

Lost Property - 01.10.18

From today (Monday 1st October), in alignment with police forces nationally, Sussex Police will no longer record reports of lost property in police stations, in person, online, email or through 101.

The national decision was approved by the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) after discussions between police forces and the National Police Front Counters Forum (NPFCCF). Traditionally, police have accepted the responsibility of recording lost and found property, although there is no statutory duty to do so.

Chief Inspector Roy Hodder, Communications Department said: "Although lost property will no longer be recorded by police, we are accepting items of found property.

"There are a range of other free services which will allow you to report if an item has gone missing.

"Also it is worth noting that some items of lost property need to be reported directly to the relevant issuing authority. For example, a lost passport is to be reported to the passport agency, a driving licence to the DVLA or credit cards to the bank or financial provider.

"There are a few exceptions though. In cases where items which are dangerous or hazardous such as ammunition, firearms, weapons, chemicals/poisons are lost, these are to be reported to police immediately.

"Where an item has a serial number such as electrical equipment, it's recommended that they are registered at www.immobilise.com which is free of charge. This will also help police identify and reunite you with your property if it was ever stolen.

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Seen something suspicious or have information about a crime or incident? Please contact us online, email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org