



# Newsletter

Gardenwood, Imberhorne, Baldwins and Charlwoods

Sussex Police

Newsletter  
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Imberhorne and Baldwins Wards

### My Contact Details

For all non-emergency calls dial **0845 60 70 999** - Only in the event of an emergency dial **999**. Please note that all calls are recorded for policing purposes.

The above two numbers should **always** be used to report any new crimes or incidents. However, if you'd like to leave me a message regarding an existing matter or pass on information you can do so either by calling:

0845 60 70 999

and leaving a message on ext. 25604

Or email me at

[John.Chisholm@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:John.Chisholm@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111



### Your local Police Station

East Grinstead, East Court,  
East Grinstead, West Sussex  
RH19 3LX

### Opening Hours

Mon-Fri 10:00 - 20:00,  
Sat 10:00 - 18:00,  
Bank Holidays 10:00 - 18:00

**Closed** Sunday, Christmas  
Day and Boxing Day

## Domestic Abuse - Break the Silence

**If you're a victim of domestic abuse, you're not alone.**

Domestic abuse is happening every day, in every part of the UK. Every minute in the UK the police receive a call from a member of the public requesting assistance with domestic abuse. What's more two women are murdered every week in England and Wales at the hands of their partners or ex-partners.

Domestic abuse is a crime that cuts across all social, cultural and religious

boundaries. It has devastating and far-reaching consequences for victims, their families and the wider community. It can take the form of psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional abuse and can affect anybody - regardless of gender, age, race, sexuality or social background.

**It is not acceptable in any circumstances.**

Sussex Police are committed to protecting the lives of both adult and child victims of domestic abuse. We aim to investigate all reports of domestic abuse effectively, to bring offenders to justice and hold them accountable for their

actions. To this end we've adopted a pro-active multi-agency approach in order to prevent and reduce domestic abuse

If you're experiencing domestic abuse - or are worried about a friend or family member- you can contact your local office for help, advice and support. Our first priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of the victim and any children involved. The victim will be dealt with sympathetically and spoken to separately from the person responsible for the abuse.

Should you require any further information or help on this topic please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Meetings

**Saturday 19th January** at 10:30am at the Newsagents, Heathcote Drive.



### Giving your time for others

Harambee for Kenya

Harambee is Swahili for "all pull together".

The purpose of Harambee for Kenya is to put poor people on their feet again and to rekindle burnt out lives with fresh hope, restoring dignity and respect to their lives.

This is run by a good friend and colleague of mine, PC Dann and if you have a moment you might like to look at the website for more information about all the good work she does in her own time.

[www.harambeeforkenya.org](http://www.harambeeforkenya.org)



## Email

If you would like this newsletter sent to you by email on a regular basis in pdf format then please send your email address to me at:

John.Chisholm@sussex.pnn.police.uk



## Thank you

My thanks go to the Welcome Café, Trinity Methodist Church and The Wild Bean Café for allowing me to use their premises for my meetings.

## 24 hour community alarm monitoring by First Point

### What is First Point?

First Point is Downland Housing Association's 24 hour community alarm monitoring and telephone answering centre providing a caring and efficient response to calls from vulnerable customers within the community.

Sheltered, retirement and supported housing schemes and individual alarm users are connected to the alarm service. In addition various out of hours emergency and telephone answering services, for local authorities, housing associations, maintenance companies and vol-

untary agencies throughout England.

### Our Services:

Our primary function is to answer calls from elderly or vulnerable people who have personal alarms fitted in their own homes. This service is provided in partnership with Mid Sussex District Council. These alarms provide peace of mind for users and their families that help is available in an emergency at the press of a button

### We monitor:

1. panic alarms ( for domestic violence, neighbour nuisance or staff)
2. bogus caller alarms
3. door entry systems
4. safe alarms

5. smoke alarms
6. fire alarms
7. lone workers
8. flood sensors
9. carbon monoxide detectors
10. telemedicine in the future.

If you would like to know more about First Point and the services provided then please contact us on

Tel: 01444 446491

or email:

[firstpoint@downland.org.uk](mailto:firstpoint@downland.org.uk)

or website

[www.downland.org.uk/](http://www.downland.org.uk/)

[first\\_point.htm](http://www.downland.org.uk/first_point.htm)

## www.operationcrackdown.org

We need your help to tackle problems in your part of Sussex by telling us about abandoned vehicles and anti-social driving you've seen, eg speeding, thoughtless driving/riding, under-age drivers/riders, drink or drug driving, tailgating, mobile phone use, vehicles in unsafe condition, untaxed cars and motor-bikes...

