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### **Neighbourhood Watch Community Notice**

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**Chichester District**

### **Operation Torque**

On the evening of Tuesday 24 January 2012 the Road Policing Unit and the local Neighbourhood Policing Team joined forces to tackle the on-going issues of anti social behaviour and nuisance scooter riders in the area of Selsey.

During Operation Torque, officers stopped and tested a number of scrambler bikes and mopeds. Using a dynostart machine our officers were able to take a reading of the top speed these bikes were capable travelling at. The reasons for these tests were to see if they had been derestricted or not. The top speed of a moped is 30mph.

The drivers stopped were given stern words of advice about the way they choose to travel and invited to a Road Safety Course to learn more about the safety requirements of riding on the road, correct clothing and the law around mopeds and tampering with them to increase speeds. All the drivers stopped have agreed to attend the course and will be sent further information closer to the time. This course is available for anybody to attend if they feel that they would benefit from it. The Roads Policing Unit will be running the course and for more information please contact PC McArthur at [glen.mcarthur@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:glen.mcarthur@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO Sam Treagust said, "We have carried out this operation after a number of our local residents told us about how they were being affected by the on-going anti-social and nuisance use of mopeds. Our initial aim was to educate our young riders about the affects their behaviour was having on others. We will be carrying out more of these operations in the near future and next time, vehicles that have been tampered with or are being ridden in an anti-social manner will be seized from the individual."

For more information about anti-social and nuisance driving please visit [www.crackdown.org](http://www.crackdown.org)

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**If you see anything suspicious please report it immediately.**

It might be the vital piece of information we need! Sussex Police gratefully receive information on all suspicious activity, suspicious persons and Anti-Social Behaviour, occurring in your area. We thank you for your vigilance and together, in partnership, we will effectively reduce and detect crime.