



## **Rye Neighbourhood Policing Team**

### **2009 Performance**

### **Crime and Anti Social Behaviour Meeting**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

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## Performance 2009

### Crime Reduction

Crime figures have shown that over the last 3 months the number of reported crimes has **reduced** by over **30%** in Rye Town, in comparison with the same period in 2008. In some villages, there has been a **reduction** of up to **75%** compared to the same period last year.

### Speed Watch

Following the police priority setting panel meetings which have been held during the year, Speeding Traffic has been identified as an issue to a lot of the villages that we cover. Rye operate a 'Speed Watch' scheme where we are able to utilise both the speed gun and the SID (speed indicating device) across different villages that we serve.

As of this year so far,

- There are **21** authorised speed gun sites and **29** SID sites and we are looking to add more sites.
- **52** Speed checks across the area have been done with the SID machine and **159** checks done with the speed gun, with a further **43** checks having been carried out by the Winchelsea Speed Watch team.
- Currently **1224** warning letters have been sent to drivers who have been caught exceeding the limit
- **9** warnings have been issued to drivers of vehicles advising them that if seen again in similar circumstances that their vehicle can be seized. (under section 59 of the Police Reform Act)
- **2** fixed penalty notices (£60 fine and 3 penalty points) have been issued.

### Anti Social Behaviour

This again has been identified as a police priority in many areas, and to try and deal effectively with this, we are trying to carry out as many high visibility patrols in as many identified hotspots as possible, over the course of the year,

- **408** SIF (Street Intervention Forms) have been issued
- **134** checks have been done on persons and **279** checks done on vehicles.
- **8** bottles of spirit/wine and **36** cans of beer has been seized from underage persons since January of this year
- **4** persons during the course of the year have signed up to an ABC (acceptable behaviour contract) where they have agreed to abide by a set of conditions laid out by the Anti Social Behaviour Officer and are aware that by continually breaching this agreement they could end up with an ASBO

### Road Safety

Following complaints from residents particularly in Camber and Rye town, this is another area that Rye NPT have been focusing on, and during the year the Rye NPT team have;

- **827** parking tickets have been issued. (**376** by Traffic Warden and **451** by PCSO's)
- **100** vehicles have been reported to the DVLA for having no valid tax disc on display
- **3** vehicles have been seized during the course of the year due to the manner in which they have been driven.

### Fear Of Burglary

Again this is an issue that features quite high on the policing priorities of some parishes, however this year so far there has been a reduction of **30%** in the number of the burglaries to dwellings compared with last year.

### **Operation Danegate**

This is a current Rother Operation focusing on the recent burglaries that have taken place in the Northiam, Bodiam and Hurst Green areas. High visibility patrols are being carried out across the area to both reassure the public, act as a deterrent, gather intelligence and to aid in detecting any offences.

### **Operation Radcott**

This was a Rother operation which concentrated on Camber during its very busy summer months and was run very successfully from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> September of this year. During Operation Radcott, Sussex Police assisted in locating over 300 missing children and funding has been secured for 2010, so this good work should continue.

### **Op Rye Ride Safe**

Following the success of Op Rye Ride Safe in 2009, this again will continue into 2010. We are currently discussing the availability of the Sussex Police Roads Policing Unit, the fire brigade and St John's Ambulance to assist us during the operation. Op Rye Ride Safe has been scheduled to run on the following dates;

**Stage 1:** Bike Meet and Greet at Strand Quay, Rye-Purpose to explain the issue of complaints regarding quality of life for local residents and road safety.

**11/04/10**

**18/04/10**

**25/04/10**

**Stage 2:** Bike Stop and Advise-Intention to repeat the above at specific locations in the Rye area which generate complaints.

**09/05/10**

**16/05/10**

**23/05/10**

**Stage 3:** Enforcement regarding excessive speed, again at locations generating maximum complaints.

**06/06/10**

**13/06/10**

**20/06/10**



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**Monthly Newsletter October 2009**

**From PS John Berry:**

Having reached the end of Operation Radcott, we have a brief opportunity to recover before the start of the Bonfire celebrations. Radcott proved extremely successful once again with over three hundred missing children reported and two serious incidents which NPT officers attended to, amongst other issues. The presence of officers in Camber reduces the need to repeated officer attendance to 999 calls from the village and allows those officers not assigned to Radcott to remain in their areas. This also reduces crime in the village and keeps both visitors and residents safe.

With the new school term beginning, Neil Holden is learning one new student's name every day. He is regularly outside the schools and earning the respect of the young people in the town as they return home from school. This is a key element of neighbourhood policing by ensuring we are engaging with both young and old and keeping them safe.

