

Community Safety

Report to Etchingam Parish Council, 20th October 2022

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

Reports relating to the area for the month of September, not too many reports last month, nothing relating to Etchingam.

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

LOCATION	TIME FRAME	POLICE REFERENCE	OCCURRENCE
Battle Coronation Gardens	13:00 29/07 – 17:00 30/07	SXP-20220902-0272	Report of graffiti damage.
Whatlington	21:00 02/09 – 07:00 03/09	SXP-20220903-0323	A property has been broken into and a quad bike has been stolen.
Burwash Common Heathfield Road	28/07 – 01/08	SXP-20220907-0431	Roof tiles have been stolen from a building site
Battle High Street	07:00 -09:00 27/07	SXP-20220911-0496	A street bollard has been damaged.
Ninfield Bexhill Road	00:00 – 18:30 08/08	SXP-20220912-0684	Plants have been damaged and stolen.
Hurst Green Merriments Lane	18:15 12/09 – 08:30 13/09	SXP-20220913-0293	A business premises has been broken into.
Sedlescombe The Street	01:30 14/09	SXP-20220914-0067	A vehicle has been tampered with and parts stolen.
Ninfield Lower Street	16:55 16/08 – 06:20 17/08	SXP-20220920-1078	A property has been entered and machinery has been stolen.
Battle Mount Street	19:25 20/09	SXP-20220920-1178	The toilets in the car park have been set fire to.
Crowhurst Craig Close	22:00 25/09	SXP-20220925-1260	A window to a residential property has been smashed.
Catsfield Crowhurst Road	23:30 – 23:00 25/09	SXP-20220926-0387	Windows to a residential property have been smashed.
Battle Recreation ground	16:00 22/08 – 13:00 23/08	SXP-20220926-1187	Damage has been caused to the goal posts.

Ticehurst Steelands Rise	20:30 30/08 – 07:00 31/08	SXP-20220927-0221	Locks on a door have been glued.
Ticehurst Pashley Road	08:00 26/09 15:00 27/09	SXP-20220927-1048	Machinery has been stolen from a farm including a quad bike and child's motorised bike.
Burwash St Bartholomew's Church	19:00 27/08 – 08:30 28/08	SXP-20220929-0752 + SXP-20220929-0762	3 windows have been smashed.

Other items to take note of;

Number Plate thefts; You will notice in the above there have been a few thefts of number plates from vehicle, with the high cost of petrol they are often used in “Drive Off” thefts at petrol stations. If your plates get stolen make sure you report it to the Police because they are likely going to be used in some sort of criminal activity, if they get used on a vehicle that is the same make and model it will help avoid problems if Police come knocking on your door later.

Dark Evenings; As we move into winter with long dark evenings there is an increased risk of burglaries, especially if it is obvious that no-one is at home, consider putting some light on a timer to come on when it gets dark to help make the house look occupied. Motion activated lights around the outside of the house are a good idea burglars don't like being illuminated.

Breaks to vehicles and outbuildings; As always vehicles, sheds and out buildings are prone to break ins, make sure your vehicles and buildings are secure, and do not leave valuable items in vehicles overnight.

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

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