

FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL – Non-Confidential Report

Committee: Full Council

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Report by: Clerk

Subject: Police Report

Agenda Item: 6

SCAM ALERT

Following a rise in courier fraud, we're sharing some information to spread awareness and remind people to Think Scam!

In most cases of courier fraud, a fraudster phones the victim and claims to be from their bank, the police or other law enforcement authority. They then con the victim into revealing their PIN and credit or debit card details or take out a large sum of cash. A 'courier' may then be sent to collect bank cards or cash from the victim.

APPEALS

Appeal following Chichester assault



Police are appealing for the identity of a man following an assault that took place at the Dolphin and Anchor Wetherspoons on West Street, Chichester, on the evening of January 18.

At around 9.30pm, it was reported that a man was injured after a glass was smashed over his head.

Officers would like to speak with the man seen in the CCTV image as he may be able to assist with police enquiries.

If you recognise the man in the photo, or have information to report, we ask you to [contact us online](#), or by calling 101 quoting reference 1188 of 18/1.

[Appeal following Chichester assault | Sussex Police](#)

Police investigating attempted robbery in Chichester

Police are appealing for witnesses to an attempted robbery in Chichester, on Sunday morning (19 January).

Officers were called to South Street at around 10am to a report of a teenager attempting to steal an electric bike from its owner by the junction with West Pallant, before members of the public intervened.

A 16-year-old boy from Chichester was arrested by officers nearby on suspicion of attempted robbery, possession of cannabis and theft of a pedal cycle. He remains in custody at this time.

If you can help, please contact police [online](#) or via 101, quoting serial 288 of 19/01.

[Police investigating attempted robbery in Chichester | Sussex Police](#)

NEWS

National firearms amnesty launched ahead of new law change

Surrey Police and Sussex Police are joining other forces across the country and holding a four-week firearms amnesty for Turkish-manufactured top-venting blank firers (TVBFs), which from the start of March will be illegal to possess.

The amnesty runs from Monday 3 February to Friday 28 February, after which anyone found in possession of a TVBF could be subject to prosecution and face up to ten years in prison.

Owners of these TVBFs are being forewarned ahead of this law change, however, and will be given the chance to surrender these weapons to the police without worrying about getting into any trouble.

People can hand these blank firers in over the counter at designated police stations between these dates, while anyone unable to travel to one of these locations can call the police on 101 to request it be picked up from their home.

Anyone wishing to take part in the amnesty has been urged to use common sense when transporting their TVBF to one of the chosen stations – by placing them in a labelled bag or box and making their way straight there.

Boy, 17, charged with dangerously riding e-bike

A teenage boy has been charged in connection with dangerously riding an e-bike in Chichester. It follows an incident in East Street around 1pm on Boxing Day, when two people were witnessed riding the vehicles through the city centre.

A second 17-year-old boy, from Chichester, made off from the scene but was identified and later arrested.

Neither of the boys can be identified for legal reasons.

Two e-bikes and a number of bladed articles were seized in connection with the incident.

We'd like to thank the numerous members of public who assisted at the scene, and those who have provided witness statements.

We'd also like to reassure the community that we take reports of this nature extremely seriously, and we would encourage anyone who witnesses any similar incidents to contact us.

You can read more here - [Boy, 17, charged with dangerously riding e-bike | Sussex Police](#)

Chichester death: Man pleads guilty to manslaughter

A man has admitted a charge of manslaughter following the death of David Hallatt.

Following a trial at Hove Crown Court, Kieran Egan, 30, of Baldmoor Lake Road in Birmingham and Dyce Barnfield, 31, of Kingstanding Road, Birmingham, were both found not guilty of the murder of David outside a pub in Chichester. Egan pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Barnfield was found not guilty of manslaughter.

Following the trial, which began on 9 December, the jury returned their verdicts of not guilty for both men on Tuesday 7 January.

Egan was remanded in custody to appear for sentencing on 4 April.

You can read more here - [Chichester death: Man pleads guilty to manslaughter | Sussex Police](#)