



EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

Message from the Police District Commander

You will be aware of the events that have taken place over the last three nights in London.

Although there are many rumours circulating on social media sites, there have been no incidents of disorder related to the on-going unrest across the country. However, we remain alert to the rumours and have planned an increased presence in cities and towns in Sussex.

The Force is again providing mutual aid to the Metropolitan Police and a number of officers and vehicles have been sent or are en route to the capital. However, this has been resourced from officers recalled from rest days and has not affected the normal policing of Sussex.

It is important that we do all we can to prevent the sad scenes that we are seeing elsewhere and we would appeal to everyone of all ages and from all walks of life to disregard the rumour-mongering that is unnecessarily raising tensions and fears in some Sussex communities.

We also recognise that the current situation is a national issue, which we are keen to support wherever possible. This will not be at the expense of policing in Sussex. We will always put local needs first, we are prepared in the event of any disorder and we will keep you informed of any incidents that might occur.

As far as Sussex Police is aware, no events have been cancelled or postponed in the county. If you have any doubts about an event you are planning to attend, you should contact the organisers.

Although there is nothing to suggest we will see such scenes in Eastbourne, my officers and staff will be out today patrolling in our neighbourhoods and communities offering reassurance. However, if you hear of any tensions or wish to report suspicious activity, please contact us immediately.

I will keep you up to date with any significant news of changes. Updates will also be posted on the Sussex Police website www.sussex.police.uk or you can follow @Sussex_Police Jayne

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