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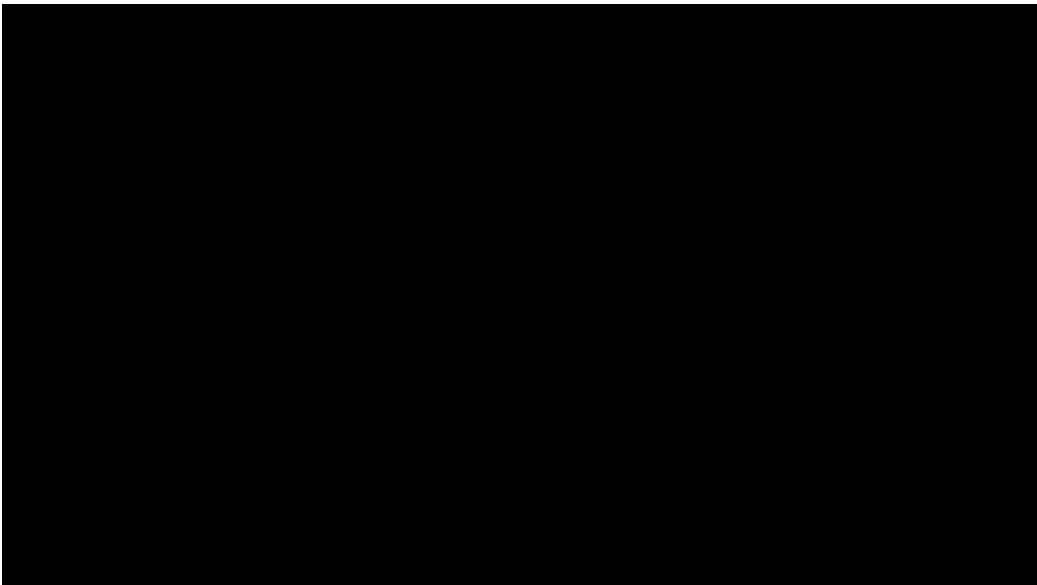
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2nd July 2016

Please find time to watch the three minute Sussex Police video "**Fraud and Scams – Know the Warning Signs**", which has been produced to support Scams Awareness month.



2nd July 2016

All 200 amazing artworks for the Chestnut Tree House Big Heart Auction are now live on the online auction site [eBay](#) for Charity. Bidding closes at 9pm Sunday 10th July. You can register for eBay [here](#).



To make sure you're in with a chance to win your favourite artwork:

- View all the artwork [here](#).
- Click on the artwork you like
- Click on the 'Bid on this artwork' button on the artwork page.
- Put in your maximum bid or keep an eye on it and keeping bidding if you are out bid.

You can also see all 200 artworks by visiting [Brighton Dome](#) until Tuesday 5th July. The exhibition is open 10am - 5pm and entry is free.

Good luck and thank you for supporting Chestnut Tree House!

News feed from...



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2nd July 2016

News and appeals



Arrest warrant issued for Eastbourne man charged with rape

Police are trying to trace an Eastbourne man who failed to attend Lewes Crown Court to face trial on a charge of rape and another of sexual assault.

[More information >](#)

Eastbourne hosts 999 Weekend at the Western Lawns

In an emergency, who you gonna call? And no, the answer isn't Ghostbusters - it's the people who will be demonstrating their skills at a 999 special event in Eastbourne on Saturday and Sunday, 2 and 3 July.

[More information > >](#)

PCSOs equipped with enhanced powers and skills, are starting their new role on Monday, 4 July.

With new skills and powers to deal with a wide range of local problems, they can act to resolve issues such as alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour from their very first day in the new role. They will be an integral part of larger teams solving local problems, carrying out basic investigations, working alongside partners and directly with witnesses and victims to respond to community issues. Making use of mobile technology, PCSOs will access information whilst out in the community.

The flexible nature of their new role means they can work when and where they are needed, logging on remotely, as well as working from police and shared premises. To find out more about the new role from ACC Laurence Taylor [click here](#).

Operation Blitz

Operation Blitz will be running 6pm until Midnight on Saturday, please call 07785 372050 to report Anti-Social Behaviour.

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30th June 2016



There has recently been an increase in thefts from vehicles parked in various areas of Eastbourne. The vehicles targeted have either been left insecure or had personal items left on display.

Don't become a victim of crime.

When leaving your vehicle parked or unattended please remember to carry out the 3 Cs.

- CLEAR valuables and personal belongings from vehicle ensuring nothing is in view that would encourage someone to break in and steal it
- CLICK your remote locking key fob to lock and secure the vehicle
- CHECK that you have followed these steps to make sure it is secure.

Following these simple guidelines will help you avoid becoming a target of vehicle crime.



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29th June 2016

The annual Emergency 999 event will be held over the weekend of 2nd/3rd July on the western lawns.



There will be a large number of static, arena, and water-borne events, including the Eastbourne Lifeboat.

[Click here for full timetable.](#)

29th June 2016

The Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro begin on 6th August 2016 and as of late June, you will be able to purchase tickets from the Rio 2016 ticket offices. Purchasing from an unauthorised seller or a ticket tout could leave you out of pocket; not only are the tickets advertised at inflated prices, but there is also a risk that the tickets purchased are counterfeit or do not exist. Any individual with a counterfeit ticket will be refused entry.



To help protect yourself, the list of authorised sellers has been published on the official website and provides a list of trusted resellers; this can be found at www.rio2016.com. Equally, tickets purchased that are no longer needed can be sold through the Rio 2016 website for a 100% reimbursement of the amount paid if the tickets are resold.

Protect yourself

- When purchasing from another company or individual, ask questions; specifically when you will receive the ticket and what type of ticket you are purchasing.
- Pay for tickets by using a credit card or trusted payment service. Payments made by bank transfer may not be recoverable.
- Always check that the payment screen is secure by looking for the padlock symbol or making sure the website/url begins with "https".
- If you have been affected by this, or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

28th June 2016

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has noticed an increase in reports of fraudsters placing fake letter boxes on residential properties in an attempt to harvest the mail. Residents are sometimes unaware of the fake letterbox as the fraudsters will periodically remove the item, which may leave notable markings. The mail is then used to open various lines of credit with financial providers in the name of the innocent resident.



