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| Community Safety & Wellbeing eNewsletter header with West Sussex County Council logo**Welcome to our June 2025 eNewsletter**A row of houses facing a road with cars parked in the driveway and on the grass verge*Photo by Lance Chang on Unsplash***Could you spot someone being cuckooed?**Cuckooing is a form of exploitation where people are conned, coerced, controlled, or intimidated into providing access to their home. A criminal group will then use the property as a base for their illegal activity, such as drug dealing or storing cash and weapons.Currently, cuckooing is not a specific criminal offence, however, as part of the Crime and Policing Bill 2025 it will become a specific offence that will carry a maximum penalty of five years’ imprisonment.If you suspect that someone may be a victim of cuckooing, please report it to Sussex Police on 101 or 999 in case of an emergency. If you would like to report anonymously, please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.To find out more about the signs of cuckooing and who is potentially more at risk, The Salvation Army website has a great page with lots of helpful information.

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| [**The Salvation Army | Cuckooing and county lines**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery/cuckooing/1/0101019781f73485-a4b0dc2d-864f-4415-8cbf-4fd60915d103-000000/qRby7SD8b0iT8lV0E81_E-Rf3Y1-cMayGxA6wNu3N-8%3D410) |

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Group of people, including West Sussex County Council staff, British Transport Police and Sussex Police standing outside Littlehaven train station**Residents report feeling safe when travelling by train**Last month, we worked with a dozen of our partner organisations to speak to passengers and rail staff from across the north of the county about their experiences of feeling and being safe in and around railway stations.  We surveyed 50 passengers, staff members, local businesses and community members during Community Rail Week and the overwhelming majority reported that they felt safe when travelling by train.More than 80% of those we spoke to also stated that they were 'likely or very likely' to report an incident if they saw or experienced something worrying at stations or on trains.Railway Children are now putting together a report with recommendations that we will work with our partners to deliver over the next few months, including encouraging local community members and groups to volunteer as ‘Station Adopters’. If you run a community group or are interested in volunteering at your local station, please visit the Southeast Communities Rail Partnership website.

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| [**Southeast Communities Rail Partnership | Get involved**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.southeastcrp.org/communities//1/0101019781f73485-a4b0dc2d-864f-4415-8cbf-4fd60915d103-000000/ZMZrFk8lKiTDn0WFTegANYOKbXyzNqYDHFi95t9YzvA%3D410) |

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Large sculpture of an angel made from over 100,000 seized blades *Photo by Paul Harris on Unsplash***United in the fight against knife crime**As a county, we are not immune to knife crime, so it was important for us to join forces with our colleagues in Sussex Police and the district and boroughs to present a united front during last month’s Knife Crime Awareness Week.  Our partnerships enabled us all to conduct a variety of targeted work, including:* actively engaging with the public to raise awareness and highlight the devastating consequences of knife crime.
* providing West Sussex schools with tailored educational content to inform and empower young people.
* providing online parent, carer and youth worker sessions to help support the people who live and work with young people.
* additional hotspot patrols and knife sweeps to enhance safety across the county and deter criminal activity.
* test purchases of knives and weapons ensuring retailers adhered to the Challenge 25 regulations.
* sharing information on social media about knife crime, including a [powerful video interview](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.instagram.com/reel/DJ9en6yo2dQ/%3Figsh%3Db3R6YXcwcjBsYnpm/1/0101019781f73485-a4b0dc2d-864f-4415-8cbf-4fd60915d103-000000/KvLXZSwK59ACVWkEMyyQf6nueS9iOCgjd3AJxjbO4Ss%3D410) featuring the parents of Harrison Tomkins, who was tragically stabbed in Crawley in 2023.

If you want to learn more about keeping a child or young person safe from knife crime, The Ben Kinsella Trust has a free guide for parents and carers to download from their website.

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| [**The Ben Kinsella Trust | Resources for parents**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//benkinsella.org.uk/resources-for-parents//1/0101019781f73485-a4b0dc2d-864f-4415-8cbf-4fd60915d103-000000/QnffiBQ2JjbqssS_jVt0oacVwsx3I3WELKzL0Hiw1Cc%3D410) |

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Person filling out an online survey on an internet enabled device. West Sussex have your say in the Safer in Sussex survey. **Have your say in Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner's survey**Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne has launched her annual survey seeking the views of residents across the county.The Safer In Sussex survey seeks to understand if residents have experienced crime and looks at what measures would make them feel safer in their communities.Responses to the survey will help Commissioner Bourne to understand where resources within Sussex Police may be better placed, where increased partnership working could help to drive down local issues and to scrutinise the force on areas requiring improvement.The survey is open now and will close at 11pm on Thursday 30 October 2025.

