

Warden Monthly Report

September 2019 – Southwater

Patrol Hours	62	No. of visits to Elderly/Vulnerable	2	School Contact/Engagement	7
Foot (high visibility)	36				
Vehicle	26				
Clear up/disposal reports	116	ASB Incidents	7	Police Reports Made	2
Fly tipping, flyposting	4	Noise	1	Phone	0
Graffiti	1	Neighbours	2	Email	0
Dog fouling	52	Driving/vehicles	1	Intelligence reports	2
Litter	23	Alcohol/drugs	0	E-CINS	0
Drug litter	36	Other	3		
Community Events Attended	8	Youth Engagement/Activities	13	Fixed Penalty Notices	0
Yellow Card Warnings	0	Parking Notices Issued	5	Reports to Operation Crackdown	1

ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage

- We were alerted to a local business reporting that their staff had been subjected to verbal abuse and intimidation from a small number of residents and that two staff vehicles had suffered malicious damage. We contacted the manager, offered guidance and provided high visibility reassurance patrols during key times to reduce the risk of future conflict. No further incidents reported.
- A report of Criminal Damage was made to Sussex Police in relation to damage caused to the Country Park's Visitor Centre at the end of what had been a very successful summer season. Offensive graffiti was sprayed on a vehicle and on the community piano together with damage to a seating area. Under investigation.
- There have been further reports relating to ASB at the Sports Club skate park and play area including littering/swearing/spitting and threatening of younger children by young people. Regular high visibility presence utilised to disrupt and prevent further incidents. Ongoing.
- We routinely supported local businesses that have highlighted concerns around shoplifting being perpetrated by school children particularly before and after school by providing high visibility reassurance patrols to prevent incidents, disrupt ASB and improve engagement. Ongoing.
- 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 regularly patrolled Quarry Way at school pick up time in response to reports from residents regarding inconsiderate parking and use of residents' parking spaces. Inconsiderate parking leaflets and parking alerts were issued where appropriate. We will continue to monitor this area as part of our school parking patrols.
- We have responded to several reports from residents in relation to concerns about high-sided and/or commercial vehicles being parked in residential areas. Where appropriate, advice leaflets or parking notices have been issued to raise awareness around inconsiderate parking.
- We continued to support staff & parents at Southwater schools at peak times promoting conscientious parking and the safe transportation of pupils. Overall, this appears to have improved the situation.
- We reported an apparently abandoned vehicle to Op Crackdown and the owner was directed to move it
- We responded to reports of vehicles parking inconsiderately in Woodlands Way
- We continue to liaise with Parking Services colleagues around enforcement where appropriate

Fly tipping/Littering/Graffiti

- Reported commercial advertising banners on Hop Oast roundabout for removal
- Reported offensive graffiti located at the new skate park for removal
- Reported small amount of commercial waste fly-tipped near Stakers Farm for removal
- Reported small amount of garden waste fly-tipped in Country Park car park for removal
- Removed further out of date commercial fly-post advertising material from Hop Oast roundabout
- Conducted regular litter picking patrols particularly around the Leisure Centre sports field & Stakers Lane

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

- Southwater Youth Project
As part of a series of events encouraging young people to get out and about, we again joined Angie Choat and her junior leaders for Active Fridays involving fun games and creative activities which culminated in a light-hearted water fight in the final session of the summer holiday programme.
- Old Skate Park
As a result of great work by Angie Choat, we had several impromptu meetings with Rob from Raddi Ramps who provided his expert skills, knowledge and equipment for free and completed urgent repairs to the main ramp enabling skaters to continue to enjoy this unique facility. We continued to conduct regular patrols in this area as it suffers from litter problems and occasional drug use.
- Horticultural Flower Show
We attended the Village Hall to view the fabulous presentations of flowers, fruit, vegetables and food enabling us to 'cultivate' relationships around the concept of creating an intergenerational space designed to support a diverse range of ages, encourage knowledge and skills transfer and promote positive interactions whilst challenging negative perceptions each group may have towards the other.
- Welcome Club
We were invited to attend their bi-monthly meeting at the Village Hall to introduce ourselves. We delivered a short presentation backed up by a question and answer session about the role and how we support residents. It was a very positive experience with many informative conversations and expanded our network of links.
- World Suicide Prevention Day
We distributed The Samaritans suicide prevention packs and posters in the following venues: Southwater Village Hall, Boots, The Lintot Pub, Domino's Pizzas, Shades Barbers, The Little Tea House and the library.

- Southwater Football Club
We cheered on The Swifts in their first home games of the West Sussex Premier Division 2019 season played on their new pitches at Southwater Sports Club.
- Parish Church Fete
In glorious sunshine, we joined many others at the very well supported fete to raise much needed revenue.
- Roundstone Park
The previously reported request by residents for a safe crossing of Worthing Road in order to access bus links in to Horsham has been referred to WSCC Councillor, Nigel Jupp together with site photographs and signature petition. Awaiting a response.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

- We continue to provide high visibility patrols both on foot and in a liveried vehicle throughout the Parish.
- We undertook 'Op Minster' foot patrol with Sussex Police PCSOs Steve Priest and Joseph Marimla

Elderly and Youth

- We continue to carry out home visits in support of the most vulnerable members of the community whilst providing advice and signposting to relevant agencies as appropriate.

Licensing

Nothing to report.

Dog related issues

- We have continued our campaign of raising awareness of the negative impact of dog waste. Our 'Pink Poo' campaign has gained media attention and a positive response from a number of local residents however there is still a lot of work to be done.
- We responded to a noise nuisance report relating to a dog that barks frequently and provided the owner with words of advice and an indication of future outcomes if the matter is not addressed.

Cycling

- We continued to enforce the cycling & skateboarding prohibition within Lintot Square by stopping offenders; educating them as to the health & safety issues and associated risks. Throughout September, we have instructed 13 cyclists/skateboarders to abide by the rules and all complied at the time.

Parish Specific/Other

- We organised the monthly Warden 'Drop In' session as guests of Southwater Sports Club
- We delivered information leaflets to the new residents of Mulberry Fields to introduce the Warden Scheme
- We responded directly to 17 enquiries from residents either by phone/email or in person
- We reported residents' concerns about overgrown hedgerows blocking footpaths to WSCC
- We undertook day and night time, high visibility patrols & litter picking sessions in the Country Park