Protect Yourself

- Be vigilant and check for any suspicious activity, tampering of your post/letterbox or for suspicious glue markings on the wall.
- Check all post received from financial institutions, even if it appears unsolicited.
- Consider reporting theft of mail to your local police force and any cases of identity fraud to Action Fraud.
- If you have been a victim of identity fraud consider Cifas Protection Registration (https://www.cifas.org.uk/protective_registration_form)

If you, or anyone you know, has been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

28th June 2016

Neighbourhood Alert has recently invested in a new support desk system and expanded the support staff so if you have any questions regarding this email, the survey or any part of the Alert system, please email support@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk and we will be sure to respond quickly.



[You might also like to complete the Neighbourhood Alert Survey.](#)

26th June 2016

Eastbourne is a fine Victorian Town built mainly on the level. Gentle slopes and ramps are used to overcome steps and stairs making Eastbourne more accessible although some barriers do remain due to architectural limitations.



The Eastbourne Access Group has produced a guide which will make the town more accessible to residents and visitors alike.

[Click here to view the guide](#)

26th June 2016

Online shopping websites are being utilised by fraudsters to advertise vehicles for sale which do not exist. After agreeing to purchase the vehicle via email with the fraudsters, buyers then receive emails purporting to be from Amazon Payments and/or Amazon Flexible Payment Service stating that their money will be held in an 'escrow account' (a bank account held by a third party, used as a temporary holding account during a transaction between two parties- for a 7 day 'cooling off' period).



Once happy with the purchase the email indicates the money will be released to the seller, therefore offering 'buyer protection'. In reality these emails are fraudulent and do not come from Amazon. The bank accounts are controlled by fraudsters

Protect yourself

- Remember that Amazon does not provide an escrow account to purchase items.
- Meet the seller 'face to face' and view the vehicle before parting with any cash.
- Be vigilant of emails that purport to be from genuine companies and check the 'domain' name of the email address for any inconsistencies.
- Check feedback online by searching the associated phone numbers or email addresses of the seller.
- If the vehicle is below market value consider whether this is an opportunity too good to be true!

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [the Action Fraud website](#).

26th June 2016

News and appeals

Police advice for householders as burglars target insecure homes in Eastbourne



Burglars have recently been taking advantage of windows being left open in

warm weather to target homes in the Langney area of Eastbourne.

[More information > >](#)

Detectives investigate after man is robbed of an expensive bag in Eastbourne

Can you help identify a trio of thieves who forced a man to hand over valuables after accosting him in the early hours of the morning?

[More information > >](#)

Arrest warrant issued for Eastbourne man charged with rape

A man due to appear at Crown Court to stand trial for rape and sexual assault failed to turn up and is now wanted on a warrant for his arrest.

[More information > >](#)

Operation Blitz

Operation Blitz will be running 6pm until Midnight Friday and Saturday, please call 07785 372050 to report Anti-Social Behaviour.

Don't miss out on experiencing this year's 999 Weekend in Eastbourne

People are being urged to circle Saturday and Sunday, 2 and 3 July in their diaries for an emergency services special event in Eastbourne.

The popular 999 Weekend is again taking place at the Western Lawns on Eastbourne seafront, giving adults and children alike a chance to meet those who safeguard their lives and provide help when trouble strikes.

The event is being supported by Sussex Police, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, the South East Coast Ambulance Service, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, British Transport Police, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and voluntary support groups.

Blue light services will provide spectacular demonstrations of the work they do and be on hand to give free advice about safety both in and out of the home.

Full details are available on social media including Eastbourne Police Facebook page and Twitter accounts @eastbournepol and @Eastbourne999.

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26th June 2016

Open Day at The Eastbourne Shed

A place to share skills and good company.
Registered Charity No. 1101578

Saturday, July 2nd
from 10 until 2



Fort Lane, off Myrtle Rd, Eastbourne. BN22 7SP

The Eastbourne Shed Project provides a place where people over 50 can experience the joy and fun of pottering about in a shed, but doing it with like minded people, supplying good company.

If you want to know more about this project come along and have a go at woodworking, carving, wood turning, model making, refurbishing old tools and machines or just come along for tea, biscuits and good company.

For more information:

Contact: Age Concern Eastbourne

Tel: 01323 638474

Or E-mail: oscar.plumley@ageconcerneastbourne.co.uk

21st June 2016

Turn up and play

KICKS

FREE Summer holiday football tournaments

Eastbourne Sports Park

(3G) Monday 25 July, 12.30-3.30pm.
Cross Levels Way, BN21 2UF.
[Ages 11+]

Preston Park

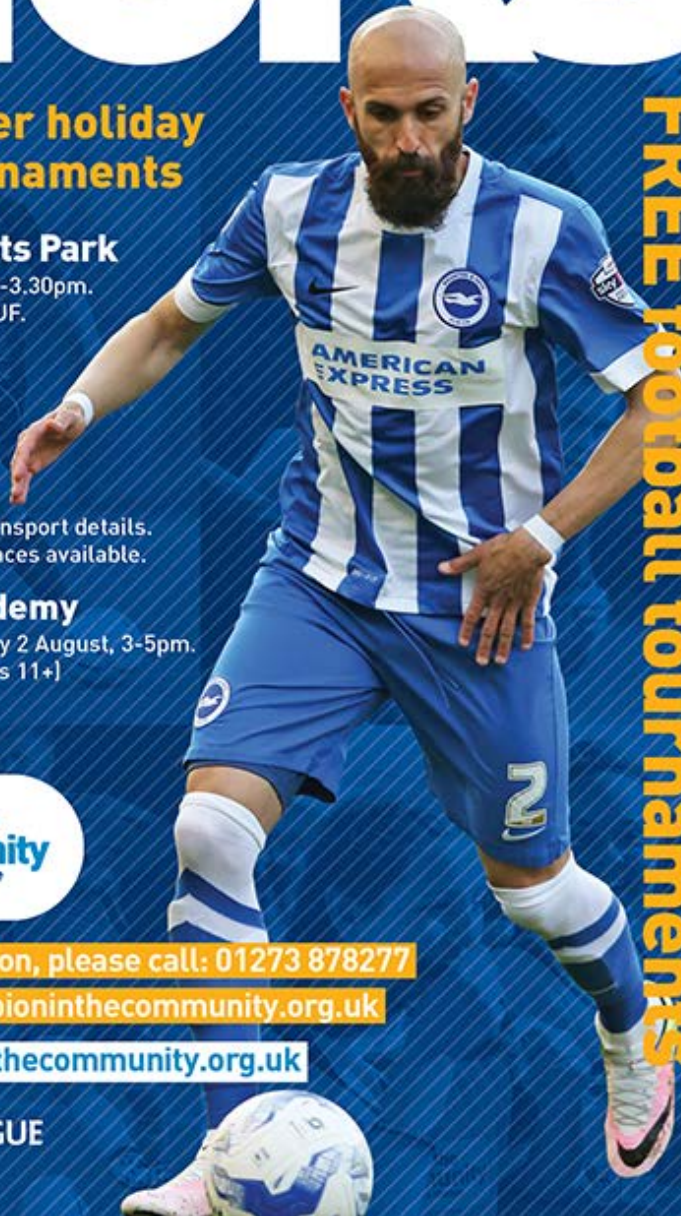
(Grass) Tuesday 26 July,
10am-3pm. Preston Road,
BN1 6SD. [Ages 8-19]

Please see coaches for transport details.
Limited number of free places available.