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| [**Complete the Safer In Sussex survey**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//forms.office.com/e/iXZt8BCssv/1/0101019781f73485-a4b0dc2d-864f-4415-8cbf-4fd60915d103-000000/8L0b15GuLnPaDuU_67HHULMcEQUJqNLajNYyhRZ3igw%3D410) |

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| Two examples of universal travel adaptors |

**Ensuring your safety abroad this summer** The summer holidays are quickly approaching and you may be planning to travel abroad. If you are, there is every chance you will be packing a universal travel adaptor. However, in the past West Sussex County Council's Trading Standards team has tested several variations of travel adapters and whilst most were found to be safe, one design in particular that was widely recalled a few years ago continues to be found on sale.Worryingly, several of these adapters have recently been found on sale in the county and have been seized by Trading Standards.Examples of the design are pictured above, but if you see these on sale in West Sussex shops please let the team know by reporting it.

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| [**Report an issue to Trading Standards**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.westsussex.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards-information-for-consumers/report-an-incident-or-issue-to-trading-standards//1/0101019781f73485-a4b0dc2d-864f-4415-8cbf-4fd60915d103-000000/bmYF7xVhNIddEGRy-oSsYbt0k1RWGwOF4r5BHuFm7N8%3D410) |

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Training and events

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**Stay safe online with our Digital Safety & Fraud Prevention team**Our Digital Safety & Fraud Prevention team are currently offering dates for the following free training courses:**Are you scam savvy?**This one and a half hour online course looks at the rise in scams, including telephone, courier and romance fraud and what you can do to stop yourself becoming a victim.* Tuesday 26 August: 1pm - 2.30pm.
* Friday 17 October: 10am - 11.30am.
* Monday 1 December: 1pm - 2.30pm.

**Digital Confidence Training**This in-person three and a half hour training session is perfect for anyone who wants to increase their own digital confidence or help support others.* Wednesday 23 July: 10am - 1.30pm at West Sussex County Council, Parkside, Madeira Avenue, Horsham, RH12 1AB.
* Tuesday 25 November: 10am - 1.30pm at Chichester District Council, 1 East Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1TY.

**Online Safety for Parents**This one hour online course will provide you with the essential knowledge and tools to help keep your children safe online.* Tuesday 24 June: 10am - 11am.
* Tuesday 30 September: 6pm - 7pm.
* Wednesday 14 January: 11.30am - 12.30pm.

To book your free place on any of these sessions, visit the Eventbrite collection page.

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| [**Eventbrite | Digital Safety & Fraud Prevention**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/digital-safety-fraud-prevention-4037633/1/0101019781f73485-a4b0dc2d-864f-4415-8cbf-4fd60915d103-000000/uZLOQkEleQcUrWL-RV3L-bY5mRllsdp02qfrHtmidjM%3D410)  |

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**West Sussex Mind: Self-Harm Learning Network**If you missed it last month, the Self-Harm Learning Network is back for 2025-26 and is running free workshops for parents and carers on the following subjects:**Self-harm online safety training*** Wednesday 1 October 2025 - 9.30am to 12.30pm.
* Wednesday 30 April 2026 - 9.30am to 12.30pm.

**Self-harm and neurodiversity/Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)*** Monday 7 July 2025 - 9.45am to 12.15pm.
* Monday 8 December 2025 - 9.45am to 12.15pm.

**Self-harm, eating disorders and body dysmorphia*** Wednesday 12 November 2025 - 9am - 12pm.
* Monday 11 May 2026 - 1pm - 4pm.

You can find out more on the topics, and how to book your free place, on their flyer.

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| [**Flyer for Self-Harm Learning Network courses**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKWSCC/2025/04/30/file_attachments/3245783/Self%2520Harm%2520Learning%2520Networks%2520Parents%252025-26.pdf/1/0101019781f73485-a4b0dc2d-864f-4415-8cbf-4fd60915d103-000000/kk3MDPCGRxG8lHf-raYXufVaPkubyPrALVXYYA-pgkc%3D410) |

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Did you know?Do you care for a friend or family member who is disabled or living with a long-term illness? You may be an unpaid carer.Carers Support West Sussex understand the rewards and challenges that come with caring, and they’re here to help you access the right support.They offer a variety of services, including carer groups, activities, local hubs, and a helpline and their aim is to ensure you have the information, practical advice, and local services you need.

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| [**Carers Support West Sussex | Local help for unpaid carers**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.carerssupport.org.uk/local//1/0101019781f73485-a4b0dc2d-864f-4415-8cbf-4fd60915d103-000000/kxlaIlDGeocurFS297PtH3_0CSL5m47pYEnk0xDu8Ow%3D410) |

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UK Harvest Fight Against Food Waste |

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