



Neighbourhood Watch Community Bulletin

Non-Emergency contact number 0845 60 70 999 – Emergency 999
Chichester

Successful Outcome

If you see anything suspicious please report it immediately.

It might be the vital piece of information we need! Sussex Police gratefully receive information on all suspicious activity, suspicious persons and Anti-Social Behaviour, occurring in your area. We thank you for your vigilance and together, in partnership, we will effectively reduce and detect crime.

Chichester

Op Whitecross: Robbery at Austin Jewellers, North Street.

The attempt was made just before 10am at Austins Jewellers in North Street, Chichester, when three men wearing hoods and reported to be wielding at least one mallet and a nail gun, tried to smash their way inside. Their efforts set off the security smoke alarm and they fled empty handed, two on BMX cycles, chased by members of the public including two on-duty police officers, not in uniform, who had been nearby on their way to a court hearing. One of them was hit in the face in trying to stop the men, and he suffered facial injuries but did not require hospital treatment.

The three were seen to get into a van nearby. Following a police pursuit a van was stopped by road policing units in Roman Way, Billingshurst, within 45 minutes, and three arrests were made. Various implements were found in the van.

As he left the van one of the men collided with a police car coming to a stop behind it and was taken to the Royal Surrey County Hospital at Guildford by Surrey Air Ambulance. His condition has not yet been fully assessed but he is conscious and his injuries are not believed to be life threatening. The other two men have been taken into custody at Chichester.

The contact between the man and the police car has been notified to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) as standard procedure, and they have asked Sussex Police to continue with enquiries into that incident whilst they assess what involvement they will have.

Chief Inspector Ali Darge said: "The quick reaction of passers-by, including our two officers, was impressive and helped disrupt the robbery attempt. We do not want people to put themselves at risk unnecessarily but it is always heartening to see such a public spirited reaction."

Anyone who saw the incident or saw the men leaving Chichester afterwards is asked to contact Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999 quoting Operation Whitecross.

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