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**News And Appeals**

**Bexhill man jailed for child sex offences**

A Bexhill man has been given a three-year prison sentence for sexual offences involving children.

Bruce Child (pictured), 63, a maintenance worker, of Jameson Road, Bexhill, was sentenced when he appeared at Hove Crown Court on Wednesday (15 March) having pleaded guilty at a previous hearing to attempting after on-line grooming to meet a 12-year old girl in Leicester for sexual activity on 20 November last year.

He also pleaded guilty to two offences of making indecent images of children. [Read more here.](#)

**Young woman sexually assaulted in Bexhill town centre**

We are searching for a young man who followed and sexually assaulted a 19-year old woman in Bexhill.

At about 3.40pm on Monday (27 March) the girl was in central Bexhill, preparing to catch a bus home to Eastbourne, when she became aware of the man following her as she entered and left the Co-op in Devonshire Road, and then into nearby Devonshire Square. At that point he beckoned her to the male toilets where he kissed her on the cheek and sexually touched her over her clothing, before taking a small quantity of cash from her and walking off from the Square over the bridge to the other side of the railway line at about 4.05pm.

The man is described as white, in his early twenties, about 6'1", with dirty blond hair. He had a big rucksack with him.

Detective Constable Claire Linsell said; "The young woman was very upset although not physically injured, and she made her way home by bus before the incident was reported to the police.

"If you were in the area at the time and witnessed the incident, please [report online here](#) quoting serial 1133 of 27/03.

**We are appealing for information after two break-ins to out-buildings in Rother**

Garden tools and equipment, including two petrol mowers, chainsaw, rotavator and a strimmer were stolen from a shed in Witherenden Hill, Burwash, overnight on Wednesday 22 March. Two lawnmowers were stolen from a shed in Cackle Street, Brightling between Friday 17 and Friday 24 March.

Sergeant Mark Botley said: "Should anyone see or hear anything suspicious or out of place

around such properties, please call police without delay on 999.”

Anyone with information concerning these break-ins is asked to [report online here](#) quoting serials 1007 of 27/03 (Burwash) or 1033 of 27/03 (Brightling).

Alternatively they can call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 ([www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)). For crime prevention advice please [click here](#).

## Crime Summary

### Police mean business in tackling drug crime in Hastings and Rother

We have struck a notable blow in their battle against illicit drugs in Hastings, St Leonards-on-Sea and Bexhill.

On Tuesday (21 March) officers stopped a car being driven by a woman in which was found a large holdall containing a significant amount of herbal cannabis and another drug, thought to be cocaine.

As a result of further enquiries, police visited three addresses in Hastings where searches yielded a substantial haul of prohibited drugs.

These included more than 20 kilogrammes of herbal cannabis, more than a kilogramme of suspected cocaine, two large bags of suspected crystal MDMA, more than £5,000 cash and other items suggestive of drug production and supply.

The value of the drugs involved is estimated to be at least £20,000.

Members of the East Sussex community investigations team are now making further efforts to identify others who may be linked to the criminal enterprise. [Continue reading here](#).

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Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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