St Leonards Academy

(Sand based astro) Tuesday 2 August, 3-5pm.
Rye Road, TN35 5DN. [Ages 11+]

FREE football tournaments



For more information, please call: 01273 878277

or email: kicks@albioninthecommunity.org.uk

Visit www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk



21st June 2016

The **Government's Modern Crime Prevention Strategy** was published in March 2016. A pamphlet has been published which provides a brief summary of the action being taking to prevent crime, and the research it is based on. The full strategy is available at gov.uk.



[Download the pamphlet > >](#)

17th June 2016

'--have i been pwned?

Troy Hunt, a **Microsoft Regional Director** and recipient of "Most Valuable Professional for Developer Security" award, blogger at troyhunt.com, international speaker on web security and the author of many top-rating security

courses for web developers on Pluralsight, has created "Have I been pwned?" as a free resource for anyone to quickly assess if an online account of theirs has been compromised or "pwned" in a data breach.

Short of the odd donation, all costs for building, running and keeping the service currently come directly out of his own pocket. Fortunately, he says, today's modern cloud services like Microsoft Azure make it possible to do this without breaking the bank!

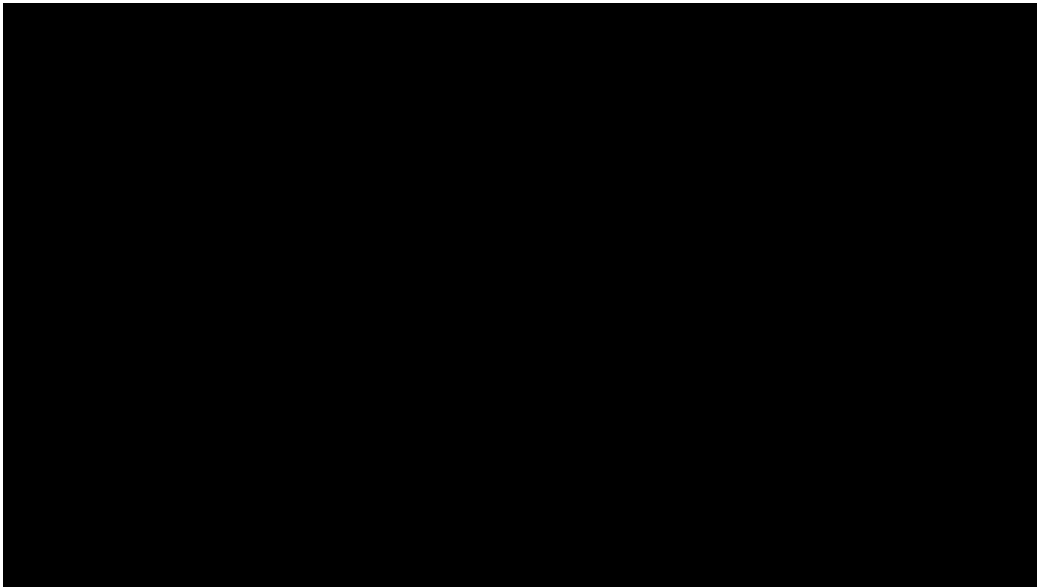
This site came about after, what to date, remains the largest ever single breach of customer accounts — Adobe. Post-breach analysis of user credentials kept finding the same accounts exposed over and over again, often with the same passwords, which then put the victims at further risk of their other accounts being compromised.

[Click here to see if your accounts have been compromised.](#)

16th June 2016

Just in case you need more advice about Scams why not watch the latest video from Sussex Police.

It is reported that 1 in 5 people fall victim to scammers every year and nearly 50% of all adults are targeted.



16th June 2016

Exciting Euro 2016 game today - England vs Wales! For the vast majority of people who watch football and support their national teams the games are enjoyable events that draw people together. But for a small minority, football provides the catalyst for alcohol abuse and violent behaviour, which can be particularly dangerous in some relationships.



There should be no excuse for domestic abuse, at any time. We have special response officers in place for Euro2016.

Call us now on 101 [report it online](#).

For further information on domestic abuse, visit our website www.sussex.police.uk/domesticabuse

15th June 2016

We have been advised by Premier Marinas that in order to carry out essential maintenance works the



South Harbour bridge will need to be in the lowered position from Monday 27th June for approximately two weeks.

There will be no access for boats during this period and an alternative pedestrian route can be used via the west and north harbour bridges. Moreover, in the first four days there will be high levels of noise between 9am and 5pm as the maintenance team undertake works using industrial equipment.

Premier sincerely apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

15th June 2016

Cohub will be running a "#WiredEB" event on Thursday 14th July from 7pm to 9:30pm at the Royal Hippodrome Theatre, Seaside Road, Eastbourne.



This is a great opportunity for Eastbourne's digital and creative professionals to meet up and network.

[Click here for more information.](#)

14th June 2016



East Sussex County Council's Highways Department is conducting an online customer satisfaction survey. This is your opportunity to let them know how you think they are performing, and to let them know your priorities for the future.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

13th June 2016



A new phishing campaign which has hit students of UK universities claims that the student has been awarded an educational grant by the Department for Education. The email purports to have come from the finance department of the student's university and tricks the recipient into clicking on a link contained in the message to provide personal and banking details.

One victim reported that after submitting their sensitive information (including name, address, date of birth, contact details, telephone provider, bank account details, student ID, National Insurance Number, driving licence number and mother's maiden name), they were taken to a spoofed website which appeared like a genuine website of their bank, where they were asked to type in their online banking login credentials.

