

## RE: High Sheriff Community Meetings in West Sussex

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From Shiner, Jo EA579 <Jo.Shiner@sussex.police.uk>

To westsussex@highsheriffs.com

CC Dave McLaren<david.mclaren@sussexpolice.uk>, Ross, Rosie DR497 <Rosemary.Ross@sussex.police.uk>

Date Thursday, 31 October 2024 at 17:35

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Dear Philippa,

Thank you for the clarity and for outlining the circumstances which I am frankly mortified about and offer my sincere apologies. I am also very disappointed in those who have let you down and I have asked for that/them to be addressed.

I have also copied in T/ACC Rosie Ross who will ensure that you have attendance at the final two meetings.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards

Jo

**Rosie** – Please can you ensure informed attendance at the future 2 dates (notwithstanding that Op Peel is on the 5/11). Thanks

**Jo Shiner**

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 12:00 PM

**To:** Dave McLaren <david.mclaren@sussexpolice.uk>

**Cc:** Shiner, Jo EA579 <Jo.Shiner@sussex.police.uk>

**Subject:** High Sheriff Community Meetings in West Sussex

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Dear Dave

It was good to see you on Tuesday at the Safeguarding in City event in Brighton. I thought it was timely and dynamic. It was good to see organisations from across the community coming together to help protect women girls and indeed all vulnerable groups in Brighton alongside the police.

I spoke to you briefly to say that I have been disappointed in the response of the police to a number of community meetings I have held in West Sussex.

I believe that one of the most helpful roles I can play as High Sheriff to make a difference to communities in West Sussex tackling poverty and deprivation is to bring organisations together to work more closely with each other. Part of the collaboration I have been encouraging is about supporting the police. As someone new to the realm of the CJS I have been impressed by the job Sussex Police undertake and the initiatives they deploy. One such

initiative is Op Safety. I had a teams call with Rob Hart and we spoke about giving updates at the community meetings and talking about how community organisations could get involved. I am convinced that these meetings serve the community better than traditional High Sheriff's drinks parties to bring people together. Not that I'm knocking any celebration of those that work so hard in West Sussex to tackle hardship and poverty. In Bognor and Chichester we have had the second of these meetings which I often host with the mayor, who know their towns well and bring another dimension to the meetings with councillors etc in attendance. You can see from the email below the type of invitation sent and the prominence I give to the police briefing.

You will also see below an email I sent to Superintendent Nick Dias who contacted me after the second Bognor meeting last week to say he was sorry that I had not had the kind of support I had wanted. I have not had a response to my email back to him yet.

The community meeting held in Chichester on 21st October was not attended by the police despite a request to CI Will Keating Jones and an email to someone last minute called Molly O'Mailey who did not attend. Inspector Rob Hart had also excused himself from the meeting but said that his colleague DC Loader would attend or would brief someone. This having occurred Sophie my PA and I emailed them re the Bognor meeting later the same week to ensure that someone attended that meeting. Will K-J sent an email the same day as the meeting asking someone called Daniel West to attend who had clearly not been briefed.

I can forward the emails but they are numerous.

Going forward if the police do not want to be involved in these meetings or cannot attend I would prefer to know in advance please.

These are the upcoming meetings and this is a copy of the email sent to Rob Hart (the same dates have been sent to Will Keating Jones James Davidson and Stu Hale and Imran Ashgar):

*Dear Rob*

*Many thanks for your email. I have chatted with Philippa and if you or Mr Loader are able to attend these that would be wonderful. I understand a date for Horsham hasn't been arranged yet, but this is likely to be in the New Year.*

## **21 October**

*Chichester Community Meeting - 6pm - 8pm*

*The Council House, Assembly Rooms, Chichester City Council*

## **24 October**

*Bognor Community Meeting - 6pm - 8pm*

*St Wilfrid's Church, Ellasdale Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 2SG*

**5 November**

*Worthing Community Meeting - 6pm - 8pm*

*The Gordon Room, Worthing Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing, BN11 9SA*

**20 November**

*Crawley Community Meeting - 6pm - 8pm*

*The invitation hasn't yet been sent out for these but hopefully we will do over the next few days. I will update you so you know where this will be held.*

*With best wishes.*

*Sophie*

I was with Lucinda Fraser yesterday who said she had received an email from Jo Shiner re this issue and had said it was me rather than her who was experiencing the problem, so I am copying you in Jo in for information.

