

Community Safety

Report to Etchingham Parish Council, 16th February 2023

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

Reports relating to the area for the month of January, nothing marked as Etchingham, but a few in neighbouring villages, and some more fairly local incidents. Catalytic converters continue to be a target.

LOCATION	TIME FRAME	POLICE REFERENCE	OCCURRENCE
Hurst Green Silver Hill	18:00 01/01 – 10:00 02/01	SXP-20230102-0340	Diesel has been stolen from farm machinery.
Battle Shirley View	21:30 03/01 12:00 04/01	SXP-20230104-0634	A vehicle has been broken into and items have been stolen from within.
Salehurst Beech House Lane	17:00 – 19:40 06/01	SXP-20230106-1229	A vehicle has been stolen.
Ticehurst Lower Platts	23:00 06/01 – 06:00 07/01	SXP-20230108-0101	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Ticehurst High Street	26/12 – 29/12	SXP-20230110-0962	Iron gates have been stolen from the church.
Battle North Trade Road	16:53 – 17:03 1901	SXP-20230120-0298	Scrap metal has been stolen from a property
Ticehurst High Street	21:00 20/01 – 22:00 21/01	SXP-20230121-1335	A roof tent has been stolen from a vehicle.
Battle North Trade Road	Approx. 27/12 2022	SXP-20230123-030	Playground equipment has been damaged in the recreation ground.
Battle North Trade Road	00:00 – 14:00 23/01	SXP-20230124-0630	Graffiti has been sprayed on the playground equipment in the recreation ground.
Battle Abbey Way	17:00 21/01 – 15:20 24/01	SXP-20230124-0843	Number plates have been stolen from a vehicle.
Battle North Trade Road	22/01 - 23/01	SXP-20230124-0900	Attempt break to the Pavilion in the recreation ground.

Battle London Road	17:00 24/01 – 10:00 25/01	SXP-20230125-0846	A window has been smashed to a new build property.
Ewhurst Green Dagg Lane	17:00 25/01 – 11:30 26/01	SXP-20230126-0494	A workshop has been broken into and a vehicle has been stolen.
Staplecross Stockwood Meadow	17:00 27/01 – 10:00 28/01	SXP-20230130-0522	Eggs have been thrown at a vehicle.

Other items to take note of;

Cars & vans;

There have been a few incidents 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.

Catalytic converters;

Thefts of catalytic converters in Kent and Sussex continues to be a problem, there are recent reports of thefts of catalytic converters in neighbouring areas Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Hawkhurst and Cranbrook to name just a few.

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.

Make sure and report all incidents and break in attempts as soon as possible, even if nothing is stolen, report to **101**, **BUT** if you are sure a criminal act is in progress **999**.

Cllr. Colin Boylett, portfolio holder for community safety.