Protect Yourself:

- Do not click on any links or open attachments contained within unsolicited emails.
- Do not reply to scam emails or contact the senders in any way.
- If an email appears to have come from a person or organisation you know of but the message is unexpected or unusual, contact them directly via another method to confirm that they sent you the email.
- If you receive an email which asks you to login to an online account via a link provided in the email, instead of clicking on the link, open your browser and go directly to the company's website yourself.
- If you have clicked on a link in the email, do not supply any information on the website that may open.

If you think you may have compromised the safety of your bank details and/or have lost money due to fraudulent misuse of your cards, you should immediately contact your bank, and report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or

visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

11th June 2016



Businesses are being contacted for the sale of goods or services by fraudsters, who request to pay by cheque. The fraudster sends a cheque with a higher value than the amount expected, and then sends the business a request for the difference with instructions on how it should be paid back. This is usually by bank transfer or through a money transfer service, such as Western Union or PaySafe. Once the 'refund' has been provided, it is realised that the cheque provided was fraudulent and no funds are credited to the business's account.

The NFIB has seen an increase of 84% in the number of counterfeit cheque frauds reported to Action Fraud since November 2015. Criminals are targeting a wide range of services including paintings or other artwork, photography and lessons, with various amounts requested to be refunded. The average amount requested to be refunded is £1,818. The highest amount requested was over £80,000.

The suspects have used pressure tactics to persuade victims to refund the amounts immediately prior to the cheques clearing.

Crime Prevention Advice

- Be cautious of payments where the amount provided is higher than expected. Refuse to provide the service unless the correct balance is received or wait until the cheque has cleared before refunding the difference.
- Always contact banks on a trusted number found on their website or correspondence that is known to be authentic to confirm whether the cheque has cleared.
- Do not feel pressured to provide a refund before the cheque has cleared.
- If you have been affected by this, or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

11th June 2016



Sussex Police have issued the following news and appeals

Special Constables Recruitment

Can you serve your local community? Volunteering as a Special Constable is hard work but ultimately rewarding.

[More information > >](#)

Witnesses sought to Eastbourne crash involving 4x4 and motorcycle

Police are appealing for witnesses following a road traffic collision in Eastbourne.

[More information > >](#)

Operation Blitz

Operation Blitz will be running 6pm until Midnight Friday and Saturday, please call 07785 372050 to report Anti-Social Behaviour.

Sussex Police patrols to support domestic violence victims during football championships

Don't suffer in silence – that's the Sussex Police message to anyone who suffers domestic abuse, whether physical or psychological, during the European Football Championships this summer.

Officers will be specifically tasked at peak times during and after England matches to help protect victims and families from abuse. There will also be an all-day Tweetathon as the tournament gets under way to encourage debate and

provide advice.

The dedicated "Operation Ribbon" patrols will operate on England Wales match days in the Tournament's group stages, and further patrols will operate if either team progresses in the Tournament.

Alongside their response role, the Officers are being kept up to date about previous or likely victims who may be particularly vulnerable and about suspected or proven offenders who may pose a higher risk

In addition teams of specialist investigators will be ready to carry our further enquiries.

Join in on the conversation by following Sussex Police on Twitter (@sussex_police) and Facebook (/sussexpoliceforce).

For advice and support over domestic abuse in Sussex visit www.sussex.police.uk or call 101 or 01273 470101. We have specifically trained officers who can help.

If you are not confident in talking to the police, there are other organisations who can give you the confidential advice and support that you need - [Click here > >](#)

To find other local support and help near to you visit: www.safespacesussex.org.uk

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10th June 2016

Police who boarded a yacht entering Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne, shortly after midnight on Thursday (9th June) found it was carrying herbal cannabis, a class B controlled drug, with an estimated street value of £280,000.



Two men who were on the vessel were arrested and are due to appear before Brighton magistrates at 10am on Friday (10th June).

Anthony Keiran Poyser, 28, and Harrison Law, 21, both of no fixed address, are each charged with being jointly concerned in the improper importation of cannabis to the United Kingdom.

Chief Inspector Emma Brice, Eastbourne district police commander, said: " I am aware of the concern about the security of smaller ports and harbours around Britain's coastline."

"I would like to reassure people that police are alert to the situation and will respond whenever circumstances demand."

9th June 2016

In the June issue of Waterlines, we published an article about a young harbour resident, Sam Williams, who is making a name for himself in the world of windsurfing.

We are delighted to report that Sam has now been selected to represent the British Sailing Team for the European cup in Poland. Whilst there, Sam will have the benefit of additional support and coaching.

Congratulations Sam, we're sure you'll do a great job.



9th June 2016

ActionFraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

0300 123 2040

The 2016 European Football Championships will begin shortly and those wanting to purchase last minute tickets are likely to be targeted by fraudsters posing as official sellers. Purchasing from an unauthorised seller or a ticket tout could leave you out of pocket; not only are the tickets advertised at inflated prices, there is a risk that the tickets purchased are counterfeit or do not exist. Any individual with a counterfeit ticket will be refused entry.

Resale Platform

Consumers wanting to sell their tickets can do so through the resale platform, where tickets will be resold at face value. For further information please visit [UEFA's](#) website. Those seeking to purchase tickets are advised to check the site regularly as tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis and are likely to change regularly as different tickets become available to purchase.

- Only purchase tickets from an authorised seller by using the exchange portal.
- When using the portal do not be encouraged to contact the seller privately and complete the transaction outside of the portal.
- Be wary of purchasing tickets from a social media account. There is a risk that the ticket does not exist or is counterfeit. Consider conducting research on the information provided by the seller, for example a mobile phone number or email address used by the seller could alert you to any negative information associated to them online.
- Avoid making payments through bank transfer or money transfer services, as the payment may not be recoverable.

If you have been affected by this, or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

4th June 2016

Sussex Police have issued the following news and appeals



CCTV image of man who stole £200 of whisky in Eastbourne

On Sunday, May 22 around 10am a man was seen to leave Waitrose on the High Street without paying for a large number of bottles of whisky, worth around £200.

[More information > >](#)

Witnesses sought to multiple vehicles injury crash in Grand Parade, Eastbourne

Witnesses are being sought to a collision involving six vehicles which occurred on Wednesday 25 May at around 12.45pm on the B2106 Grand Parade, Eastbourne.

[More information > >](#)

Police seek witnesses to camper van crash, Midhurst Road, Eastbourne

Police want to identify the driver of a white camper van that crashed into three parked cars in Midhurst Road, Eastbourne, at around 9pm on Saturday (28 May) before driving off without stopping.

