

# The Argus

## **News**

20th September 2017

### Four arrested after raids on brothels in Hove and Worthing

By [Emily Walker](#) Chief reporter



**Four people have been arrested after raids in Hove and Worthing.**

Sussex Police said they had seized a significant amount of cash and arrested three people for offences linked to prostitution following four house raids in Worthing and Hove last night.

Police investigating sex trafficking raided properties in Blatchington Road, Hove and Ham Road, and Selden Road, Worthing, and South Street Tarring.

A 64-year-old man and a 49-year-old woman, both from Worthing, were arrested on suspicion of acquiring, using or possessing criminal property.

A 59-year-old man, also from Worthing, was arrested on suspicion of acquiring, using or possessing criminal property and keeping or managing a brothel used for prostitution. The two men remained in custody on Wednesday morning (September 20) for further questioning.

A 49-year-old woman, from Worthing, was arrested on suspicion of acquiring, using or possessing criminal property but was subsequently released without charge.

Several women thought to have been working as prostitutes are now working with Sussex Police, the Adur and Worthing Councils' Safer Communities Team and local health providers to give them care and support.

A third man was also arrested on suspicion of paying for services of a prostitute and has been released under investigation.

Chief Inspector Miles Ockwell, district policing commander for Worthing, Adur and Horsham said: "Yesterday's operation was the result of a significant amount of planning by many agencies working together to ensure that we could safeguard those we believe to be at risk of exploitation. We will continue to focus on targeting those who are engaged in organised crime and who gain from the exploitation of vulnerable people."

Immigration officers were also seen visiting a Salvation Army building in Crescent Road, Worthing, just before 6pm.

The Salvation Army said they had been put on standby by police to offer assistance to women rescued from the raids - and were not themselves suspected of any offences.

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**rogerthefish** 20th September 2017 7:05 am

Maybe not such a happy ending for some, but now the sally ann brigade getting in on the act as well, times must be tough.

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**Size 8s** 20th September 2017 8:31 am  
Probably looking for Isis

**ThinkBrighton** 20th September 2017 9:41 am  
Not Choc isis.  
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**whereisthe...?** 20th September 2017 4:09 pm

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Choc Isis

The forbidden ice cream....  
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**ThinkBrighton** 20th September 2017 9:43 am  
Driving along Blatchington Road Hove yesterday, the police were also raiding a "wellbeing centre".  
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**firemanste** 20th September 2017 12:24 pm  
that is a brothel.i saw the police car and van outside also  
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**P.Dant** 20th September 2017 10:51 am  
I didn't know that 'paying for the services of a prostitute' was illegal.\*\*\*\*.  
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**mark by the sea** 20th September 2017 11:20 am

**P.Dant** wrote: *I didn't know that 'paying for the services of a prostitute' was illegal.\*\*\*\*.*  
The place on Blatchington offers massage , so how do the police know the guy was with a prostitute ?  
Funny that it's been there for maybe 10 years or more ..?  
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**Peter Bongo** 20th September 2017 12:02 pm

It is only illegal if the prostitute is underage or if the client is aware that the prostitute has been trafficked or coerced to work against her will .

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**TreeHurler** 20th September 2017 1:59 pm

Traditional prostitution isn't really a problem, but when it possibly involves people trafficking and slavery, it really is.

I suspect that this is more to do with that than straight prostitution. The UK has changed a lot since mass-migration and the subsequent barbarity that has been allowed in.

Pro-EU Neo-Liberals bring back slavery and child prostitution to the UK. You couldn't make it up.

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**Old Scrote of the Amex** 20th September 2017 2:41 pm

And yet... and yet you have.

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**TreeHurler** 20th September 2017 4:05 pm

Well, let's wait and see. I'm sure we'll hear soon enough.

**blaidsbuoy** 20th September 2017 4:48 pm

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AswsfwoYtQk>

Part of a Dutch Awareness-to-traffic  
king campaign ....

**humbersupersnipe** 20th September 2017 4:58 pm

Having your EU cleaner, nanny etc on the minimum wage and zero hour contract is nearly as bad, just exploiting people.

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**Maxwell's Ghost** 20th September 2017 5:53 pm

That's helped to put the Great into Great Britain. Great for British people \*\*\*\*\* for migrants.

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**Guido Fawkes** 20th September 2017 12:54 pm

Several women thought to have been working as prostitutes are now working with Sussex Police..

How nice of Sussex police.

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**ThinkBrighton** 20th September 2017 2:10 pm

They did say they were under funded!  
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**whereisthe...?** 20th September 2017 4:09 pm  
Pointless unless prostitutes are prosecuted also. They'll just go elsewhere nearby.

And by the way... why is it so hard for police to raid these places as if its a big detective thing when they advertise their addresses online now!? They could shut down half of them overnight if they wanted to.

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**Farawaynow** 20th September 2017 6:06 pm  
Pimps and traffickers are vermin, the problem is that they are'nt really punished, same as hard drug dealers. Putting them in prison after the lawyer and barrister scum have lined their pockets at the expense of the tax payer is not the way to go. The people have been brainwashed by do-gooders so oppose public capital punishment, that really is a deterrent. Last Updated: 21st September 2017 12:08 am

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**ahoy** 20th September 2017 6:38 pm  
BB's Wellbeing in Ham Road Worthing was obviously being used for things other than their advertisements in the shop window !

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**realcagefighter** 20th September 2017 6:43 pm  
That's my evening buggered. Anything good on the telly?  
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**Snapple** 20th September 2017 9:42 pm  
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**JKW** 21st September 2017 11:27 am  
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