

eWatch

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Your monthly newsletter on policing activity in Fiveways and Preston



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Welcome to the **May** 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
0845 6070999

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.

I hope that you find the newsletter useful and look forward to meeting you soon when I'm out and about in Fiveways and Preston Park
Best wishes,
Erica and Steve

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 next meeting of the Fiveways and Preston LAT will take place at St Mathias Church Hall on **Thursday 5th May at 1830hrs.**

Criminal damage

We continue to suffer damage to parked cars in the early hours of Friday/Saturday. Very often multiple vehicles will be damaged in the same road. That it may occur in any area without particular pattern hampers our ability to prevent it by maintaining a presence in that area. If you witness any damage in progress, please report it at the time and be specific with the call taker that you are witnessing a crime in progress. Hopefully a response will then be forthcoming which may catch offenders or deter further offences.

When parking your vehicle, try to get into the habit of folding your wing mirrors in. This may prevent you becoming a victim.

Come and meet us at a street briefing

PCSO Harkness – on 02/06/11 at 13.00hrs hrs - St Mathias Church Hall
and on 05/06/11 at 10.30hrs Blakers Park Café

Stay secure this summer

With the onset of warmer weather, it is worth a reminder as to the need to keep your home secure to prevent burglaries:

- When you go out, lock all doors and windows. Do not leave fanlights open.
- When you leave a room unattended, close windows and doors - especially on the ground floor.
- If you wish to leave windows open whilst you sleep, fit window restrictors to stop people opening them to climb in
- Double check fences and boundaries to keep burglars out
- Secure garden tools and ladders in a locked shed or garage to prevent them being stolen or used to break into your or a neighbour's home
- Do not advertise being on holiday via social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter. This may be particularly relevant to your children. Anecdotal evidence suggests that burglars are using this as a means of targeting empty properties.

Crime Figures	February	March	April
Burglary	4(2OTD)	4(3OTD)	6(3OTD)
Vehicle Crime	7	7	4
Criminal Damage	12	17	16
Total Crime	51	59	48

Burglary Dwelling

7/4/11 - Springfield road - Entry made via Insecure rear door of dwelling search made, disturbed by occupant, exit made nothing stolen.

10/4/ - Campbell road - Attempt made to enter dwelling by front door, attempt failed

29/4/11 - Exeter Street - Entry made via front door stole car key

Burglary OTD

2/4/11 - Springfield road - Rear window to building broken stole key from rear door

19/4/11 - Lucerne Road - Garage entered stole metal

23/4/11 - Florence Road - Play centre approach made via gate at side of property brick thrown to rear window broken glass, no entry gained.

Stolen cars & thefts from unattended cars

11/4/11 - Rugby road - Drill used made hole near lock

19/4/11 - Florence road - Removed number plate and taken

27/4/11 - Osborne Road - Stolen motor vehicle

29/4/11 Southdown road - Broke drivers side wing mirror, stole accessory

Criminal damage

1/4/11 - Balfour road - offside wing mirror broken caused damage

8/4/11 - Stanford road - front nearside wing mirror dented caused damage

9/4/11 - Preston Drove - broken nearside wing mirror, caused damage

11/4/11 - Highcroft Villas - Broke rear passenger window of Ford Mondeo

9/4/11- Beaconsfield Villas - Tree cut down in garden, caused damage

16/4/11 - Ditchling road - Verbal altercation between male and female, kitchen appliance thrown

17/4/11 - Porthall road =- Instrument used to scratch offside panel, caused damage

20/4/11 - Stanford Ave- Body force used, kicked and broke wing mirror

20/4/11 - Preston road - Shop front window broken, small hole in other window

22/4/11 - Ditchling road - Broke nearside wing mirror

25/4/11 - Hamilton road - instrument used, broke building window

20/4/11 - Waldegrave road - orange spray paint, graffiti done

27/4/11 - Southdown road - damage caused to upstairs bedroom window with small hole and crack in glass

29/4/11 - Preston road - Bottle thrown at window and broken

29/4/11 - Southdown road - VW Golf broken drivers side wing mirror

29/4/11 - Edburton Ave - Forced door frame of car