[More information > >](#)

Operation Blitz

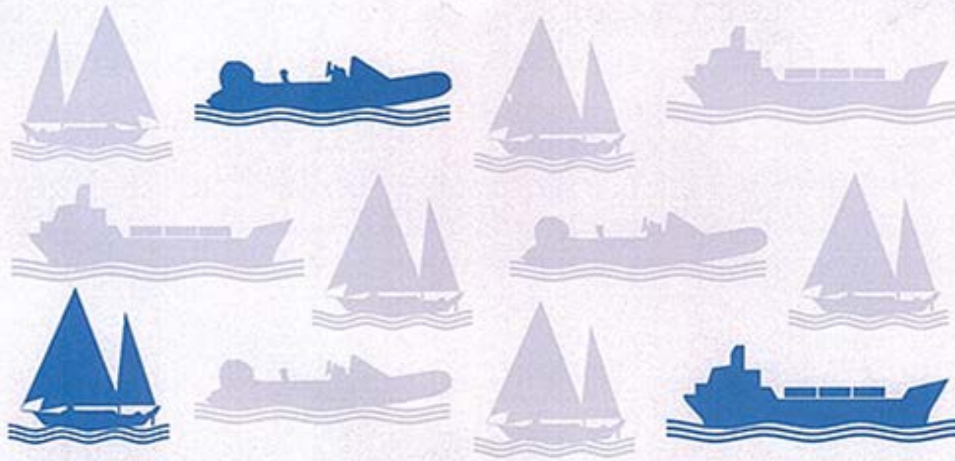
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30th May 2016



HELP US TO PROTECT YOU.

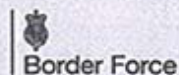
**HEARD OR SEEN ANYTHING
UNUSUAL IN OR AROUND
THE COASTLINE, PORTS
AND WATERWAYS?**

REPORT IT.

Even the smallest thing can be significant.

Call your local police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers
anonymously on 0800 555 111 **Quote KRAKEN**

Project KRAKEN is a joint initiative aimed at encouraging the public to report
suspicious or unusual activity around the coastal and maritime environment.



26th May 2016

The small group of travellers, that set up near to the Southern Water Treatment Works on Prince Williams Parade, left yesterday afternoon. The site is clean and tidy, and Police are not aware of any damage.

Police acknowledge the work of the Neighbourhood First Team and the help of residents around this issue. It is believed that no criminal offences were committed, and so it is a positive story. It is understood that the travellers have now moved on to Wealden District Council area.



23rd May 2016

Eastbourne Police are aware that a small group of travellers has arrived and set up near to the Southern Water Treatment Works on Prince Williams Parade. They arrived on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd May



2016. Police quickly attended the location to speak with them, and they have explained that they are on route to Bournemouth.

The land they are currently on is owned by the local authority and so representatives have attended and given notice to them that they are required to move on, advising them that there is space at the formal East Sussex Travellers site off the A27 near to Lewes. A notice has been served on the travellers which requires them to move on.

Police are remaining in close contact with Eastbourne Borough Council, East Sussex County Council, and others to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum. Police will continue to patrol the area to reassure residents.

Should residents have any concerns they can contact Eastbourne Borough Council or Sussex Police.

21st May 2016

The minutes of the SHRA 2016 AGM and associated documents are now available to download.

[Click here.](#)



21st May 2016

Sussex Police have issued the following news and appeals



Eastbourne police seek owners of recovered cycles

Police are appealing for witnesses and owners for possible thefts of bicycles from Eastbourne town centre between 7.30pm on Sunday (15 May) and 3.30am on Monday (16 May).

At 3.30am that morning patrolling police officers arrested three people in the town centre on suspicion of theft of three bicycles. The cycles were seized.

[More information > >](#)

Serious crash at Jevington, near Eastbourne, sadly proves fatal

Police are seeking witnesses to a crash on the Jevington Road, between Polegate and Friston, which sadly proved fatal to one of the passengers involved.

[More information > >](#)

Sussex Police Issue Urgent Warning To Residents over HMRC Phone Call Scams

Sussex Police are issuing an urgent warning to residents, especially the elderly and anyone living alone, not to be taken in by a current wave of crime in which phone callers posing as HMRC staff are demanding payment for incorrect taxes. On Monday (16 May), calls were made to three residents in Eastbourne. Fraudsters claim that they owed substantial amounts of money to the HMRC through incorrect taxes. Some residents have described how the caller has threatened to freeze bank accounts, send the police round to execute a warrant for their arrest, or remove goods from the property to recover the debt. We understand that these types of scam calls can be upsetting for residents, especially the elderly and vulnerable.

It can be very tempting to give into the fraudsters demands and attempt to pay any debt, or come to some arrangement to settle the alleged tax debt.

The advice is to end the call and report the incident to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Operation Blitz

Operation Blitz will be running 6pm until Midnight Friday and Saturday, please call 07785 372050 to report anti-social Behaviour.

20th June 2016

The Eastbourne Seniors Forum will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 15th June.



The speaker, on the subject "Developments in Eastbourne", will be Robert Cottrill, the Eastbourne Borough Council Chief Executive. We know this meeting will be a useful and informative one so please do make every effort to attend and bring your friends.

[More information](#)

18th May 2016

Sussex Police have issued an urgent warning to residents, especially the elderly and anyone living alone, not to be taken in by a current wave of crime in which phone callers posing as HRMC staff are demanding payment for incorrect taxes.



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14th May 2016

Police have issued the latest Neighbourhood Alert update.



Police seek witnesses to knife-point shop robbery in Seaside, Eastbourne

At around 9.15pm on Tuesday (3rd May) a shop assistant at The Larder Store in Seaside, Eastbourne, was confronted by a masked man who demanded he hand over money from the till while threatening him with a knife.

The assistant, who was shaken but otherwise unhurt, placed bank notes totalling around £150 on the counter which the robber picked up before making off on foot in the direction of Firle Road.

[More information.](#)

Woman sentenced for Eastbourne driving offences

A woman who drove at more than twice the 30mph speed limit on roads in Eastbourne while over the legal alcohol limit appeared at Lewes Crown Court on Thursday, 5th May for sentence.

[More information.](#)

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Crime Prevention Advice - In the Garden

Weather forecasters say we are in for a beautiful weekend and many of us will be out in our gardens. Please remember the following tips when enjoying the sun.

- Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secure.
- Trim overgrown plants – don't give burglars a hiding place.
- Secure garden tools and ladders in a locked shed or garage to prevent them from being used to break into your home.
- Fit outside security lighting and a visible burglar alarm to help deter burglars.
- Register your property at immobilise.com its free of charge and can increase your chances of being reunited with your property.

