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What an experience summer 2026 and the heatwaves have been. As we begin to slowly move into more autumnal weather, I hope you're all enjoying the very welcome more tolerable temperatures. I'm sure we will be complaining about the cold and having too much rain soon enough! Personally, I think its wonderful to see our gardens green up once more.

Recently, I received communication from one of our readers who wished to share her experience of being subject to nuisance anti-social behaviour. She lives with her husband locally. Children began to knock on her door and run away. It happened multiple times over several days and so she reached out to let me know what was happening, and ask what if anything could be done. She understood of course that NHW is not for reporting live incidents but felt it could help raise awareness and support others who may be experiencing similar circumstances. What some might consider as innocent game of 'Knock Down Ginger', those being on the receiving end of this behaviour its very stressful and upsetting. Awareness needs to be raised that its not a game, its actually a crime and if caught offenders could well face anti-social behaviour charges. Plus if a victim is in a minority group and has been targeted by this sort of behaviour, other charges such as racism as well as antisocial behaviour could apply.

What to do if you also have a similar experience Councils have a range of powers to tackle incidences such as vandalism and intimidation, noise or pollution and nuisances and personal anti-social behaviour. Reporting incidents to the council can be a first step, as it has a duty to consider your report and decide whether it justifies further investigation and/or enforcement. Personal anti-social behaviour is when a person or persons target a specific individual or group.

Advice would be to **always report what has happened to the police** by filling in an online form at sussex.police.uk or contact your local policing team on **101** and provide them with as much detail as possible. Putting a sign on your front door saying CCTV in operation (even if it isn't) could serve as a good deterrent. It would be wise to invest in something like the 'Ring doorbell system' as you will be able to catch images of culprits in action, to hand over as evidence to the police, helping with their investigations. After taking above steps and speaking to a Community Police Officer, I'm happy to update our reader is no longer being troubled.

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Amazon SCAM WARNING

Sussex Police are witnessing an increase in cases where fraudsters are posing as working for Amazon, in order to access the victim's account or personal bank details. Fraudsters are calling victims, claiming that someone is purchasing expensive items on their Amazon account, and that they wanted to confirm it was them. When the victim states that it is not them making the purchase, the fraudsters tell them this means that their account has been hacked and takes the victim through steps to "rectify" this, which usually involves them gaining remote access to their device.

Once they have remote access, they can access the Victims' online banking and make transfers, often claiming that they are moving their money to a "safe account", which is actually just an account belonging to the fraudster. They may also access the victim's Amazon account and place orders to themselves. This will often include the victim receiving a one-time pass code (OTP) to their phone and being requested to read this out to the fraudster, so that they can gain access to their Amazon account



WHAT TO DO

- If you receive an unexpected phone call and they ask you to download a remote access app, it will be a scam beware!
- Hang up and check your purchase history on Your Amazon account.
- If you are unsure, contact Amazon through the genuine website or app.
- Never ever provide anyone with your one-time pass code (OTP).

Do not be pressured – fraudsters will create a sense of urgency to convince victims to do what they are asking. Hang up the phone, give your self time to think, and speak to a friend or family member about it.

Useful information / Contacts

Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue Service, plus Coastguard / Maritime & Mountain Rescue European equivalent in an emergency	**999 ALWAYS IN AN EMERGENCY** an operator will ask which service you need **112**
Police Non emergency reporting information	**101**
NHS Service for medical advice in the UK	**111** (calls are free from both landlines & mobiles)

Report Power cut / UK Power Networks	**105** (free to call from landlines & mobiles 24/7)
Report Water leak or emergency / Southern Water	**0330 303 0368** (caller pays, its not free-phone)
Report Gas leak / National Gas	**0800 111 999** (free to call 24/7 365 days a year)

There are now over 2.3 million household members that are part of Neighbourhood watch movement nationally. With 90,000 volunteers. The 2025 National Crime & Community Survey results found the top crime concern for most people to be that of anti-social behaviour, closely followed by cybercrime and burglary.

Thank you to all Coordinators and Volunteers who continue to make a positive difference in their local communities. Helping make Briton a place where neighbours look out for each other. Neighbourhood Watch is about more than preventing crime – its about creating stronger, more connected communities.

This October marks my 1st year anniversary as volunteer editor of Ferring, Rustington, East Preston & Kingston NHW newsletter's and that time has gone in a flash. As always, I look forward to any communications and feedback going forward. The next newsletter will be January 2027, in-between times I do hope everyone enjoys Halloween and has a fabulous Christmas when it arrives in less than 12 weeks!