



SOUTHWATER NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS' REPORT

June 2019

Introduction

Following our mandatory Core Skills, CSAS and First Aid training we started in the parish on Wednesday 22nd May. We met with the Parish Council Chair, Graham Watkins, Parish Councillors Pauline Flores-Moore and Hayley Timson and District Councillor Claire Vickers. Hayley then showed us around our parish, introduced us to some of the retail business owners and pointed out areas of interest.

Having viewed and analysed the crime statistics for our area listed at www.police.uk/sussex it is clear that overall (including Broadbridge Heath) there were 57-67 crimes reported to police each month over the last 6 months.

We have been incorporating many of the community issues raised in the Parish including the reporting and collecting of litter, overflowing or damaged bins, cycling prohibitions, playground inspections and graffiti for removal.

We have re-visited local shops and businesses ensuring that they have sufficient leaflets and to secure any initial thoughts or comments from local residents about our role or areas of concern.

Patrols

- Initial foot patrol to local businesses and shops
- School patrols at beginning and end of school day
- Playground and open spaces inspections
- Mobile patrols (including sites of recent fly-tipping) to parish boundary (Christ's Hospital/Two Mile Ash)
- Regular hi-visibility foot patrols to old Skate Park to monitor condition and use and to new Skate Park to deter unauthorised access

Criminal damage

Reported to HDC:

- Graffiti on electric sub-station - Blakes Farm Road
- Graffiti on old A24 bridge over Downslink path
- Graffiti on litter bin at old skate park in Stakers Lane
- Graffiti under bridge Stakers Lane under A24 by-pass

Outcome – all above has been removed after reporting

Anti-social behaviour

- Responded to resident complaint re: youths on bench in twitten near York Close
- Cycling prohibition advice/enforcement (Lintot Square)
- Responded to intelligence from Parish employee re: ASB – young people using the new skate park in evenings

- Passed intelligence re: teenagers/alcohol/cannabis and proposed party to Damian Cecil

Parking

- School parking patrols at Southwater Academy
- Responded to resident re: high sided vehicles parking inconsiderately in Cedar Drive
- Responded to resident re: vehicles parking on double yellow lines in Woodlands Way – parking alerts issued and Parking Services attended

Drug Litter

- Reported one empty deal bag on Pevensey Road playground area

Litter

- Reporting of overflowing litter bins

Fly-tipping

- Regular mobile patrols to edges of boundary (Two Mile Ash/Christ's Hospital) to check for fly-tipping.

Dog fouling / issues with dogs

- Reporting of overflowing/broken dog bins

Outcome – bins have been mended/emptied after reporting

Elderly / vulnerable

- Have received list of vulnerable people and currently liaising with Community Link to finalise process before starting vulnerable people visits.

Intelligence / Research

- Internet research via partner agencies and social media for reports of crime in local area.

Meetings / Community Engagement

- Southwater Police Office Manager – David Scott
- Attended Football Fun Day Southwater Royals – Sat 9th June
- Southwater Youth Project / Skate Park Users' Group – Angie Choat
- Southwater Neighbour Network – Made contact and meeting tbc
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Meeting Date Mon 17th June
- Darren Worsfold – Prevention Youth Officer - Meeting Tues 18th June
- Warden Drop-In at The Little Tea House – Tues 2nd July