I am sorry to send this and do not do it lightly, I thought after the Bognor meeting that it might have been a one off and gave them the benefit of the doubt but I would like to know ahead of the Worthing and Crawley meetings what Sussex Police would like to do. I have received assurances from Imran Ashgar and James Davidson that they will be attending their respective meetings?

Kind regards

Philippa

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** The High Sheriff of West Sussex <[westsussex@highsheriffs.com](mailto:westsussex@highsheriffs.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Worthing Community Meeting - 5th November 6pm - 8pm

**Date:** 26 October 2024 at 09:40:40 BST

**To:** "Dias, Nicholas CD117" <[Nicholas.dias@sussex.police.uk](mailto:Nicholas.dias@sussex.police.uk)>

Dear Nick

I appreciate your email.

To be honest it has been disappointing, I do understand that the police have all sorts of calls on their time. However, many of the frontline charities, councillors WSCC staff etc also have huge commitments and are committed to helping the police do their job as effectively as possible. In short they do not need to come to these meetings after work and show willing. I would rather not have said the police were coming than risk the loss of reputation when it's someone last minute or not at all. Not to mention how stressful it is as the host not to be able to depend on someone being there who is well briefed.

I hope that moving forward we can work more effectively together. I think there is a huge appetite for these community meetings not least because those tackling poverty and deprivation in our communities want to feel they are part of a community and can depend on one another.

With best wishes

Philippa

On 25 Oct 2024, at 11:20, Dias, Nicholas CD117 <[Nicholas.dias@sussex.police.uk](mailto:Nicholas.dias@sussex.police.uk)> wrote:

Dear High Sheriff

I wanted to get in touch as I have been informed by one of my key partners that the Sussex Police representation at the community meeting that you recently arranged, and kindly invited Sussex Police to, may not have been delivered as we would normally have wished.

I apologise for this if it was the case and to reassure you that I have spoken to Chief Inspector James Davidson who is very much looking forward to attending and presenting at the meeting in Worthing on 5th November alongside Inspector Rob Hart.

This is a really valuable opportunity for us to engage with our key partners including yourself to present the work we are currently completing as well as to understand how we can deliver more effectively together and with our communities.

I am really disappointed that I will not be able to attend but unfortunately I am already committed that evening as part of the Sussex Police operation for the Lewes Bonfire Events. However, I am looking forward to hearing the report from the evening from CI Davidson and I will be speaking with him on the night.

If there is anything further that I can be of assistance with please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Nick

Superintendent Nicholas Dias CD117 (pronouns he/him)

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Dear All

It is with great pleasure that The Mayor of Worthing, Cllr Ibsha Choudhury and I invite you to the Worthing Community Meeting on Tuesday 5th November from 6 pm to 8 pm in The Gordon Room at Worthing Town Hall, Chapel Road Worthing, BN11 9SA

We are delighted to welcome Sussex Police's Inspector Rob Hart and DC James Davidson, who will be giving an update on their OP Safety strategy in Worthing. This is an initiative to combat Anti Social Behaviour particularly in relation to knife crime and county lines. This is an initiative which The Mayor and I fully support. Vulnerable groups in the Worthing area are exposed to coercion and grooming and whilst the police are doing all they can to tackle the issue, it is and will be more effective if we can work together to support them and those who are caught up in it.

We will also be discussing issues that affect all the frontline organisations invited to the meeting:

- Isolation - There was talk of Drop Ins, contacting people in their homes, living in community etc.
- Poverty - Pressure on families, single parents, elderly etc in terms of cost of living etc.
- Homelessness - the need for secure accommodation with multiple and complex needs
- Domestic Abuse - the rise in demand for services
- Access to health care - equal access to healthcare for all

We are inviting organisations who will be working to address these priorities in the area and will look forward to introducing ways of hearing what is happening and how we can work more effectively together.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the meeting on Tuesday 5th November from 6pm to 8pm. Please do let us know if you would like to invite another organisation or would like to bring more along.

In the meantime if you could RSVP to Sophie my PA at this address to give the Town Hall an idea of numbers that would be wonderful.

With warm regards and thanks for all your support.

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