



## Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 18th February 2020

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### Crime Summary

#### Burglary

Reference: 1368 11th February

Location: Meadowside, Storrington

Date and time: Between 1745hrs and 1800hrs on the 11th February

Details: Access was gained to a property. Gold coins and watches were stolen.

Reference: 0232 14th February

Location: Heron Way, Horsham

Date and time: Between midnight and 0500hrs 13th February.

Details: Damage was done to a rear door in an attempt to enter, no entry was gained and nothing stolen.

#### Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 1073 16th February

Location: Prestwood Lane, Ifield

Date and time: Over a period of time

Details: Garden equipment was stolen from an outbuilding.

#### Other

Here is the latest fraud newsletter and cybercrime newsletter. We have warnings about Amazon Prime and Dyno-Rod scams, as well as information about how to keep yourself safe from fraud if you use online dating sites and apps.

Did you know that the latest newsletter can always be found by scrolling down to the bottom of the Surrey or Sussex dedicated anti-fraud website pages.

Please help us prevent fraud by passing on this information to your friends, family and other networks.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/sussex/advice/operations-initiatives-and-watch-schemes/operation-signature/latest-fraud-newsletter.pdf>

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### News and appeals

**Police donation to Horsham football club**



A local football team has received a donation from a police charity fund. Horsham Sparrow FC have received a cheque for £500 from police at Horsham, which is going to help fund the girls/wildcats teams at the club.

The donation comes from the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF), made up of monies received by the police from the sale of unclaimed lost property and property confiscated by order of the courts and then sold.

Simon King, Secretary of Horsham Sparrows FC said "We are delighted to receive this cheque for £500 from the police fund. This will be used to promote the female game and train new female coaches for the girls/wildcat teams here at the club."

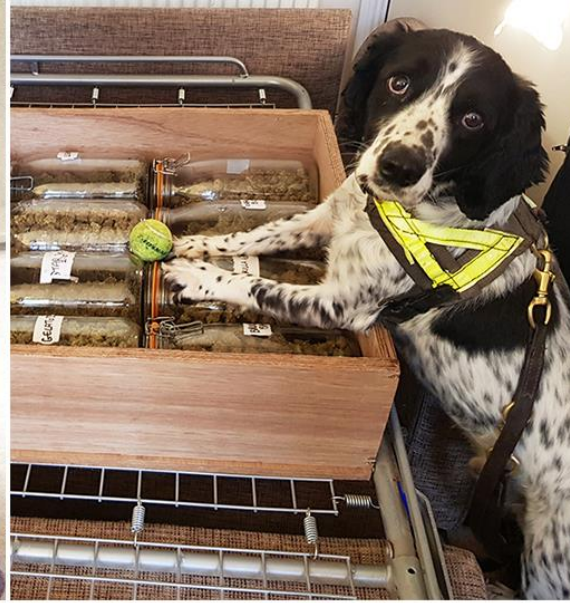
<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/police-donation-to-horsham-football-club/>

### **Puppy Love**

Swap a candlelit supper for a rawhide chew in front of the fire and a bunch of red roses for a ball on a rope and you have every dog's recipe for the perfect Valentine's Day.

Police dog handlers in Sussex are showing the love for their canine friends this 14 February by celebrating the remarkable work carried out by their four-legged colleagues across the county.

Gem, Ollie, Basil and Mason are just four of the dogs who work across Sussex and Surrey and who feature in Sussex Police's 'Puppy Love Dating' service. Unfortunately, there's little chance of them sharing their affections as they only have eyes for their handlers, but their often brave work normally goes unheralded.



While the general perception of a police dog may be a big, hairy, noisy German Shepherd like Gem, a general purpose police dog who is five-years-old and works across the county, various breeds are used according to their various traits and abilities. Mason, an eight-year-old Labrador and Ollie, a six-year-old Brittany spaniel are both explosive search dogs at Gatwick and while a lot of their work is behind the scenes, passengers may see them working around the public areas of the airport. Basil, 8, is a cocker spaniel and he is used as a drugs search dog across Sussex.

The force also uses springer and cocker spaniels and Belgian Malinois, but that doesn't discount using other breeds or even crosses if they are up to the job.

The dogs are selected as puppies, sometimes from litters bred by the dog unit, and are then fostered into families in Sussex and Surrey who socialise them and get them used to the world. During this time, they come back to us for puppy training and if after a year they are assessed as suitable, they start dog school. Training varies according to specialism but ranges from six weeks for a drugs detection dog to 12 weeks for a general purpose dog.

Last year, police dogs in Sussex and Surrey attended 13,140 incidents - that's 36 a day - and were involved in 938 arrests and finding 104 missing people. They undertook 703 drugs, firearms and currency searches, which seized £563,000 in cash and nearly £650,000 worth of drugs. Talk about worth their weight in gold! They go places a human would never be able to, cover large areas a whole lot more quickly and their amazing sense of smell is put to good use every day, sniffing out people from hundreds of yards away and having a nose for all sorts of illicit things. Above all else, they are faithful and brave and many a dog handler has been thankful for their chum getting them out of a sticky and sometimes dangerous situation.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/puppy-love/>

### **Sussex pair charged with multi-million pound fraud**



Two Sussex relatives have been charged with an alleged multi-million pound betting investment fraud.

Simon Reynolds, 62, a publican, of Hoe Lane, Horsham, and his nephew Ian Reynolds, 50, self-employed, of Ninfield Road, Bexhill, appeared at Brighton Magistrates' Court on Thursday (13 February), to answer summonses alleging they committed fraud by false representation.

The charges, authorised by the CPS, follow an investigation by East Sussex detectives into the alleged operation by the pair of an online spread betting investment fraud, in which they claimed to provide expert advice relating to various sporting events worldwide, between 2008 and 2012, involving the loss of more than £3.5 million for more than 60 victims across the UK and abroad, including 25 from Sussex.

It is alleged that they operated two companies during this period, providing profits statements to investors which falsely indicated that their investments had grown.

Both men were sent for trial, with an initial appearance at Lewes Crown Court on 11 March. They are on court bail meanwhile.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/sussex-pair-charged-with-multi-million-pound-fraud/>

### Appeal to trace owners of suspected stolen tools



Police are looking to reunite these items with their owners.  
The tools were found in a car suspected of being involved in the theft of property from vehicles across Sussex.

Some items retrieved from the vehicle have already been reunited with their owners, who reported the thefts to police.

Officers are now keen to find the owners of the other items found in the car.  
Anyone who recognises any of these items, or who thinks they may belong to them, are asked to contact police online or call 101 quoting serial 1351 of 15/02.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/appeal-to-trace-owners-of-suspected-stolen-tools/>

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### **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](mailto: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**, or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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**Links and attachments:** Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust. We will only send you attachments where we believe it is absolutely necessary.