Help us keep Sussex safe

If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please [contact us online](#), email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact [the independent charity Crimestoppers](#), anonymously, on **0800 555 111**

13th May 2016

Close to 200 members packed the Haven School hall yesterday evening for what turned out to be a very lively meeting.



Minutes of the meeting, the Annual Report and accounts will be published on this website as soon as possible.

13th May 2016

East Sussex County Council manages 2,000 miles of public rights of way and ten countryside sites across East Sussex. If you like to walk, cycle or ride in the countryside, then it is very likely that you use these paths and sites.

We've opened a consultation on our draft [Countryside Access Strategy](#). This is a proposed plan for how we could manage public rights of way and countryside sites.



The consultation is open to everyone, from individuals and user groups to landowners and partners. It should take around 15 minutes to complete.

You have until 29 July to have your say. You can complete the survey here: [Shaping the future of our countryside access](#)

12th May 2016

Each month, scammers target Sussex residents in an attempt to defraud them. Operation Signature is the Sussex Police answer; preventing frauds and scams and supporting vulnerable victims.



This Fraud newsletter covers the latest incidents across Sussex to help prevent others becoming a victim. It shares examples of good work, such as the operation with Trading Standards colleagues to crack down on rogue traders and prevent doorstep crime.

By their very nature, scams are constantly evolving and taking on new forms. But be assured that, by following the tips at the bottom of this newsletter and encouraging family, friends and colleagues to do so too, you will reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

[Download the newsletter > >](#)

9th May 2016

Sospan Dau has returned to the harbour to complete the annual dredging of the channel into the marina.



The work is expected to continue for about twenty days.

5th May 2015

The inaugural Big Heart charity auction raised an impressive £30,000 in March 2015. The Big Heart Auction 2016 includes around 200 donated artworks from local, national and celebrity artists, illustrators and photographers as well as pieces by some of the children cared for by Chestnut Tree House.



All proceeds from the sale of the artworks will support Chestnut Tree House's vital work caring for children with life-shortening illnesses across Sussex, and Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival's community work such as the Umbrella Club, which provides live art experiences for these children. Proceeds will be split, with 80% going to Chestnut Tree House and 20% to Brighton Dome.

For more information, visit [the Big Heart Auction website](#).

5th May 2016

Eastbourne Astronomical Society will be holding a free stargazing event at the Redoubt Fortress next Monday 9th May. It is hoped to see Mercury passing right over the sun between 12.12pm and 3.57pm. The last time this was observed from Eastbourne was in 2006 and the next transit will be on 7th May 2049!



Keith Brackenborough of the Eastbourne Astronomical Society said "It is extremely dangerous to look directly at the sun but the society has adapted two of its telescopes to allow safe observing of the small spot, which is Mercury, making its way slowly over the disc of the sun. With luck we may be able to see some sunspots too".

Local amateur astronomers will be on hand to describe the event and answer any questions. Further details from the [Eastbourne Astronomical Society website](#).

5th May 2015

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) and Action Fraud have noticed a rise in the reporting of pets, and in particular puppies and kittens, being advertised for sale via popular online auction websites.

The fraudsters will place an advert of the pet for sale, often claiming that the pet is currently held somewhere less accessible or overseas. Upon agreement of a sale, the suspect will usually request an advance payment by money transfer or bank transfer. However, the pet does not materialise and the fraudster will subsequently ask for further advanced payments for courier charges, shipping fees and additional transportation costs. Even if further payments are made, the pet will still not materialise as it is likely that the pet does not exist.

Protect Yourself:

- Stay within auction guidelines.
- Be cautious if the seller initially requests payment via one method, but later claims that due to 'issues with their account' they will need to take the payment via an alternative method such as a bank transfer.
- Consider conducting research on other information provided by the seller, for example a mobile phone number or email address used by the seller could alert you to any negative information associated with the number/email address online.
- Request details of the courier company being used and consider researching it.
- Agree a suitable time to meet face to face to agree the purchase and to collect the pet. If the seller is reluctant to meet then it could be an indication that the pet does not exist.
- A genuine seller should be keen to ensure that the pet is going to a caring and loving new home. If the seller does not express any interest in you and the pet's new home, be wary.
- If you think the purchase price is too good to be true then it probably is, especially if the pet is advertised as a pure-breed.
- Do not be afraid to request copies of the pet's inoculation history, breed paperwork and certification prior to agreeing a sale. If the seller is reluctant or unable to provide this information it could be an indication that either the pet does not exist or the pet has been illegally bred e.g. it originates from a 'puppy farm'. A 'puppy farm' is a commercial dog breeding enterprise where the sole aim is to maximise profit for the least investment. Commercial dog breeders must be registered with their local authority and undergo regular inspections to ensure that the puppies are bred responsibly and are in turn fit and healthy. Illegally farmed puppies will often be kept in inadequate conditions and are more likely to suffer from ailments and illnesses associated with irresponsible breeding.
- When thinking of buying a pet, consider buying them in person from rescue centres or from reputable breeders

If you have been affected by this, or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

4th May 2016

A man was arrested in Eastbourne on Tuesday evening (3rd May) after police were called to an incident following reports of a group of youths with baseball bats and possibly a handgun.



Armed police officers, supported by a National Police Air Service helicopter, were called to Etchingam Road at 8.03pm where the group was reported to have been seen running into a block of flats. Police surrounded Hampshire Court and advised people not to attend the scene and to remain in their homes locally until the matter was resolved.

Just before 10.10pm, armed officers moved into the block and within minutes

removed a man from one of the flats. A police dog was sent in to search the remainder of the premises, but there was nobody else within.

Detective Superintendent Nick May, from the East Sussex Police Divisional Command Team, said: "I would like to thank everyone for their patience while we carried out our operation to contain this matter. I appreciate that the sight of armed officers and the police helicopter may have been disturbing, if not alarming for local residents, but it is important that we treat reports such as these seriously for the safety of everyone concerned."

"Thankfully, nobody was hurt and we managed to bring the incident to a fairly swift conclusion. A man is in custody and we will continue with our investigation locally to establish the circumstances, which include discovering who else was involved. However, we do not believe that they are a threat to the public and people can now move freely in the area again. The scene has been secured and a marked vehicle will remain in place overnight before we resume our search of the premises in the morning."

"If you witnessed any of the events prior to the police arriving or you have any information about the incident or the people involved, please email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101 quoting serial 1438 of 03/05. Alternatively, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 (www.crimestoppers-uk.org)."