Between Operation Radcott and Rye town, our Traffic Warden issued one hundred and eighty two parking tickets from early July until mid September. This coupled with Neil Holden's peak of a similar number demonstrates that we are responding to the community concern of illegal parking. Motorists beware, don't park on the yellow lines!

Current crime trends in Rye town show the average number of crimes in this area has decreased from 44.7 to 31. This represents a 30.6% reduction compared to the same three month period last year. This clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of Rye NPT.

Rye NPT supported by other officers were active on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, which saw three persons arrested in Rye following a high value theft from dwelling in Kent. A large quantity of a suspected controlled substance was recovered during the search. Enquiries continue following a further arrest by PC Hanson.

Op Ride was conducted once again on 20<sup>th</sup> September in the Rye area by our Roads Policing Department, with I believe four marked police motorcycles and several cars. They had some good results mainly with regards to the seizure of vehicles.

Preparations are now well in hand for Rye Bonfire, most of my team will be working. We are also distributing leaflets to young people warning of the dangers of improper use and the legality of fireworks. If any parish magazines, youth groups etc would like these for circulation, then please contact me as I have thousands!. They will also be available in various locations in our area, along with similar literature with regards to Halloween.

Sadly PCSO Joe Attwood does not feel suited to police work and will be leaving us this month. We wish him all the best for the future.

**From PC Andy Hanson:**

Operation Radcott has now come to an end in Camber, this has been our response to the policing in the village over the summer holidays, this year saw in excess of 300 missing children, one week in August witnessed 82 alone! The wristband system and the Partnership with have with the Coastal Team have gone from strength to strength this year. Funding for extra policing next year has already been offered which will ensure the commitment we have will continue in 2010.

With the summer holidays over it is now time to start looking at the firework season and Halloween, Operation Temptation will be running again this year, this will ensure we are out patrolling on a more regular basis. We have a number of trick or treat leaflets which will be delivered to shops on the area; there will be a large stock at Rye Police Station for collection should anybody requires them.

Jason Tusting of Brockley Mews, London appeared in Lewes Crown Court charged with a burglary to the Coastguard building in Rye Harbour, he pleaded guilty on the day and will have to reappear before the courts on 6<sup>th</sup> October for sentencing.

**From PC Paul Fielder**

**RYE**

With summer now well and truly over Rye Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are preparing for the autumn and winter events such as the Rhythm Riot Car Cruise, Rye bonfire night, Halloween and the Christmas Festival. The summer months although busy, have seen a dramatic decrease in crime when compared with the summer of 2008.

With regards the Policing priorities for Rye,

1. **Anti-social behaviour/criminal damage** – There have been nineteen reports of antisocial behaviour over the last month with two reports of damage to property and four reports of criminal damage to motor vehicles.
2. **Burglary** – There have been no burglaries reported over the last month.

3. **Violent crime** – There has been one report of public place violent crime over the last month.

September has continued the reductions in criminal damage seen in August. This month has seen an increased number of reports of anti-social behaviour however Rye NPT actively encourage residents to make reports so that positive action can be taken, therefore this increase is unsurprising. Sussex Police are still receiving numerous reports of mindless damage to motor vehicles with several vehicles having been scratched. Over the coming weeks/months this will be tackled through the use of body worn video cameras as well as overt and covert patrols in those areas of peak activity. In order to try and prevent your vehicle from being targeted try to leave it in well lit areas and as always please remove valuables from your vehicles and consider folding back your wing mirrors when they are left overnight.

September has seen several reports of distraction and opportunistic offences such as thefts from tills from shops in the High Street as well as a theft of a handbag from an unattended motor vehicle. Please remain vigilant and remove valuables from you vehicle.

Free crime prevention advice and materials can be obtained at Rye Police Station.

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#### **MARSHAM WARD**

Speeding remains a major concern for the residents of Marsham Ward. The Speed Indication Device (SID) has now been repaired and returned to Rye NPT and you should start to see officers out and about with it in the near future.

#### **Fairlight**

There has only been one reported crime in Fairlight this month. This incident saw garden furniture (iron table and two wooden benches) stolen from an address in Channel Way.

#### **Pett**

There have been two reported crimes in Pett over the last month, the first relates to criminal damage to a BT telephone exchange and the other refers to the theft of a gate from an address in Pett Road.

#### **Guestling and Three Oaks**

There have been no crimes reported in Guestling and Three Oaks over the last month.

From PC Nigel Collins

#### **Farm Watch**