

Community Notice

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Chichester District

Local 'crackhouse' closed in Chichester



Police in Chichester have successfully obtained an order to close down a local 'crackhouse' where Class A drugs were being used.

Several warrants have been executed at 2 Caernarvon Road and residents have continued to have their lives blighted by visitors to the property.

On Thursday (19 July), magistrates at Worthing granted a closure order for three months and officers subsequently went to the property to board it up. Letters were given to all local residents in the area to inform them of the action that police had taken.

Inspector Will Rolls, from Chichester's Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "We continue to work hard to disrupt and take positive action against those engaged in criminal activity.

"In this instance, a community was being seriously disrupted by the occupants of an address, where Class A drugs were being used; the associated disorder impacted on local residents' daily lives.

"We worked with partner agencies to obtain the Closure Order which, now in force, will have a very positive impact on the neighbourhood. We will not tolerate any such behaviour on this district and will take such positive action whenever and wherever possible."

Stephen Coles, aged 48, was charged with possession of a Class A drugs. He was due to appear at Chichester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday (18 July) but failed to attend. He was arrested again on Friday (20 July), appeared at the court on the same day, pleaded guilty and was fined £120 with a £15 victim surcharge. He also pleaded guilty to failing to answer his bail and was fined a further £70

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