

Adur NHW Newsletter



Lancing & Sompting Issue

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Lancing & Sompting Burglaries +

Reference No.	Date Time	Location	Details
1566	24/08/2020 Between 8:15pm & 9:45pm	Roberts Road Lancing	Tools and a pedal bike were stolen from an insecure shed.

Blue Badge parking permit holders

Blue Badge parking permit holders are being urged to check their badges' expiry dates and, if these are approaching or already expired, apply for a renewal as soon as possible.

Blue Badges enable disabled people with visible and non-visible ('hidden') disabilities to access goods and services, by allowing them to park close to their destination.

Following the start of the COVID-19 crisis and Government advice, the county council advised permit holders of a relaxation to the rules: that district and borough councils in West Sussex should not issue penalty charges for using badges with an expiry date from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020.

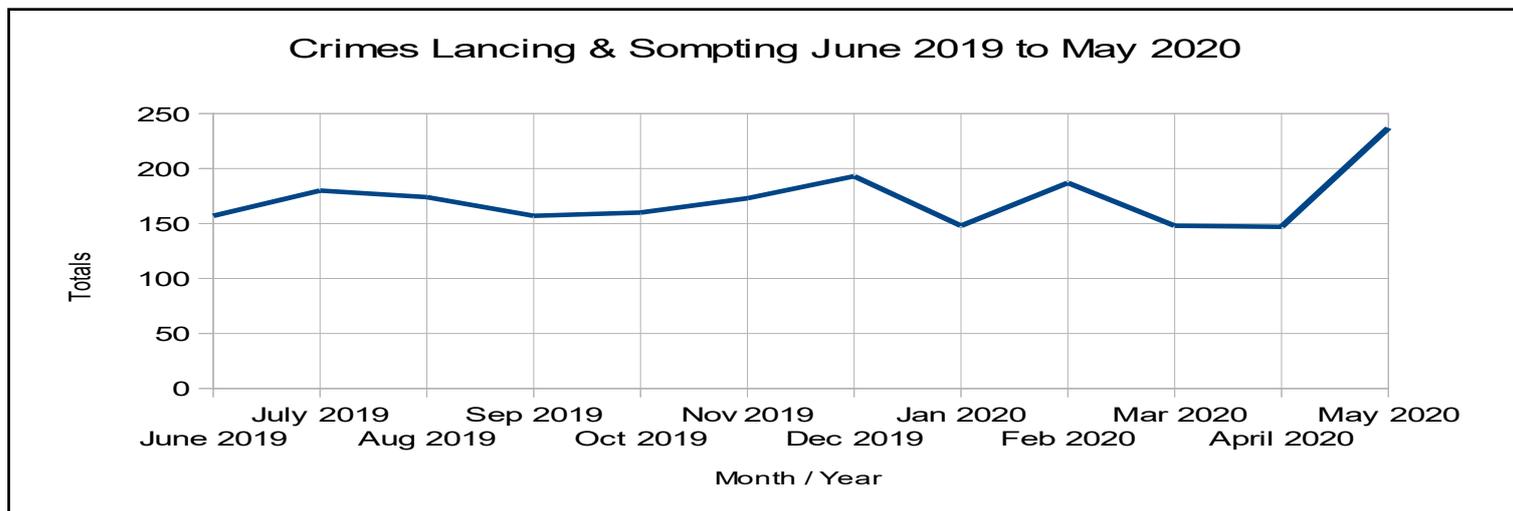
This relaxation will end on 30 September 2020 and anyone using an out-of-date badge after this date may receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) or other enforcement action.

A spokesperson for the Blue Badge scheme said: "Anyone who has not already renewed their badge is urged to do so as soon as possible to allow time to process the application.

"Please go to www.westsussex.gov.uk/bluebadge for information on how to apply. As we have limited capacity for dealing with post, we would be grateful if applicants apply online, if they can. However, if this is not an option, those renewing are advised to get in touch by calling 01243 777653."

If you have a computer please log onto www.lancingnhw.org.uk for more Information and links.

No Crime Statistics have been issued for June & July at the time of going to press



This Month's Telephone Scams:

Advice : Do not press any button on your phone - just ring off.

Recorded message : Your Amazon membership is due for Auto renewal - press 1 to cancel.

New numbers to block : 0060194241309 (Malaysia) - 01768891970 & 060164813271

Recorded message : BT your Internet will be disconnected in 4 Hrs, press 1 to speak to an advisor.

Number to block : 01518225435 (Liverpool)

Recorded message: Your Router will be disconnected in 4 Hrs, press 1 to speak to an advisor.

Number to block : 01518225435

Silence Line dropped

Number to block : 003531563358

ADVICE

With summer holidays ending and schools starting up, life should start to get back to something we consider normal. This means people going out to work (even those working from home need to get out and smell the roses now and again). It means parents dropping off or picking up kids from schools/friends/activities. It means that autumn is coming and the evenings are drawing out. It means more opportunities for burglars. It is a simple fact that burglaries increase over the winter because the evenings get dark. However, don't wait until it's too late; start to get your household prepared.

Two big clues that your home is empty are bins being left out all day after the bin men have emptied them, and parcel deliveries left on the doorstep all day (assuming someone hasn't already stolen it). So why not come to an arrangement with a neighbour to take these in when you are out? It's simple, it costs nothing, and is very neighbourly. Be a Bin Buddy. Be a Parcel Buddy.

You could then extend this idea if you go away for a few days. If your neighbours are good friends (or family or good friends live nearby) get them to go in your house now and again and half close curtains, or move a prominent item on a window sill – pot plant, say - or turn off a light and turn on another one, or even move your car a little if that's parked in the drive or outside your home. Make anyone monitoring your home think that it is occupied. Again, this costs nothing to do, and takes very little time.

Finally, get into a discipline to check all locks and windows before leaving home – the last person to leave the house is responsible, and that includes children.

Remember, as much of a pain as it is, please keep your roadside gates closed always as an open gate is an invitation to enter.