



**Police Community  
Support Officer  
(PCSO)  
Newsletter**  
Ashurst Wood, Estcots,  
Woodbury & Herontye

*providing a visible reassurance to the public and assisting in reducing  
crime and the fear of crime by high visibility patrolling*



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For **emergency** calls dial **999**. An emergency is an incident which requires **immediate action by the Police**. This includes the presence of suspects at, or near, the scene of a crime, at the time you are making the call.

For **non emergency** calls please dial **0845 60 70 999**. On this number you can report non urgent incidents of crime or obtain advice.

[www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk)

**Spring 2008**

**Street Meetings** where I will be available to discuss local issues and answer any questions you may have, are as follows:

**Herontye** at the Dunnings Road Post Office:

11:00 hours on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

11:00 hours on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2008

11:00 hours on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2008



**Ashurst Wood:** Premier Store  
11:00 hours on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2008  
11:00 hours on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.  
11:00 hours on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.



Can I ask that driver's park safely and considerately when parking for Ashurst Wood Junior Football Club? Please do not park on grass verges, and where you would restrict the road width, thus making it difficult for emergency vehicles. Use car parks where possible and lift share to reduce the amount of traffic in the village.

### **Neighbourhood Watch.**

Your local Neighbourhood Specialist Team (NST) now has responsibility for Neighbourhood Watch schemes and your local Police Community Support Officer will be the Single Point of Contact (SPOC).

### **How Safe is your Garden?**

With the longer days finally with us, have you thought about the security of your garden, garage and shed? The value of the property stored in gardens, sheds and garages is often much more than people imagine. Most burglars are lazy and are looking for easy ways to get into a house or garden. They often use tools from a shed or garage to break into a house.

### **What can you do?**

Ensure that all tools and equipment is securely locked away when not in use.

Bring the tools inside if you do not have a garden shed or outbuilding.

Linking garden tools with a chain and padlock, when not in use, will also reduce the chances of theft.

Install external automatic sensor security lighting.

A gravel path will act as a deterrent to the thief.

If you have a burglar alarm, why not extend it to cover outbuildings and sheds.

Photograph valuable garden plants and ornaments.

Mark your property with your postcode.

### **Shed Security**

Most doors open outwards, exposing hinges which can be removed to gain access. To prevent this, use strap hinges secured by coach bolts. Coach bolts are very long with smooth heads and cannot be undone with a screwdriver or spanner.

A range of good quality padlocks are available to secure gates and doors. The effectiveness of a strong padlock is dependant on the padbar (also called hasp and staple). It is of no use having the most expensive padlock if the padbar to which it is shackled is easily levered, or if the gatepost or door to which it is fixed is rotten or in need of repair and attention. If possible, select a padbar offering concealed fixings or recessed bolts as these give added protection against forced attack.