This, in conjunction with the work of the National Economic Crime Centre, is aimed at ensuring that thousands of children and younger adults, who are at risk of being exploited by criminal gangs, get the support they need to prevent them from getting involved.

Vaccinations update

A new vaccine to help protect against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is now available on the NHS. It will be offered to those aged 75 to 79 and women who are over 28 weeks pregnant. RSV is a major cause of respiratory illness, particularly dangerous for infants and the elderly. Find out more about this new vaccine which will help to prevent severe illness in those most vulnerable, helping to protect lives.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv>

The Covid-19 vaccine will be offered this autumn to those at high risk of serious disease and who are most likely to benefit from vaccination. Find out more about eligibility.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/02/whos-eligible-for-the-2024-covid-19-vaccine-or-autumn-booster/>

The flu vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. It's offered on the NHS every year in autumn or early winter to people at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu. For more advice about the flu vaccination, speak to your GP, practice nurse, pharmacist or school immunisation team.

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu-vaccine/>

Criminal Justice Act 1988

The Government's zombie-style knife and machete surrender and compensation scheme, which is part of the amended Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapon) Order 1988, commenced on Monday August 26th and ran until September 23rd. From the following day, it became illegal to possess, sell, manufacture, and transport these dangerous weapons, which testifies to the Government's ongoing commitment to tackle serious violence - given that knife crime has risen by 76 per cent in the UK over the past 10 years, with 247 deaths in the year to June 2023.

The Home Office defines a zombie-style knife as "any bladed weapon over eight inches in length with a plain cutting edge and sharp pointed end that also has either a serrated cutting edge, more than one hole in the blade, or multiple sharp points like spikes."

Since these knives were originally banned in 2016, manufacturers have been evading the law by altering their design, meaning that similar large knives with serrated edges continue to be sold as "hunting" or "fantasy" knives. In addition, the current law means that, although these weapons are illegal to carry in public places, they can still be kept at home, leaving police powerless to seize them even when they believe they could be used in future acts of violence. Under the terms of the new legislation, any knife (including kitchen knives) can be seized from private property by the Police if they are there lawfully and have reasonable grounds to suspect that the bladed article will be used for serious violence or other crime.

See the latest Alerts at : [https:// worthingnhw.ourwatch.org.uk/](https://worthingnhw.ourwatch.org.uk/)



Sussex Neighbourhood Watch Conference 2024

7th September at Haywards Heath College.

Proceedings started with a video presentation followed by a welcome & introduction by John Wright MBE Chair & Derek Pratt MBE Deputy Chair.

A video message from Katy Bourne OBE Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner was viewed.

Presentations then continued with :

- Mervin Dad and Simon Morris - Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner.
- Jason Lemm - Fraud Prevention Working Group - Digital Safety and Fraud - West Sussex County Council.
- Bernadette Lawrie BEM - Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer, Sussex Police.
Latest information on Fraud and cybercrime.
- Peter Wood - Chair, Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch.
Fraud & cybercrime - How to stay safe.

Following a refreshment break proceedings followed with :

- Jo Clarke Deputy CEO Age UK
- Derek Pratt MBE - Deputy Chair Sussex NHW.
The workings of the Neighbourhood Watch Alert System.
- Martin Funnell MBE - Head of Resilience & Emergencies Team, WSCC.
- Chris Scott - Assistant Manager - Resilience & Emergencies Team, WSCC.
Community Resilience.
- Insp. David Derrick, Mid Sussex NPT Inspector.
The realities of Policing today.

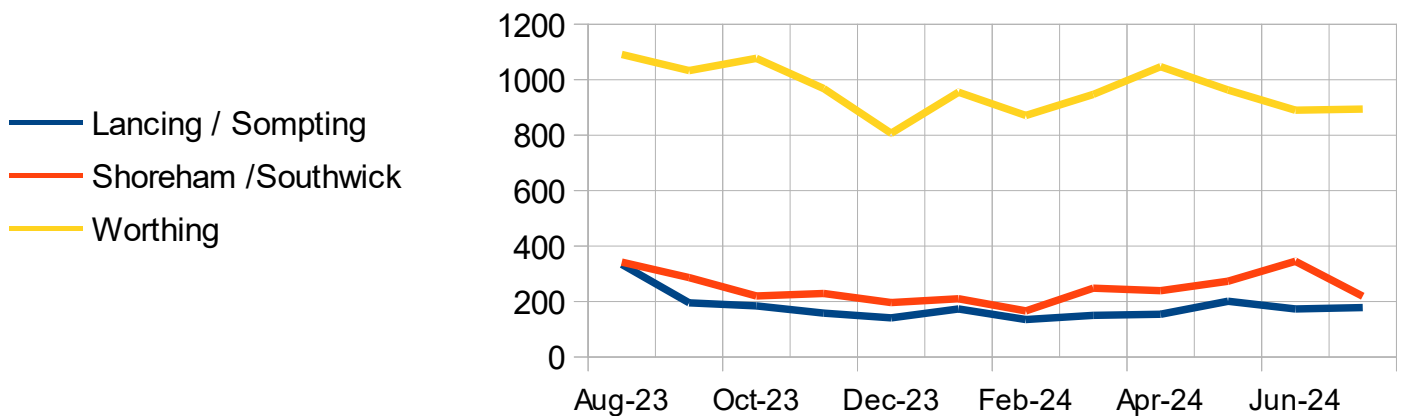
Sussex Neighbourhood awards were then presented followed by a brains trust involving the audience and the speakers plus Daniel Sykes, Cyber Protection Officer, Surrey & Sussex Police.



Crime Statistics for July 2024

July 2024	Churchill	Cokeham	Manor	Mashbarn	Peverel	Widewater	Sub Total
Antisocial Behaviour	11	2	2	4	7	9	35
Bike Theft	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Burglary	2	0	0	1	0	4	7
Criminal Damage	0	2	1	0	6	4	13
Drugs	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
Other Crime	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
Other Theft	3	1	3	1	0	4	12
Weapons	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Public Order	1	0	1	5	1	7	15
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Theft Shop	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Theft Person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Crime	1	1	0	1	3	2	8
Violence & Sex Offences	6	6	11	19	14	20	76
Totals	27	13	20	33	32	53	178

Crimes August 2023 to July 2024



Crimes per 1000 of Population

