

Community Safety

Report to Etchingham Parish Council, 19th January 2023

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

Reports relating to the area for the month of December, one marked as Etchingham, but that one is Burwash, but a few in neighbouring villages, and some more fairly local incidents. Catalytic converters feature heavily in this list.

LOCATION	TIME FRAME	POLICE REFERENCE	OCCURRENCE
Ninfield Bexhill Road	13:00 03/12 – 10:00 05/12	SXP-20221205-0276	A work site has been broken into.
Crowhurst Sandrick Hill	28/11 – 20/11	SXP-20221205-0517	Criminal damage has been caused near the pavilion.
Catsfield Skinners Lane	Unknown period of time	SXP-20221205-0529	Bags of coal have been stolen over a period of time.
Robertsbridge	12:53 05/12	SXP-20221205-1297	Items have been stolen from a skip.
Battle Coronation Gardens	18:00 06/07 – 05:30 07/12	SXP-20221207-0127	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Cripps Corner	09:00 02/12 – 18:00 06/12	SXP-20221207-0657	A yard has been broken into and vehicles have been tampered with.
Sedlescombe Orchard Way	19:00 07/12	SXP-20221207-1191	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Burwash High Street	12:00 07/12 10:00 08/12	SXP-20221209-0195	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Etchingham Morris Close	23:00 06/12 – 06:00 07/12	SXP-20221209-0517	Fish pond equipment has been damaged and fish have been stolen.
Battle Marley Lane	17:00 06/12 – 07:00 08/12	SXP-20221210-1272	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Sedlescombe Bluemans Lane	21:00 13/12 – 08:00 14/12	SXP-20221214-0265	A barn has been broken into

Battle Beech Farm Lane	16:00 12/12 – 09:00 13/12	SXP-20221215-0631	Damage has been caused to a field.
Battle Lower Lake	12:15 – 12:35 16/12	SXP-20221216-0549	Bronze pots have been stolen from a garden.
Sedlescombe East View Terrace	20:30 21/12	SXP-20221221-1058	A residential window has been smashed.
Burwash Heathfield Road	15:00 22/12 15:00 23/12	SXP-20221223-0842	A shed has been broken into.
Ninfield Lower Street	17:00 22/12 07:45 23/12	SXP-20221223-1227	A car has been vandalised.
Battle Lower Lake	10:00 – 14:00 29/12	SXP-20221229-0743	A pot has been stolen from a garden.
Robertsbridge High Street	01:00 29/12	SXP-20221231-0017	A van has been broken into and tools have been stolen from within.

Other items to take note of;

Cars & vans;

As can be seen from the monthly reports, 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;

As can be seen from the list above there have been a lot of thefts of catalytic converters, we are also aware of a lot 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.