

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report March 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	69.25	ASB incidents TOTAL:	10
Foot (high visibility)	29.75	Noise	0
Vehicle	39.50	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	1	Driving/vehicles	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes/Skateboarder	5/1
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	3
Parking alert	1	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	137
Police reports TOTAL:	13	Fly tipping / flyposting	4/0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	2	Graffiti	3
Email	6	Dog fouling	22
Intelligence report	0	Litter	59
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	24
Verbal	5	Hazards	25
Media reports TOTAL:	4	Community events attended	0
Press release / Community magazines	1	Reports to Operation Crackdown	2
Social Media	3	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	50	School contact	0
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	36	Youth engagement	15
Signposting	6	Reports to DVLA	1

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. Please report all crimes to [Sussex Police](#) as follows:

ONLINE	CONNECT	VISIT	CALL 101	EMERGENCY 999
<p>Many crimes can be easily reported online 24/7. We will respond within 24 hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non emergency crime reporting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crime prevention, information and advice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Something you have seen or heard 	<p>To stay informed through social media and community alerts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Latest news and appeals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real time updates on local issues, events and incidents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety information and advice 	<p>Your nearest police hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report a crime <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Receive local advice and information 	<p>For incidents that don't require an immediate response and cannot be dealt with online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Where a crime has already happened <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To report suspicious behaviour <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damage or theft of property 	<p>For an immediate response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life is in danger <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Where a crime is in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violence is being used 
 Sussex Police  sussexpoliceforce  @sussex_police  sussex.police.uk				
#MakeTheRightCall				

If you witness acts of violence, verbal abuse, drug taking, irresponsible alcohol use or damage to property please report it to Sussex Police or anonymously to Crime Stoppers (independent charity) on 0800 555 111 or visit their website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

ASB General

With the Road Map out of Lockdown slowly reducing restrictions, we continue to have incidents of people not complying with Covid regulations when gathering in public spaces. Please check the regulations so that you are operating under the most current requirements to avoid being challenged or fined.

On 17th March we received a call from a resident who had just challenged two men seen on CCTV around her premises. They initially stated that they were part of the tree survey team but when questioned further declined to provide proof of the company they worked for so were directed to leave the area. The vehicle details were retained and shared with Sussex Police.

On 23rd March we received a call from a local parent reporting an incident that they felt was suspicious, namely a man taking photographs, which included children playing in the woodland walk area off Cedar Drive. When politely challenged, the man declined to delete his photos and left the area. Having met the informant, we liaised with PCSO Cecil and shared the man's description and a photograph of him for intelligence purposes in case there is a reoccurrence.

ASB Youth

There has been a decline in the number of ASB incidents this month which as previously reported only involves a tiny minority of Southwater's youth. We have continued with our adapted patrol pattern to provide an increased visible deterrent and whilst working in partnership with Southwater Youth Project have provided outreach opportunities for youth engagement particularly around the Sports Club, Downs Link and Lintot Square in the early evenings encouraging the development of positive behaviours.

ASB Covid Breaches:

We dealt with 3 incidents of Covid Regulation breaches including young people gathering in groups at the new multi-use games area (MUGA) and the new skate park at the Sports Club. It is quite a challenge to enforce the closure of dedicated sports facilities designed and appropriately being used by young people particularly when they see numerous adults standing around in groups talking whilst their smaller children freely use the childrens' playgrounds.

Where appropriate, words of advice were delivered together with directions to leave the area or adapt what they were doing in order to comply with Covid Regulations.

Op Apollo:

We reported one retail outlet to Trading Standards for Covid breach as a member of staff was identified as serving members of the public indoors whilst not wearing a face covering.

CRIME

Knife:

On 9th March we received a report from an alert young person of a knife behind a bus stop on Worthing Road. We attended, photographed the weapon in situ, forensically secured it and following discussions with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant, organised for its safe disposal.

Attempted Child Abduction:

On 10th March we were alerted via Facebook to an incident in which a primary school aged child was asked to get into a stranger's car on Blakes Farm Road between Oakhurst Industrial Park and Martindales. As we had been on mobile patrol in that area at the time, we checked our vehicle dash cam for any relevant footage. We submitted vehicle registration details and an image of a vehicle to Sussex Police and have continued to liaise with CID as part of an active investigation.

Assault:

On 20th March we were contacted regarding a boy being assaulted by a number of other boys in the area of the Ghyll. Following a welfare check it was established that the victim was safe with their parents following the intervention of two female residents. He sustained a number of injuries plus damage to his property. Proactive work to identify the suspects and preserve any potential evidence was undertaken in conjunction with other partner agencies in advance of a Police investigation.

Criminal Damage:

We responded to a report from the victim of criminal damage caused intentionally to a car wing mirror. At the owners' request, we undertook house to house enquiries to identify households with CCTV and requested that they view recorded footage for the time in question and report any evidence to Sussex Police.

We are aware of two other incidents where damage has been caused to unattended vehicles in the village this month and one incident where a litter bin in a play area was set on fire.

