

Community Safety

Report to Etchingham Parish Council, 17th March 2022

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

Reports relating to the area for the month of January, one incident relating to Etchingham, two more are marked as Etchingham, but are both actually Burwash.

A few in neighbouring villages, and some more fairly local incidents.

LOCATION	TIME FRAME	POLICE REFERENCE	OCCURRENCE
Ninfield Church Lane	16:00 28/01 – 09:00 29/01	SXP-20220201-0550	Damage has been caused to the recreation ground in the form of graffiti.
Mountfield Hoath Hill	06:24 05/02	SXP-20220205-0320	Damage has been caused to a vehicle.
Bodiam Junction Road	20:00 - 21:00 08/02	SXP-20220208-1237	A trailer has been stolen.
Battle Tollgates	08/02	SXP-20220209-0671	A residential window has been damaged.
Battle North Trade Road	16:30 22/01	SXP-20220210-0908	A letterbox has been stolen from a gate.
Mountfield Mountfield Lane	12:00 – 15:00 11/02	SXP-20220211-0750	A property has been burgled.
Etchingham High Street	17:00 10/02 – 10:00 11/02	SXP-20220212-1254	Damage has been caused to property on the church.
Dallington The Street	01:00 – 08:00 16/02	SXP-20220217-0010	A window has been smashed on a vehicle.
Hurst Green Silverhill	Midday – 13:00 17/02	SXP-20220217-0808	A property has been burgled.
Hurst Green Foundry Close	01:00 – 02:00 18/02	SXP-20220219-0197	Windows have been smashed on a residential property.

Battle The Grove	10:00 18/02 – 11:00 19/02	SXP-20220219-0669	A moped has been stolen.
Bodiam	17:00 19/02 – 08:00 20/02	SXP-20220220-0307	A mini tractor has been stolen.
Battle North Trade Road	20:00 18/02 – 07:15 19/02	SXP-20220220-0780	A vehicle has been damaged.
Staplecross	18:00 10/02 – 19:00 22/02	SXP-20220225-0060	A property has been broken into.

Other items to take note of;

Garden machinery;

We are approaching the time of year when a lot more garden machinery will be in use, don't leave machines unattended if they are in clear view from the road. Make sure all equipment is in your sheds or garage at night, make sure these buildings are secure and as difficult as possible to get into, alarmed if possible, and motion activated lighting can be a very good deterrent.

Reminder to dog owners;

As we approach spring, many farmers are already in lambing season. A reminder to dog owners about their responsibility to keep their dogs under close control when walking through or near to fields of livestock, in particular sheep and to stick to public rights of way.

Livestock worrying is a criminal offence and Police are encouraging farmers to report every instance to police.

A few reminders to dog owners:

Keep dogs on a short lead and under control, especially near farm animals ~ Don't allow your dog to chase or take interest in sheep and lambs ~ Always stay alert and take notice of any signs and notices in the countryside.

The friendliest of dogs, who mean no harm, can still cause pregnant ewes distress and cause their lambs to be aborted.

Successful court outcome for livestock worrying in Wadhurst

A dog owner in Wadhurst has been ordered to pay a £600 fine and £1971.05 in compensation to a livestock farmer near Wadhurst Castle. Two sheep were killed and seven injured after a local owner's dogs escaped from their home on 28 July 2021.

The dog owner was also made to pay £85 costs and a £60 surcharge.

The Rural Crime Team remains committed to investigating livestock worrying offences and achieving successful outcomes. If you witness a dog chasing livestock at the time, please report it to us by calling 999, providing descriptions of the owner, the dog and any associated vehicles. Any recorded footage showing the incident can prove invaluable too.

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.