

# Warden Monthly Report

31/01/2020 Southwater Parish

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>60.50</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	<b>18</b>
Foot (high visibility)	24.50	Noise	2
Vehicle	36.00	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>14</b>	Driving/vehicles	14
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	1
Parking alert	14	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	3 / 1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Email	1	Dog fouling	6
Intelligence report	1	Litter	24
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	25
Verbal	0	Hazards	1
<b>Admin</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>School contact/engagement</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>0</b>

## ASB/crime/criminal damage

- We routinely monitor crime reporting websites for information about suspicious activity, people and vehicles enabling us to understand and respond to emerging trends. This month we became aware of an increase in thefts of Land Rover, Suzuki 4x4 and All-Terrain vehicles in the district so, when possible, we interacted with owner/drivers encouraging them to review their existing security measures and offering guidance on precautions.
- Due to an increase in the theft of power tools predominantly from commercial vehicles and premises, we paid additional attention to areas used by trade persons to park their vehicles including rural parking and residential streets.
- Following a District alert regarding the theft of catalytic converters particularly from Honda vehicles, we spent additional time patrolling Parish car parks including the Park & Ride at Hop Oast in order to disrupt any potential thefts.
- We were alerted to the attempted theft from a local retail business in the parish, of a basket full of meat products by two females. We debriefed the informant, obtained images of the suspects and warned other potential business targets in the area whilst encouraging the informant to report the matter to Sussex Police. Two days later, the two suspects returned and were identified by staff who called the police and the matter is now under investigation.
- A report was made by an older resident of a new build premises describing how the peace and tranquillity he and his wife had previously enjoyed was now being shattered every night by groups of young people, some drinking alcohol, smoking and playing loud music in a communal area designed for residents only. When asked to leave, some became verbally abusive and one even physically assaulting the informant. After that and with considerable encouragement, the matter was reported to Sussex Police. We immediately became involved, organised a reassurance visit to see the informant and this wife, liaised with PCSO Priest and increased our patrols in the area. Since then, no further ASB incidents have been reported to us. This is a great example of joined up working resulting in a positive outcome for our residents.

- We continue to engage with residents whilst out on our foot and mobile patrols in an attempt to raise awareness of potential risks whilst delivering a positive crime prevention message and ensuring the disruption of criminal activity in the parish. There is still a need to warn people about leaving their car open or the engine running whilst unsupervised, garage doors left insecure sometimes enabling a suspect unrestricted access to your dwelling through an internal door and windows being left open when no one is at home.
- Due to a spate of parcel deliveries 'vanishing' following deliveries being left on the door step, we would encourage residents to consider organising a 'safe place' for your precious items to be stored in until you get back.
- We continued to monitor, report on and dispose of drug litter whilst working in partnership with WSCC and Sussex Police by providing intelligence reports. We have identified a number of locations requiring regular patrols and are working with strategic partners to address any environmental factors that may positively impact on future outcomes.

## Parking/vehicles

- We continued to support staff and parents at Southwater schools by promoting conscientious parking, the turning off of idle engines and the safe transportation of pupils. Occasionally, our requests are met with a negative response and even verbal abuse so in consultation with both Parish and HDC representatives we have initiated a feasibility study of alternatives to the current arrangements. Naturally we will consult with school staff and partner agencies, including but not limited to Sussex Police, WSCC Highways and HDC Parking Services.
- Where appropriate, advice leaflets or parking notices have been issued to raise awareness of anti-social parking.

## Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

- Reported for removal  
Overflowing dog waste and litter bins
- Fly Posting  
We contacted a commercial enterprise and instructed them to remove their advertising signage from the Parish in order to avoid enforcement action being taken against them. All signs were removed by them within 72 hours
- Fly Tipping  
We located three small incidents of commercial fly-tipping on Coltstaple Lane, Christs Hospital Road and Rascals Close.

## Community engagement/events/meetings

- We attended Tanbridge House School for a production of 'Skin Deep', an excellent performance and workshop delivered by Solomon Theatre Company retained by HDC to deliver 'theatre in education' as part of a powerful and inspiring PSHE package helping nurture a positive pathway for young people whilst addressing issues around knife crime, gang violence, drugs, sexuality and relationships. The Yr11 audiences across Horsham engaged positively with the experience.

## Patrols (foot/visible and car)

- We continued patrols of local businesses designed to disrupt shoplifting, ASB and improve engagement.
- We continued to provide high visibility patrols both on foot and in a liveried vehicle throughout the Parish.

## Elderly and youth

- Youth  
We have continued to build up relationships with young people outside of uniformed groups and youth clubs and regularly engage with them when out on patrol.

## Licensing

Nothing to report

## Dog related issues

Nothing to report

## Cycling

### Cycling/Skateboarding Prohibition

- Although the weather may have been a factor in that there were less cyclists this month, we have noticed that more people are walking their bikes through Lintot Square in accordance with the local requirement, which is a positive development.

## Parish specific/other

### Public Enquiries

- We responded directly to 17 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person. We have either resolved issues ourselves or signposted residents to relevant agencies for further advice and support. We receive a wide range of enquiries such as assisting a resident to update her Sat-Nav device to signposting a resident to relevant agencies regarding persistent barking by a neighbour's dog.

### Training

- We attended a Cyber Prevent training course delivered by Sussex Police (<https://serocu.police.uk/cyber-choices/>) at Horsham District Council. This was a fast paced insight in to the current technological offences and crimes currently being perpetrated by some of our young people, what to look out for, where inappropriate online behaviour can lead, examples of people involved in organised cyber crime and diversion courses that are available potentially offering a legitimate and very lucrative career in Cyber Security rather than cyber crime.

### Meetings

- Parish Council and Horsham District Council Steering Group Meeting, to assess progress so far of the Warden Scheme in Southwater and to discuss salient issues and priorities for our ongoing work.
- Introductory discussion with Tapestry Lunch Club, a new local and informal lunch club/day care service for socially isolated and/or those living with Dementia.