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**“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”**

**Update from the Police District Commander**

Good Afternoon,

Sussex Police would like to thank partner organisations, businesses and the public for their cooperation and help in maintaining a virtually trouble free night in Sussex.

Although we sent support yesterday (August 9) to our colleagues in the Met, it was equally important for us to make sure that the people of Sussex knew we were putting local needs first when considering this support.

Throughout yesterday and overnight the county was carefully monitored and we were prepared for any disorder relating to the national unrest as well as serving Sussex as normal.

In Hastings police acted quickly when they received information that two men were alleged to have been trying to arrange disorder via Facebook. A small group was then seen to gather outside McDonalds in Wellington Place at around 8pm. Two men aged 20 and 22, from St. Leonards-on-Sea, were arrested on suspicion of public order offences. They remain in police custody. No further incidents were reported in the county.

It was important that we acted swiftly and accurately to any rumours and concerns, particularly those that continued to come via social media sites. It is very heartening to see so many positive and appreciative messages coming back to us from communities across Sussex, particularly on Twitter, and shows that such information sources can be used as a power for the good.

We will continue to keep our twitter account @sussex\_police and our website up to date with the latest information - <http://www.sussex.police.uk/news-and-events/news/2011/08/09/live-log-sussex-police-response-to-unrest>.

If you hear of any tensions or wish to report suspicious activity, please contact us immediately by dialling 999. My officers and staff will be out again today patrolling in our neighbourhoods and communities offering reassurance.

Thank you again for your support,

Jayne

Jayne Dando  
Chief Inspector, District Commander Eastbourne