

# Community Safety

## *Report to Etchingham Parish Council, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022*

### Updates of incidents in the area in recent weeks supplied by PCSO Emma Phillips.

Reports relating to the area for the month of January, one incident relating to Etchingham, two more are marked as Etchingham, but are both actually Burwash.

A few in neighbouring villages, and some more fairly local incidents.

LOCATION	TIME FRAME	POLICE REFERENCE	OCCURRENCE
<b>Hurst Green</b> Colemans Way	00:05 – 09:00 03/01	SXP-20220103-0565	A car has been damaged.
<b>Ticehurst</b> High Street	18:35 02/01	SXP-20220103-1058	Damage has been caused to several items in the recreation ground.
<b>Hurst Green</b> Coronation Gardens	19:00 02/01 – 04:30 04/01	SXP-20220104-0743	A car has been damaged.
<b>Ewhurst Green</b>	00:00 31/12 – 00:00 01/01	SXP-20220104-0756	A light has been damaged near the pavilion.
<b>Battle</b> Woodhams Close	23:40, 05/01	SXP-20220105-1284	Report of anti social behaviour
<b>Etchingham</b> Morris Close	23:00 05/01 – 06:00 06/01	SXP-20220106-0451	A vehicle has been broken.
<b>Ticehurst</b> Horsegrove Avenue	17:00 05/01 – 14:30 06/01	SXP-20220106-1163	2 Sheds have been broken into.
<b>Etchingham</b> Heathfield Road	12:15 – 12:40, 05/01	SXP-20220107-0348	A derelict building has been broken into.
<b>Ticehurst</b> B2099	06:00 06/01 – 09:00 07/01	SXP-20220107-1104	2 decorative lights have been damaged.
<b>Battle</b> North Trade Road	16:00 10/01 – 09:00 11/01	SXP-20220112-0713	Damage has been caused to the shelter in the recreation ground.

<b>Battle</b> Chain Lane	21:00 12/01 – 06:00 13/01	SXP-20220115-0285	A storage container has been broken into and items have been stolen.
<b>Robertsbridge</b> High Street	No time provided.	SXP-20220116-0341	Damage has been caused to a property.
<b>Etchingham</b> Sheepstreet Lane	14:18 18/01	SXP-20220118-0671	A burglary has been reported.
<b>Ticehurst</b> Pickeford Lane	10:00 – 17:00 18/01	SXP-20220118-1027	A vehicle has been stolen.
<b>Crowhurst</b> Forewood Lane	Over a three week period	SXP-20220120-0317	Property has been stolen from a shed.
<b>Hurst Green</b> London Road	00:00 – 10:00 23/01	SXP-20220123-0923	Several sheds within the allotments has been broken into.
<b>Mountfield</b> Mountfield Lane	16:30 22/01 – 13:15 24/014	SXP-20220125-0154	2 storerooms have been broken into and items have been stolen.
<b>Catsfield</b> Church Lane	00:58 25/01	SXP-20220125-0218	A vehicle has been stolen.
<b>Staplecross</b> Bodiam Road	26/01 – 28/01	SXP-20220128-0832	There has been an attempt break to a vehicle.

**Other items to take note of;**

***Cars & vans;***

As can be seen from the monthly reports, there continues to be reports of thefts of and from vehicles, and damage to vehicles, As always, the advice is make sure vehicles are secure and where possible have good motion activated lights to illuminate the area where the vehicle is parked, thieves do not like to be seen while carrying out their activities, CCTV is also a good tool in helping to identify potential thieves.

### *Sheds & outbuildings;*

As can be seen from the list above, there have been a number of break ins to sheds and outbuildings with tools and equipment being stolen, make sure these buildings are secure and as difficult as possible to get into, alarmed if possible, and again, motion activated lighting can be a very good deterrent.

### *Hurst Green Allotments;*

In the reports above you can see that a number of the sheds on the Hurst Green Allotments were broken into, luckily nothing was stolen, but some items were lying outside the sheds, so we think they were getting things ready to pick up and were frightened off when we arrived. None of the plot holders will be on the site after dark, so if you are driving past and see activity on the site please call the Police straight away because it will almost certainly be criminal activity.

### Church;

One item that has occurred after the above list was compiled involves Etchingham Church, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February when I went to lock the church I noticed that all the floodlights had been bent downwards so they were flat on the ground, and the drainpipe near the porch was damaged. This might have been vandalism, but could also have been someone try to climb the drainpipe to access the low roof without being seen. If any suspicious activity is seen around the church phone the Police straight away and contact a Churchwarden.

Make sure and report all incidents and break in attempts as soon as possible, even if nothing is stolen, report to **101** or email [101@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@sussex.pnn.police.uk) , **BUT** if you are sure a criminal act is in progress **999**.

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