On 24th March we noted damage to a small area of fencing at the Laurie Apted building and passed information and images to SPC.

Parking/vehicles

This month, we have again tried to find an appropriate compromise between the impact of home-working causing increased pressure on the limited on-street parking and engagement with parking enforcement. Please be considerate towards neighbours and all other road users by not parking in an anti-social manner in our village.

We responded to an incident on the bus route in Andrews Road where inconsiderate parking resulted in the bus being unable to gain access. We made house to house enquiries to identify the driver of the vehicle and initially being unable to locate him/her we assisted the bus driver to re-route his vehicle. After the bus had left the area, the driver of the vehicle was found and we gave them words of advice on considerate and appropriate parking in the area. We would remind all residents to park considerately so that routes are accessible to residents, buses and emergency service vehicles.

With the improved weather and the desire of Horsham District residents to move further afield for walks and exercise, we have noted an increase in the numbers attending the Southwater Country Park. On occasions, we have noted most if not all car parks reaching capacity.

Two vehicles were reported as abandoned and/or not having a current MOT to Operation Crackdown/DVLA.

- ✓ Roman Lane – car in visitor's parking bay for weeks – No MOT – now claimed by owner
- ✓ Woodlands Way – van parked opposite junction – No MOT - SORN but on public road

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

• Fly Tipping

This month we have reported 4 incidents of fly-tipping, all of which we identified and reported for quick disposal:

- ✓ items of furniture Pedlars Way
- ✓ a discarded Hoover Station Road
- ✓ small items of furniture Two Mile Ash Road
- ✓ 15 large vehicle tyres Polecat Lane

If you witness fly tipping, please call Sussex Police and if possible provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant Dash Cam footage you may have. You can also later report it direct to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

• Fly Posting

Nothing to report

- Litter

We continue to support the SPC litter picker and residents by undertaking numerous litter picks whilst on our high visibility foot patrols but also by reporting to HDC overflowing or damaged bins and any litter that is either thought to be hazardous or in a position making it dangerous for us to collect.

We recently noted on Facebook that two male teenagers were seen litter picking at the Country Park and on another occasion were also seen litter picking by a SPC Councillor - we really want to thank them for their work and giving up their time to improve their community. We also met a very young litter warrior who is in year 1 at Southwater Infants; he was out litter picking with his Mum and we applaud his infectious energy, enthusiasm and community spirit.

There are approximately 40 volunteers who give up their spare time to litter pick and clear up after others. More people have become aware of the unnecessary littering in the local area when out walking during lockdown and have joined the scheme in the past year.

If you are interested in joining them, Horsham District Council will support you with appropriate equipment through the **Adopt a Street** Scheme:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/adopt-a-street>

Single-use Plastic Recycling Scheme

The Sussex Green Living Recycling Scheme has single-use plastic recycling drop-off points in the local area, including Horsham and Barns Green. These points accept many items such as crisp/biscuit wrappers, pet food pouches etc. More information is available here:

<https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/recycling-zone/single-use/>

- Drugs Litter

Every time we locate and dispose of drugs related paraphernalia, we record the number of incidents as indicated in the table above. We also submit reports including the number of items retrieved during each incident to WSCC who maintain a database which is utilised to monitor trends, support applications for specific resources and inform substance misuse strategy development.

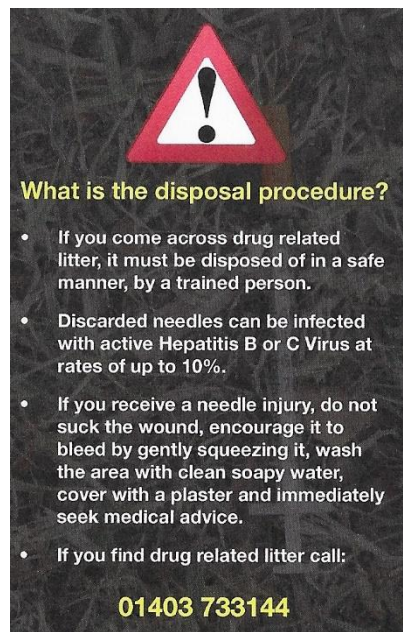
If you should find drug litter in the local area, please inform us to report, or alternatively it may be reported directly to Horsham District Council as below:





Identifying drug related litter

What is drug litter?

- Drinks cans or foil containers, discoloured by heat
- Spoons – burnt or discoloured by heat
- Pipes, all shapes and sizes
- Cigarette papers
- Foil with burn mark down the middle
- Shredded cigarettes
- Squares of paper (folded to form a small envelope)
- Syringes and needles
- Plastic bags, aerosol cans, butane gas containers
- Small phials and bottles




What is the disposal procedure?