A 34-year-old man of no fixed address was arrested on suspicion of possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence and affray. He remained in custody on Tuesday night.

30th April 2016



Within the past 24 hours a number of businesses throughout the UK have received extortion demands from a group calling themselves 'Lizard Squad'.

Method of Attack:

The group has sent emails demanding payment of five Bitcoins, to be paid by a certain time and date. The email states that this demand will increase by five Bitcoins for each day that it goes unpaid.

If their demand is not met, they have threatened to launch a Denial of Service attack against the businesses' websites and networks, taking them offline until payment is made.

The demand states that once their actions have started, they cannot be undone.

What to do if you've received one of these demands:

- Report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or by using the online reporting tool
- Do not pay the demand
- Retain the original emails (with headers)
- Maintain a time-line of the attack, recording all times, type and content of the contact

If you are experiencing a DDoS right now you should:

- Report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 immediately.
- Call your Internet Service Provider (ISP) (or hosting provider if you do not host your own Web server), tell them you are under attack and ask for help.
- Keep a time-line of events and save server logs, web logs, email logs, any packet capture, network graphs, reports etc.

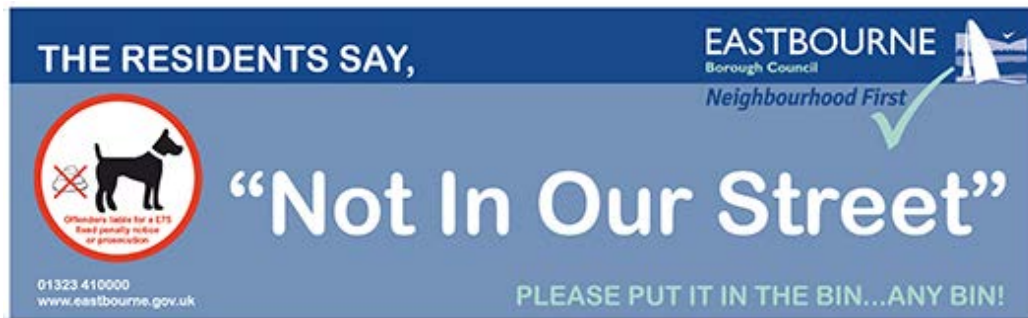
Get Safe Online top tips for protecting your business from a DDoS:

- Consider the likelihood and risks to your organisation of a DDoS attack,

and put appropriate threat reduction/mitigation measures in place.

- If you consider that protection is necessary, speak to a DDoS prevention specialist.
- Whether you are at risk of a DDoS attack or not, you should have the hosting facilities in place to handle large, unexpected volumes of website hits.

29th April 2016



To publicise the Eastbourne Borough Council Neighbourhood First "Not in my Street" campaign to reduce dog fouling, the "Zone 3" team will be conducting a photo shoot on Saturday the 30th April at 11am by the water feature at Columbus Point.

This campaign has been proved to be highly successful in other areas of Eastbourne and the team would like to promote it in the harbour.

All are welcome, including children and dogs!

28th April 2016

Sospan Dau has returned to the harbour to complete the annual dredging of the channel into the marina.



Premier Marinas has issued a Local Notice to Marinas giving details of the sailing route and disposal site

[Click here to download the notice.](#)

27th April 2016

Premier Marinas is offering a self-storage facility at Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne. This new 5,200 sq. ft. facility currently accommodates 77 purpose-built storage units and is ideal for boaters, local residents and businesses who are looking for flexible, low cost and accessible storage space.



Premier's Self Store units range from 10 sq. ft. to 150 sq. ft. but whichever unit you choose, you can expect a flexible rental agreement, the option to up-size – or downsize, providing a unit is available – and no long term commitment. You'll also enjoy outstanding security, a friendly service and of course, great value for money.

[Click here for more details.](#)

24th April 2016

Fraudsters are texting members of the public offering a tax rebate. The text message contains a link to a website and requests to provide personal information, such as bank account information, to claim the non-existent rebate.



Protect Yourself

- Don't click on web links contained in unsolicited texts or emails.
- Never provide your personal information to a third party from an unsolicited communication.
- Obtain the genuine number of the organisation being represented and verify the legitimacy of the communication.
- HMRC will never use texts or emails or tell you about a potential rebate or ask for personal information.
- If you have provided personal information and you are concerned that your identity may be compromised consider CIFAS Protection Registration.

23rd April 2016



Police are investigating a burglary at an Eastbourne jewellers in which thousands of pounds worth of stock was stolen.

Officers were called to Ernest Jones, in the Arndale Centre, at about 1.13am on Monday (18th April) following a report from a member of staff about the break in.

Entry was gained via a front window, which was smashed, and stock with an estimated value of between £50,000 and £100,000 was taken.

Police would like to speak to anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area at the time, in particular three men who appeared to be wearing bright coloured ski jackets and scarves covering their faces.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact police on 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101, quoting serial 38 of 18/04.

23rd April 2016

I am sure that this is one of the most anticipated messages of the year. All machines how now left the beach and hopefully will not have to return until autumn.



May this good news herald a long, calm, warm and peaceful summer for us all.

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23rd April 2016



Police are seeking information about several incidents in Polegate, Hailsham and Eastbourne on Tuesday (12th April) in which bogus callers conned or tried to force their way into residents' homes.

Offences occurred in Brook Street and Dittons Road, Polegate; in Hawthylands Road, Hailsham and in Slindon Crescent, Eastbourne.

These may be linked to three further distraction type burglaries which occurred earlier the same day in Sidley, Bexhill-on-Sea, and another in Bexhill Road, St Leonards-on-Sea.

22nd April 2016

Last month's Clean for The Queen campaign was a massive success, and Keep Britain Tidy is excited to tell you that it will be running a follow-up in 2017; but they need your help!

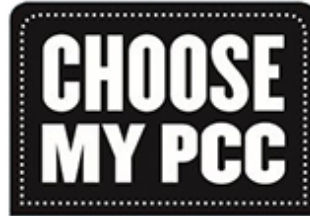


What should next year's campaign be called? They want to hear your ideas. It has to be something that will encourage people to take part and will appeal to all ages.

All suggestions are welcome and you will get the chance to vote on a short-list later this year.

21st April 2016

On 5th May, you will be able to vote for your police and crime commissioner (PCC). The job of the PCC is to oversee the police and ensure that they are prioritising what matters to you. Elections will be taking place in England and Wales, excluding London and Greater Manchester.



