

## Force Message

It has never been more important for Sussex police to ensure that communities have a say in shaping the policing services they receive and identifying key local priorities for themselves.

Your local police officer attends public meetings that are held, in every area in Crawley, throughout the year. It's at these meetings where three local priorities are decided by you; your local policing team then responds to your concerns and tackles the problems that you feel are affecting your community most.

Here in Crawley we passionately follow the Sussex Police Force 'Statement of values' and continue to pursue all criminals and criminal activity to ensure our communities feel safe.

### **Sussex police - statement of values**

"We, the officers, staff and volunteers of Sussex Police are committed to **public service**, first and foremost.

We will act with **compassion, personal responsibility** and **courage** to do the right thing for the public we serve.

Our commitment to **justice** means we will always treat people fairly and according to their needs.

We will be **innovative** and keep looking for ways to improve our service.

These shared values are the foundation of everything we do."

To find out who your local officers and police community support officers are, log into [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) and type in your postcode, visit your local police station or call Sussex Police's non-emergency number **101**

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## Next Local Panel Meeting

### Street Briefings

Wednesday 3 October 2012 at  
3pm - Coffee Shop Gales Drive

Tuesday 30 October 2012 at 3pm  
- Three Bridges Junior School



# Your local police newsletter

## Three Bridges - October 2012

Dear residents,

PCSO Lucy Hailes will be leaving our Neighbourhood Policing Team in October. Lucy is moving on to a new role with Sussex Police and will be working in the Crawley Response Investigation Team.

Lucy has been a conscientious and dedicated Police Community Support Officer and will be missed, not only in Three Bridges but in our neighbourhood policing team as well.

I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Lucy for all her hard work and the results she has achieved whilst working in Three Bridges and wish her good luck in her new job.

Kind regards, *Zahid Khan*. NPT Inspector

### And it's goodbye from me...

I have had two great years working in Three Bridges and would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your help and support. I would like to thank each of you individually but we just don't have the room in the newsletter! I am sad to leave Three Bridges and will miss you all but I am looking forward to the new challenges ahead.

I hope you all keep up the good work you all do for the community and continue to work with Sussex Police to make Three Bridges a great place to live. *Lucy*.



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## Pupils have designs on speeding motorists

Pupils from Three Bridges Junior School will be designing posters that will ask motorists to slow down.

The school is holding a competition for the children to design a poster and the winners' artwork will be displayed in Three Bridges.

There was an incident, fairly recently, when a young boy was hit by a car in Punch Copse Road; luckily the vehicle was not travelling fast in this instance and the boy will be fine.

Police patrol the areas where speeding is most common and speed checks are held as often as possible.

Crawley police welcome this extra help from the school and hope the message will reach all motorists.

Operation Crackdown enables the public to report anti-social driving, which includes speeding; this can be done by logging onto Sussex Police website: [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) and following the guidelines.

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Did you know that you can now follow and chat to us on **Twitter @Crawley\_police** and on **Facebook - Crawley Police**.

### New ... Facebook for Crawley police

Yes, we have joined facebook!

On Tuesday 19 September 2012, we picked up a question from a member of the public on our facebook page. The question was:

*'Can you tell me what went on in Gossops Green last night?'*

We looked through our jobs and found that the police helicopter was involved in tracking a stolen car; this was in the areas of Gossops Green and Ifield that evening. ....The best news was that the police found the stolen car and two people were arrested for the offence.

You are welcome to just have a look at the site and start chatting. It would be great to hear from you!

## Sussex News

### Street drinkers update

Local residents have reported to the police, that there has been a reduction of street drinkers in the area since the Directed Patrol Activity has been in place. The DPA, carried out by Crawley police officers and PCSOs, will continue in the areas of Three Bridges where the street community congregate.

If these people are caught drinking alcohol, or even if they are in possession of alcohol, it is seized and disposed of; they are given a Section 27 which orders them to leave the area; if they return within the time stated by the officer (normally 12 hours) they will be arrested. Police and the council have been trying to get the land owner to clean up the tented area (near Haslett Avenue East) and evict the people staying there, then to secure the land. Dates have yet to be confirmed.

### Action day in Three Bridges

On 17 September the police held an action day in Three Bridges. The main reason was to stop people cycling on the footpaths. The numbers of cyclists stopped and spoken to are still being collated and will be available in the very near future.

### Arrests

Two search warrants, issued by the Law Courts, were carried out by police officers in Three Bridges for the mis-use of drugs; someone was arrested at each address.

### 'Boy racer'

A warning has recently been issued to a young driver, who was acting in an anti-social manner whilst driving his car in Tesco's car park. The warning is officially known as a Section 59; if the offender is caught again the vehicle can be seized by the police.

Three Bridges officers will continue to actively patrol this area.

	THREE BRIDGES											
	2011 Sep	2011 Oct	2011 Nov	2011 Dec	2012 Jan	2012 Feb	2012 Mar	2012 Apr	2012 May	2012 Jun	2012 Jul	2012 Aug
Burglary Dwelling	2	1	3	2	3	3	1	3	2	0	5	2
Vehicle Crime	5	3	4	5	6	1	7	16	5	7	8	10
Criminal Damage	9	11	6	10	13	3	1	6	3	5	11	4
PPVC	2	9	6	7	3	1	10	10	5	14	10	8
Robbery	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	2	0