

Force Message

Children and young people survey

A survey to capture children and young people's attitudes and experiences of policing has been launched in Sussex.

The confidential online five minute survey for 11 to 25-year-olds will run throughout the summer and will be used to shape the service provided to children and young people by police throughout the county.

Chief Inspector Laurence Taylor said: "The purpose of the survey is to give young people and children the opportunity to share their experience and opinions of the police in their area, good or bad, in confidence and to suggest what improvements could be made.

"We know the perception of police by young people will significantly influence their attitude towards us, which in turn will affect whether or not they would report offences in the future or step forward as witnesses. The survey will allow us to better identify their needs and improve the service they receive from Sussex Police."

If you are 11 to 25 and want to have your voice heard about policing in Sussex, complete the short survey at:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sussexpoliceCYPsurvey>

To find out who your local officers and police community support officers are, log into www.sussex.police.uk and type in your postcode, visit your local police station or call Sussex Police's non-emergency number **0845 60 70 999**



Your Local Police Newsletter

Ifield Newsletter - August 2011

Steer clear of car crime

There has been an increase in the thefts from cars and vans in Ifield over the last few weeks. We are increasing police patrols in the hot spot areas and there are a number of actions you can take to reduce the chances of your vehicle being targeted.

Inspector Zahid Khan from Crawley Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "These are opportunist criminals who target insecure vehicles and those which have valuables on display such as satellite navigation systems, mp3 players, mobile phones, cameras, briefcases, wallets and handbags.

"Don't make it easy for them - remove all valuable items from your car or lock them in the boot before you reach your destination. Where possible, park your car in a garage or on your driveway. Failing that if parking on street, use a well lit area.

"If you are unfortunately a victim of car crime, please report it to police as soon as possible.

"If you see anything that you feel is suspicious, including people hanging around, especially late at night - ring 999. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Your Local Contacts

PCSO Dionne Watling

Call 0845 60 70 999 extension 25628 or email dionne.watling@sussex.pnn.police.uk

PC Carly Miles

Call 0845 60 70 999 extension 28776 or email carly.miles@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Next Local Panel Meeting

There are two street briefings coming up in Ifield this month where you can find out about the work of your local officers.

Wednesday 3 August- 11-12pm - Framfield Close

Thursday 11 August - 2-3pm - Dobbins Place



Crawley



Community Messaging

Are you interested in finding out about policing in your local community?

Community messaging is your way of finding out what is happening in your local area. By signing up to the scheme you will receive emails from Crawley Police as and when an incident occurs that may affect you, your belongings or your community.

The idea of the scheme is to give you more information about your local policing team. If you are interested, please contact your local PCSO whose details are on the back of this newsletter and also at www.sussex.police.uk.

Come and meet us

Police officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team will be at the Crawley Irish Festival taking place from noon on Sunday 28 August at the Southgate Playing Fields. Come along and have a chat or tell us about any issues in your area.

The event, which includes live music, a funfair and a special children's area, is being run by the Celtic and Irish Cultural Society (CICS) with all money raised going back in to community events throughout the year.

YOU SAID...

More patrols needed to help reduce criminal damage and vehicle crime.

YOU SAID...

People are speeding in Ifield.

YOU SAID...

We need more Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Ifield

WE DID...

Increased patrols in the hot spot areas. We are also sending out crime prevention letters to owners of vehicles that have valuables on display.

WE DID...

Our Roads Policing Unit have done speeding checks on Hyde Drive. Local officers are also doing speeding operations on roads in Ifield.

WE DID...

We have set up some special Neighbourhood Watch Promotion days and we have sent out letters to recruit new members.

LOCAL NEWS

Work with us to stop Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour can ruin lives. We take it extremely seriously - we know what an impact it has on communities where ASB is a problem. Your Neighbourhood Policing Team is keen to work with you and your neighbours to find out about problems in your area and help resolve them. If you're concerned about ASB in your neighbourhood, here's how you can help make a difference.

If you see anti-social behaviour, don't just shake your head or turn a blind eye. By reporting it, you can actively help make your community a safer place. If it's not an emergency, call 0845 60 70 999 or visit your local police station. In an emergency, call 999. It's an emergency if:

- the crime is happening
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or
- someone is injured, being threatened, or in danger.

If you prefer to report ASB anonymously, you can call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or fill in the Crimestoppers online form at <https://secure.crimestoppers-uk.org/ams.form.anonymous.asp>.

What will we do about it?

If anti-social behaviour is affecting you or your family, you can expect us to:

- treat the problem seriously
- take action
- then report back to you about what we have done.

Make a stand against ASB

What else can you do?

- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme or a tenants' or residents' association.
- Attend a monthly meeting with your Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- Discuss any issues with your local councillor, who can act on your behalf to raise concerns with the council and other organisations.
- Become a volunteer for Victim Support.
- Become a Special Constable.

By playing an active role in your community you really can help make a difference.
Help make yours a neighbourhood where anti-social behaviour is tackled, not tolerated.