Police and crime commissioners are elected by you to ensure the policing needs of your community are met as effectively as possible and to oversee how crime is tackled in our area.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to view candidates' statements.

21st April 2016

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has recently received an influx of reports that fraudsters are targeting the public, via social media, in relation to football tickets.



Fraudsters are posting pictures or statuses online telling members of the public to contact them via Direct Message for football tickets. This then leads to a mobile messaging conversation. During the conversation, bank details are provided by the suspect so that the tickets can be purchased.

After the victim has paid for the ticket the fraudster blocks them to stop further conversation, leaving victims without the tickets and out of pocket.

Protect yourself:

- Check the security of the website and validity of the post
- Avoid taking the conversation offline to private messages
- When purchasing any products over the internet always try to make the payment via PayPal or a credit card where you have some sort of payment cover

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

20th April 2016

Work to update the [Sussex Police website](#) has now been completed and the new-look, user-friendly site has been launched.



18th April 2016

Video company **Smokescreen Visuals** and children's charity **Chestnut Tree House** are amongst the latest occupiers to take offices in Pacific House on

Eastbourne's Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park.



Other new tenants include computer specialists Southern IT networks, hospital transport firm Coperforma and business intelligence company Match2Lists - while further offices remain available to let.

Open Week: An Open Week is being held between Monday 16th and Friday 20th May, 9am - 5pm, when anyone is free to drop in and look around without an appointment.

A free seminar - How to move your business to the next level – is being held in Pacific House on Wednesday 25th May, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Interested parties can [register here](#).

[Click here for more information.](#)

18th April 2016

All trucks have now left the beach, leaving two bulldozers to do a final push up where necessary, and a general re-levelling and tidying up of the beach. It is expected that they too will depart this Friday.



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16th April 2016



Winter gritting for 2015/2016 ended on Thursday 14th April.

Gritters have been busy this Winter, using 4,502 tonnes of salt and gritted all of the **primary gritting routes** 43 times.

On 1st May **Costain CH2M** become the new Provider for delivering Highway Services in East Sussex. The new partnership **will be responsible for** maintaining the roads, pavements, grass and street lights in East Sussex. Most Highway services will continue as normal but there will be some changes.

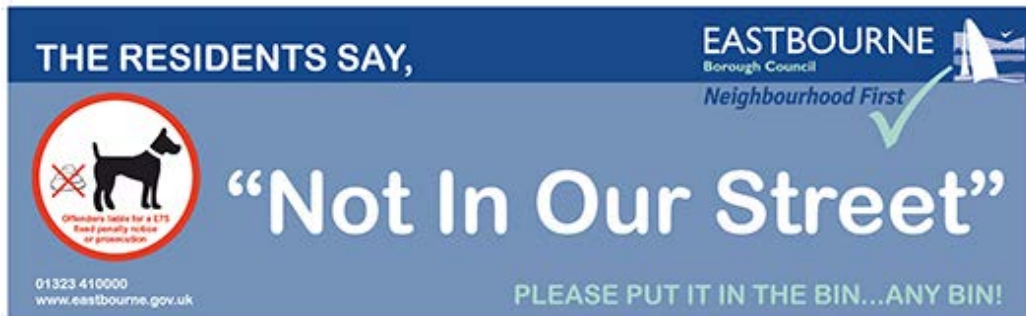


On 29th April the Highways Contact Centre will be closing early to allow for maintenance works. If you need to contact them you can do so **online and you can still contact them to report emergencies.**

On 1st May ESCC Highways will be launching a new website. You will be able to log and track enquires, view local events and get real-time roadworks information.

The new website - www.eastsussexhighways.com will be available from the 1st May.

14th April 2016



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This campaign has been proved to be highly successful in other areas of Eastbourne and the team would like to promote it in the harbour.

All are welcome, including children and dogs!

12th April 2016



Fraudsters are targeting members of the public who are expecting to make a payment for property repairs. The fraudsters, via email, will purport to be a tradesman who has recently completed work at the property and use a similar email address to that of the genuine tradesman.

They will ask for funds to be transferred via bank transfer and once payment is made the victims of the fraud soon realise they have been deceived when the genuine tradesman requests payment for their services.

Protect Yourself:

- Always check the email address is exactly the same as previous correspondence with the genuine contact.
- For any request of payment via email verify the validity of the request with a phone call to the person who carried out the work.
- Check the email for spelling and grammar as these signs can indicate that the email is not genuine.
- Payments via bank transfer offer no financial protection; consider using alternative methods such as a credit card or PayPal which offer some protection and avenue for recompense.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online at:

http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud

or by telephone on: 0300 123 2040.

4th April 2016

The forecast for this week's big spring tides is, for once, encouraging, with predominantly light



winds. If this turns out to be the case, hopefully the current recycling exercise will finish a week on Friday and be the final one before summer. However, a full beach survey won't be completed until Monday 11th and the results from this will determine how much shingle still needs to be moved.

In the meantime, this **Wednesday 6th April sees our Annual Public Display**, this year held to be on the 2nd floor of Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club overlooking the marina between 14:00 and 18:00. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and discuss the sea defences, and anything connected to them. Or just to say hello and have a cup of tea or coffee.

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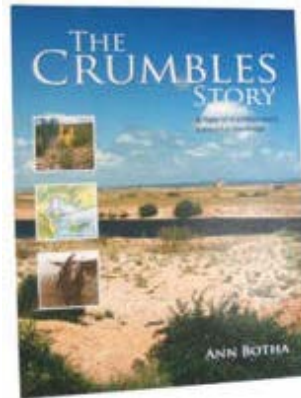
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The Crumbles Story - available from SHRA -

Where did the rock of the harbour arms come from? What was the Crumbles Railway? What is the wreck visible at low tide?

We have a limited number of copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions. The book contains many illustrations in colour and B&W.

If you are interested in the history of the land on which Sovereign Harbour is built, the industry and events that took place on it, and its unique flora and fauna, this little book is for you, and at just £7.99, it won't break the bank.



Delivery is free within Eastbourne, but for delivery elsewhere, please add £2.00 for postage and packing.

To order a copy and pay on-line with your credit or debit card, send an email to crumbles@shra.co.uk simply saying you would like a copy of the book and we'll email you a PayPal payment request link which will take you through the online paying process (you don't need to have a PayPal account).

Or send a cheque for £7.99 (£9.99 if you would like postal delivery), payable to "SHRA", with your name and address to:

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