If you spot any of the above.

- 1) Pull over safely at the side of the road, or ask a passenger to write down details.

Vehicle make, model, colour and number will all help police enquiries. Use house numbers, shop names, road names to pinpoint the incident's location or a potential abandoned vehicle Write a brief description of what you witnessed, while still fresh in your mind.

Visit the above website or call 01243 64 22 22 to record your information, which will only take a few minutes.

Your information will be analysed and appropriate action taken if necessary by Sussex Police. Those identified can

be tackled in a number of ways - by education, letters and home visits to give them a chance to consider their actions and what future actions they need to take. More serious cases where lives are potentially put at risk, or those who fail to heed initial warnings are likely to face prosecution

## Other Matters

### DVLA.....

You may have read in the local paper that Sussex Police work closely with the DVLA and another recent visit to East Grinstead led to the clamping of a number of vehicles.

If you are aware of any untaxed vehicles you can report these to me or the DVLA on 0800 032 5202

### Cars.....

At this time of year when there is snow and ice about there is always the temptation to start your car in the morning and leave it running whilst you pop back in doors for that cup of tea. DON'T!!

This is just what the car thief will be looking for and your insurance will most probably not cover you!

### Purses, and Handbags...

Please take extra care when you are out shopping and make sure that your valuables are secure. Unfortunately, we are still seeing thefts of purses from handbags and this isn't just from the elderly.

Wherever you go shopping always keep your belongings close to you.



<b>Abandoned Vehicles</b>	Mid Sussex District Council Sussex Police	01444 477409 0845 60 70 999	abandonedvehicles@midsussex.gov.uk www.sussex.police.uk/operations/crackdown.asp
<b>Bonfires</b>	Mid Sussex District Council National Society for Clean Air	01444 477292 01273 878770	enquiries@midsussex.gov.uk www.n sca.org.uk
<b>Bullying</b>	Childline	0800 11 11 0845 1205204	www.childline.co.uk www.kidscape.co.uk
<b>Dog Fouling, stray dogs, dog barking,</b>	Mid Sussex District council	01444 458795 01444 477423	enquiries@midsussex.gov.uk pestcontrol@midsussex.co.uk
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	Sussex Police Crimestoppers Women's Aid / Refuge Crisis	0845 60 70 999 0800 555 111 0808 2000 247	chc@sussex.pnn.police.uk www.crimestoppers-uk.org www.womansaid.org.uk
<b>Neighbour disputes</b>	Mediation Service	01403 258900	www.horshammediation.org.uk
<b>Fly Tipping</b>	Mid Sussex District Council	01444 477487	wastematters@midsussex.gov.uk
<b>Malicious Tel. Calls 0900 Premium Rate Calls</b>	British Telecom ICSTIS	0800 666 7000 0800 661 441 0800 500212	www.bt.com www.icstis.org.uk
<b>Noise</b>	Mid Sussex District Council Health & Safety Executive	01444 477292 0870 1545500	valt@midsussex.gov.uk
<b>Parks &amp; Open Spaces</b>	Mid Sussex District Council	01444 458795	rangers@midsussex.gov.uk
<b>Racial Hate &amp; Crime</b>	Sussex Police Crimestoppers Comm. for Racial Equality	0845 60 70 999 0800 555 111 020 7939 0000	chc@sussex.pnn.police.uk www.crimestoppers-uk.org www.cre.gov.uk
<b>Trading</b>	WSCC Trading Standards	01903 829749	
<b>Untaxed Vehicles</b>	DVLA	0800 032 5202	www.dvla.gov.uk
<b>Parenting</b>	Parentline Plus	0808 800 2222	www.parentlineplus.org.uk
<b>Parenting</b>	Parenting Support in West Sussex	01243 777100	www.westsussex.gov.uk
<b>Lone Parents</b>	Gingerbread	0800 0185026	www.gingerbread.org.uk
<b>General</b>	Citizens Advice Bureau Wallis Centre - Youth Centre	01342 321638 01342 321585	