

Community Safety

Report to Etchingam Parish Council, 17th November 2022

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

Reports relating to the area for the month of October, nothing relating to Etchingam. A few in neighbouring villages, and some more fairly local incidents.

These are just the incidents that have been reported to Police – there are probably more that people have not bothered to report.

LOCATION	TIME FRAME	POLICE REFERENCE	OCCURRENCE
Burwash Spring Lane	09:00 - 17:30 30/08	SXP-20221002-1181	Panes of glass on the church have been smashed.
Battle Mount Street	19:00 – 19:30 20/09	SXP-20221005-0918	A fire has been set in the public toilets.
Dallington	09:00 – 20:00 02/09	SXP-20221005-1633	A battery for electric fencing has been stolen.
Crowhurst / St Leonards Breadsall Lane	22:05 04/10 – 09:00 05/10	SXP-20221009-0994	A trailer has been stolen.
Battle Upper Lake	12:50 – 12:55 10/09	SXP-20221009-1017	Tools have been stolen from a business.
Ashburnham Ponts Green	18:30 – 11:50 09/10	SXP-20221010-0531	A vehicle has been stolen.
Battle Coronation Gardens	18:00 09/10 – 10:00 10/10	SXP-20221010-0849	A window to a residential property has been smashed.
Battle Mitre Way	17:00 04/10 – 17:00 05/10	SXP-20221011-0680	A bicycle has been stolen.
Robertsbridge Rother View	22:15 – 22:35 12/10	SXP-20221012-1305	Windows to a residential property have been smashed.
Robertsbridge Station Road	17:30 – 17:45 18/10	SXP-20221018-1360	A vehicle has bene broken into.
Battle Chain Lane	00:00 01/10 – 18:00 13/10	SXP-20221019-0206	A gate has been damaged.
Ewhurst Green	03/10 – 13/10	SXP-20221019-0349	Number plates have been removed from a vehicle.

Robertsbridge Willards Hill	22:00 – 22:45 19/10/2022	SXP-20221019-1470	A workshop has been broken into.
Battle Asten Fields	21:55 – 22:05 19/10	SXP-20221019-1488	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Stonegate Cottenden Road	21:00 – 00:00 13/10	SXP-20221020-0493	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Battle Station Road	14:00 08/10 – 08:00 14/10	SXP-20221020-0756	Several vehicles have been damaged over 3 days.
Netherfield Darvel Down	12:00 19/10 – 08:10 20/10	SXP-20221020-0924	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Burwash Spring Lane	22:00 – 22:20 20/10	SXP-20221020-1472	Attempt theft of a quad bike
Hurst Green London Road	19:00 20/10 – 16:00 21/10	SXP-20221022-0473	An outbuilding has been broken into and items stolen.
Netherfield	23:55 15/10	SXP-20221022-0616	Attempt break to a garage.
Netherfield	23:45 – 23:50 15/10	SXP-20221022-0652	Attempt break to a shed.
Battle Marley Close	23:00 22/10	SXP-2022102-0330	A residential window has been smashed.
Robertsbridge Poppinghole Lane	13:00 25/10 – 09:00 26/10	SXP-20221026-0316	Gates to a field have been broken.
Battle The Cloisters	22:30 – 22:45 27/10	SXP-20221027-1459	A vehicle has been tampered with.
Battle Powdermill Lane	18:00 20/10 – 09:00 21/10	SXP-20221029-0939	Attempt theft of farm machinery.
Battle Bowmans Drive	00:00 – 09:45 28/10	SXP-20221030-0923	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Battle Chain Lane	07:00 – 17:45 20/10	SXP-20221031-0894	A residential window has been smashed.
Hurst Green London Road	23:30 19/10 – 04:00 20/10	SXP-20221031-1028	Garden tools have been stolen from a shed.
Crowhurst Station Road	18:00 28/10 – 20:45 31/10	SXP-20221031-1443	A Residential property has been broken into.

Other items to take note of:

Number Plate thefts; You will notice in the above there has been at least one report of theft of number plates from vehicle, with the high cost of petrol they are often used in “Drive Off” thefts at petrol stations. If your plates get stolen make sure you report it to the Police because they are likely going to be used in some sort of criminal activity, if they get used on a vehicle that is the same make and model it will help avoid problems if Police come knocking on your door later.

Catalytic converters; As can be seen in the reports above, there have been a few thefts of catalytic converters in the area.

Dark Evenings; As we move into winter with long dark evenings there is an increased risk of burglaries, especially if it is obvious that no-one is at home, consider putting some light on a timer to come on when it gets dark to help make the house look occupied. Motion activated lights around the outside of the house are a good idea burglars don’t like being illuminated.

Breaks to vehicles and outbuildings; As always vehicles, sheds and out buildings are prone to break ins, make sure your vehicles and buildings are secure, and do not leave valuable items in vehicles overnight. You will see from the above reports there has been a number of thefts from sheds

Make sure and report all incidents, suspicious activity 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**.

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