- If you come across drug related litter, it must be disposed of in a safe manner, by a trained person.
- Discarded needles can be infected with active Hepatitis B or C Virus at rates of up to 10%.
- If you receive a needle injury, do not suck the wound, encourage it to bleed by gently squeezing it, wash the area with clean soapy water, cover with a plaster and immediately seek medical advice.
- If you find drug related litter call:

01403 733144

- Graffiti

Two incidents of graffiti in Lintot Square were reported by a local resident and we attended immediately to remove them. We were also alerted to graffiti at the skate park which we located and attempted to remove.

You can always report the above problems direct to Horsham District Council via their website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Community engagement/events/meetings

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.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

- This month we have phoned 36 of Southwater's most vulnerable residents to remind them to test their pendant alarms regularly, to check on their welfare needs, give advice and signpost for further support where necessary. We also feedback any issues to HDC's Community Link team; one such example was referring a malfunctioning keysafe that carers were continually having to reset to gain access to the property.

Licensing

- Nothing to report

Dog related issues

- We were contacted by a local resident reporting that she had lost her dog from The Ghyll playing fields. We responded with a mobile patrol of the area and were happy to hear that she was soon reunited with the dog who had taken herself on her usual route and was located in the Country Park.
- Whilst on vehicle patrol in Christ Hospital, we found a Chihuahua running in the road. Attempts were made by us and passing motorists to catch the dog, but it ran off in to woodland and could not be found. Following a Social Media appeal, the dog was reunited with his owner.

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, you may wish to consider reporting it to Environmental Health by email publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk. As with any other incident involving an immediate threat to human or animal life, please call 999.

Cycling

- 5 riders were asked to dismount in Lintot Square whilst cycling in contravention of the PSPO together with 1 skateboarder.

Parish specific/other

- Public Enquiries

This month we responded to 16 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person. These enquiries included topics such as how to volunteer as a litter picker in Southwater, a vehicle that had been left in a visitors' parking bay for two years, a report of damage to a car wing mirror, multiple calls regarding Covid breaches on the MUGA at The Ghyll and the report of a knife found behind a bus shelter on Worthing Rd.

- Meetings

- We met with PCSO Cecil and PCSO Denness and discussed ongoing areas of concern. We also had regular impromptu meet ups with PCSO Cecil when out on patrol.
- We are in regular contact with the SPC steering group and had one meeting to de-brief regarding a specific incident of youth ASB.

- We attended the SPC Full Council Meeting on 17th March (via Zoom and streamed on You Tube) and gave a verbal report of our work during February/March.
- We have had meetings with CoOp and Budgens regarding recent issues of ASB.
- We attended an online multi-agency meeting with Sussex Police, Youth Offending Team, ASB Co-ordinators and youth workers to plan contingency measures regarding ASB and Covid breaches in Southwater.
- We attended an online HDC all staff briefing.

Social Media/Press

Southwater Parish News

We are posting regular articles to the Southwater Parish News website and printed magazine. Our article for inclusion in the next printed issue is about our monthly report and options for access to it for those residents who do not have a computer and/or do not use the internet. The website edition of the magazine can be seen here:

<https://www.southwaternews.co.uk/>

If you know of someone who would be interested in reading our monthly report, but they do not have access to or use the internet, please contact us and we will arrange for a printed copy to be delivered to them:

Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk

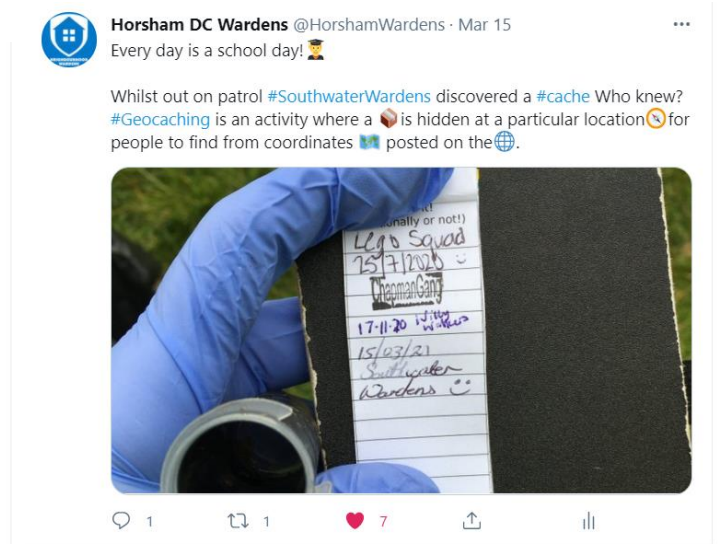
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Twitter

We regularly post topical posts of our work in Southwater to the Horsham District Council Wardens Twitter page:

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>



KEY:

ASB: Anti-social behaviour.

E-CINS: Online confidential multi-agency sharing of caseloads.

HDC: Horsham District Council

Operation Crackdown: Joint initiative with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police to report abandoned vehicles or anti-social driving.

Operation APOLLO: Trading Standards/Environmental Health COVID-19 response.

PCSO: Police Community Support Officer

PSPO: Public Spaces Protection Order – Intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life.

SPC: Southwater Parish Council