

Community Safety

Report to Etchingham Parish Council, 18th November 2021

Updates of incidents in the area in recent weeks supplied by PCSO Emma Phillips.

Reports relating to the area for the month of October, a few reports relating to Etchingham, and some more fairly local incidents, and quite a few incidents in other neighbouring villages. Vehicle crime is quite prominent including two vehicle thefts in Etchingham.

LOCATION	TIME FRAME	POLICE REFERENCE	OCCURRENCE
Battle Mount Street	19:00 02/10 07:00 03/10	SXP-2021003-0374	A garden and outbuilding have been entered and items have been stolen.
Battle Senlac Gardens	21:04/10 – 23:00 05/10	SXP-2021005-0708	Damage has been caused to a fence.
Battle High Street	16:00 05/10 – 09:00 06/10	SXP-2021006-0779	A gate has been damage to a business premises
Etchingham Heathfield Road	10:00 – 17:00 06/10	SXP-2021007-0341	Report of potential scam callers in the area.
Ninfield Bexhill Road	18:30 06/10 – 07:00 07/10	SXP-20211007-0386	A trailer has been stolen from a yard.
Robertsbridge Heathfield Gardens	20:30 06/10 – 13:00 07/10	SXP-20211007-0720	A car has been keyed.
Hurst Green Merriments Lane	21:00 07/10 – 06:00 08/10	SXP-20211008-0426	A building site has been broken into and items have been stolen.
Ninfield Bexhill Road	17:00 08/10 – 06:00 11/10	SXP20211011-0255	A building site has been broken into and items have been stolen.
Battle Old Mill Walk	13:00 – 14:00 13/10	SXP-20211013-0143	A car has been entered and items have been stolen.
Battle Marley Gardens	21:00 10/10 – 06:00 11/10	SXP-20211013-0201	Diesel has been stolen from a vehicle.
Battle North Trade Road	15:00 08/10 09:00 11/10	SXP-20211016-0169	Criminal damage in the form of graffiti has been caused at the recreation ground.

Ticehurst Lower Platts	No time frame provided	SXP-202111017-0488	A window has been smashed on a residential property.
Sedlescombe East View Terrace	01:15 20/10	SXP-20211020-0110	3 / 4 males have attempted to break into an outbuilding and a vehicle.
Hurst Green Coronation Gardens	18:00 19/10 – 08:00 20/10	SXP20211020-0415	A vehicle has been damaged.
Battle Mount Street	23:10 22/10	SXP-20211023-0737	Attempt break into a garden.
Ninfield Manchester Road	11:30 23/10 – 10:30 23/10	SXP-20211024-0543	A fence has been damaged.
Etchingham	17:30 25/10 – 06:00 26/10	SXP-20211026-0193	A car has been stolen.
Battle Whatlington Road	17:30 25/10 – 06:30 26/10	SXP-20211026-0212	Attempt break to a workshop.
Battle Telham Lane	01:00 26/10	SXP-20211026-0763	A shed has been broken into and power tools have been stolen.
Battle Chain Lane	18:00 26/10 – 09:30 27/10	SXP-20211027-0724	A building site has been broken into and items have stolen.
Etchingham	23:30 25/10 – 08:00 26/10	SXP-20211027-0791	A barn has been broken into.
Dallington The Street	No timeframe provided	SXP-20211028-1123	Contents within the telephone box have been damaged.
Battle High Street	12:50 – 17:10 28/10	SXP-20211029-0285	A vehicle has been vandalised.
Stonegate Cottenden Road	11/10 – 29/10	SXP-20211029-1072	A vehicle has been vandalised.
Etchingham High Street	20:00 29/10 – 07:30 30/10	SXP-20211030-0313	A vehicle has been stolen.
Dallington Carricks Road	12:30 30/10	SXP-20211030-0613	A stable has been broken into.
Robertsbridge Brightling Road	11:00 – 13:30 30/10	SXP-20211030-0739	A trailer has been stolen.

Hurst Green Station Road	22:00 30/10 – 08:00 31/10	SXP-20211031-0474	2 vehicle have been broken into.
Stonegate Lynden Lane	18:15 31/10	SXP-20211031-1360	A window to a property has been smashed.
Robertsbridge Mountfield Lane	01:00 – 05:00 31/10	SXP-20211031-1775	A stable block has been broken into and power tools have been stolen.

Other items to take note of;

Farms;

There has been an increase in farms being broken into recently. Farm owners are advised to make sure their security is up to standard, The Police offer a few pieces of advice;

- Take several photographs of equipment from different angles, especially any unique markings.
- Keep a record of the serial and chassis numbers of all machinery.
- Where appropriate consider fitting immobilisers, trackers, clamps, locks and alarms.
- Mark equipment and machinery using UV markers or Smart Water.
- Keep machinery locked away out of sight and use as many barriers as possible.
- Lock gates and fit alarms if appropriate, make it as difficult as possible for thieves to remove your equipment.
- Add plenty of motion activated lights – thieves do not like being seen.
- Fit CCTV if possible. Ideally cameras that link to your phone so that you are alerted to suspicious activity even when away from the site.
- Report any suspicious activity or suspicious vehicles, thieves will often check out the property in advance.
- Report all incidents as soon as possible, your neighbours will thank you if it helps prevent their property being stolen.

Cars & vans;

As can be seen from the monthly reports, there have been several incidents of thefts and damage to vehicles, including two vehicles stolen from Etchingham. As always, the advice is make sure vehicles are secure and where possible have good motion activated lights to illuminate the area where the vehicle is parked, thieves do not like to be seen while carrying out their activities, CCTV is also a good tool in helping to identify potential thieves.

Sheds & outbuildings;

There have been a number of break ins to sheds and outbuildings with tools and equipment being stolen, make sure these buildings are secure and as difficult as possible to get into, and again, motion activated lighting can be a very good deterrent.

Make sure and report all incidents and break in attempts as soon as possible, even if nothing is stolen, report to **101** or email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk , **BUT** if you are sure a criminal act is in progress **999**.

Cllr. Colin Boylett, portfolio holder for community safety.