



Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## Rother Monthly Newsletter

**District priorities** - set by Chief Inspector Sarah Godley, District Commander for both Hastings and Rother and cover both areas.

1. **Op Hillside** - District operation centred around the exploitation of vulnerable young people for the purposes of running/dealing/supplying controlled drugs
2. **Op Wagon** - District operation focussing on the top 6 at-risk youths linked to County Lines between Hastings and London.
3. **Op Sunshine** – District operation targeting continued problems with street drinkers etc causing major issues to local businesses in the town centre
4. **Op Dreon** – District operation centred around cross-border crime (namely Rother and Kent).
5. **County Lines** - There are known County Lines operating across both Hastings and Rother. This is not leading to an increase of violence at this stage, but the overt nature of the drug dealing is having an impact on the town visually and on the perceived threat by members of the public seeing it.
6. **White Powder** - There is a large organised crime group operating in Hastings. Feuding within the group has led to an increase in serious violence. The entity involved is Cannabis and Cocaine.

### Monthly round-up:

#### Arrests: 65

Offences included: actual bodily harm, criminal damage, threats to kill, theft from a shop, wounding with intent, drink driving, burglary, and stalking.

#### Burglaries: 30

This month saw a sharp increase in break-ins to residential garages in Bexhill and outbuilding in rural Rother. Quadbikes, motorcycles, bicycles and power tools appeared to be targeted. Extra patrols have been tasked to deter thieves and reassure communities.

#### Incidents of note

Cameron Skilton, 22, a labourer of London Road, Bexhill was convicted of five offences including robbery, assault and theft has been jailed for eight years.

Our officers made 2 arrests and seized two weapons in Bexhill on a day of action in Rother aimed at tackling knife-related crime and anti-social behaviour in the district.





### Out in the community:

With the hot weather we experienced this month, there were continued concerns regarding unauthorised events and congestion in the Camber area. Working with Rother District Council, plans were made to combat these issues. Additional officers were directed to the area, with regular social media messaging advising people to avoid the area and informing them of full carparks.



PCSO Holden & PCSO Harrison patrolling for unauthorised events in Camber Sands.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, our PCSOs met up with the friends of Combe Valley, wardens, Herr Majesty's Sheriff, Chief Inspector Biglands, Bexhill Mayor Lynn Langlands and Councillor Brewerton to discuss the beautiful Combe Valley and the anti-social behaviour it has been receiving on a social distanced walk.



### Your PCSOs:

- **Bexhill, Crowhurst & Battle Town:** PCSO Roy Collins, PCSO Sarah Hunt, PCSO Sam Kemp, PCSO Darren Owen, PCSO Neil Holden, PCSO Rachael Scott
- **Darwell, Ticehurst, Etchingam, Salehurst, Ewhurst, Sedlescombe & Rother Levels:** PCSO Daryl Holter, PCSO Laura Harrison, PCSO Emma Phillips, PCSO Matt Neve
- **Brede Valley, Marsham, Eastern Rother & Rye:** PCSO Becky Unicombe, PCSO Joe Winchester, PCSO Demi Georghiou, PCSO Orla Lindsay





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