

eWatch

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Your monthly newsletter on policing activity in Fiveways and Preston



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Welcome to the **August** update of the Fiveways and Preston Park e-watch newsletter. We aim to keep you abreast of current issues for your area and the latest crime figures and locations. If you know of anyone that would like to be added to the scheme, please get them to pop me an email.

If you wish to discuss local policing issues you can email me directly on the address above.

To report an emergency call

999

To report a non-emergency call

101

Remember, you can also visit us on the internet at www.sussex.police.uk where you can check local crime information and find out about events taking place in your area.

Getting involved in your community

Want to know more about what is happening in the area and the locally identified priorities that we are tackling? Then come along to the next Local Action Team (LAT) meeting.

The idea of the LAT is to address problems of crime and disorder at a very local level and to work with residents and partner agencies to find a sustainable solution.

New members are always needed and you are urged to attend your local meeting. It need not be the case that you have a particular concern and it could just be that you feel you may have something to offer. Why not come along to your next meeting and find out more.

The Fiveways and Preston LAT takes place at St Mathias Church Hall Ditchling Road on the first **Thursday of every month at 1830 hours.**

Good news

Following a spate of parcel thefts in the Prestonville area, we have arrested a male from Stafford Road for the theft of a parcel in Buxton Road and theft of items of post from the immediate area. The male has been charged with three counts of theft and will shortly appear at court.

These arrests were the result of a covert police operation following some excellent information from the local community.

Remember, always report suspicious activity as it could well prevent further crime and lead to the arrest of offenders.

Come and meet me at a street briefing

Wednesday 22 March from 1 to 2pm at the Chalet Café Preston Park. If you have a bicycle then bring it along and I can affix a bike secure label to it. This is free of charge and can help to identify your bike should it be stolen.

Digital TV switchover

This month the digital TV switchover reaches Brighton. Anyone not re-tuning will lose their TV signal. Information from other areas of the country has indicated that unscrupulous persons have used the switchover as a ploy to con vulnerable persons out of money, either through selling products/services that are not required or at an inflated cost, or by using it as a front for gaining access to houses and then committing a distraction burglary.

Please make sure that you, family members and vulnerable neighbours are prepared for the switchover and not at risk of falling victim to rogue traders or distraction burglary.

A help scheme exists for persons aged over 75, registered blind/partially sighted, in receipt of disability living allowance, attendance or constant maintenance allowance, mobility supplement or those living in a care home for six months or more. Further details of this scheme are available on **0800 4085900** or helpscheme.co.uk

Crime Figures	December	January	February
Burglary	1(0OTD*)	4(3OTD*)	3(1OTD*)
Theft of/from a motor vehicle	7	4	3
Criminal Damage	7	14	4
Public Place Violent Crime	1	0	1

* OTD - Other than dwelling i.e. garage, shed

Burglary

03/02 - Lowther Road - attempted burglary.

18/02 - Ditchling Road - foodstuff, alcohol stolen

15/02 - Preston Park Avenue - watch and clothing stolen

Burglary (Other Than Dwelling)

Preston road (office building) - attempted burglary.

Theft of/from a motor vehicle

31/01-03/02 - Southdown Avenue - entry to parked car audio equipment stolen

6-7/02 - Beaconsfield Road - unattended car stolen

27-28/02 - Cleveland Road - audio equipment stolen from unattended car

Criminal Damage

05/02 - Osborne Road - Window broken from thrown snowball

24/02 - Preston Park Avenue - Broken front offside car window

27/02-01/03 - Preston Grange - wing mirror broken, rear wiper broken

29/02-01/03 - Campbell Road - wing mirror broken

Public Place Violent Crime

17/02 - Southdown Avenue - victim approached suffered verbal abuse