

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report April 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	90.25	ASB incidents TOTAL:	2
Foot (high visibility)	48.50	Noise	0
Vehicle	41.75	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	1	Driving/vehicles	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes/Skateboarder	1
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	0
Parking alert	1	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	110
Police reports TOTAL:	6	Fly tipping / flyposting	1/3
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	4
Email	0	Dog fouling	10
Intelligence report	0	Litter	58
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	23
Verbal	6	Hazards	11
Media reports TOTAL:	10	Community events attended	4
Press release / Community magazines	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0
Social Media	10	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	50	School contact	0
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	9	Youth engagement	20
Signposting	4	Reports to DVLA	0

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

On 12 April we challenged a local resident who, being disgruntled at having to book a slot at the waste recycling centre and having apparently filled his own residential recycling bin at home, had decided to stuff his remaining cardboard boxes in to public litter bins rendering them useless for passing litter disposal for which they are designed. The inappropriate use of litter bins leads to more rubbish contaminating our village streets and verges. We advised him to purchase a second recycling bin for his personal use via HDC's website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/household-bin-collections/order-a-bin>

ASB Youth

Following the horrific stabbing there was, initially, a marked decrease in youth related ASB with only two incidents reported to the police in the next 7 days. We are pleased to report that a number of parents have been attending the skate park to supervise their own children which has been very effective and when combined with our adjusted patrol pattern and the first visit from the HDC Mobile Community Hub operated by 4TheYouth, appear to have had a positive impact.

On 14 April whilst on foot patrol in the Country Park we reported to HDC Parks & Countryside team that the temporary fence at the beach had again been pushed over. We also alerted them to a life ring which had been removed from its cabinet and thrown in the fishing lake.

On 17 April we saw three masked youths inside the first floor of an incomplete premises on the Berkeley Homes development which had been shut for the day. When we challenged them, they ran straight out the front door which is covered by CCTV. This civil trespass was reported to the developers in the event they wished to pursue a civil action but also to encourage improvements to security at the site due to the potential Health & Safety implications.

On 19 April a group of young people were observed removing wooden bollards on Roman Lane but they did return them to their correct positions again before leaving the area.

On 20 April, whilst on foot patrol, we located a large circular hole dug in to the ground in the woods of the Country Park. Apart from being a potential hazard particularly after dark, we had concerns that it may be used as a fire pit which naturally due to its location and current dry weather conditions would be totally inappropriate. The matter was reported to HDC Parks & Countryside team.

ASB Covid Breaches:

Following the move to the "Rule of 6" there was a notable increase in footfall in the Country Park. We responded to concerns of residents in relation to the lack of social distancing and the decline in mask wearing even in queues as there were times when our car parks and attached overflows were at capacity. Regardless of the extensive signage informing the public of limits and reminding them to stay safe by complying with the well-established protocols, it is an open facility and patrons are expected to undertake their own individual risk assessments in a responsible way. Where appropriate, words of advice were delivered together with directions to leave the area or adapt behaviours in order to comply with Covid Regulations.

CRIME

Criminal Damage

On 3 April during a routine patrol around the Skate Park and Laurie Apted building, we noted damage to the picket fence and a storage container where the lock had been forced and the doors broken. This was reported to staff from The Ghyll who manage the facility in order that they could make a Victim report direct to the Police.

Criminal Damage

On 17 April we were approached by a resident of the Broadacres Development who reported having his car window broken by someone throwing a stone through it on 15 April. The matter had been reported to the police who declined to attend and filed the matter with no further action. The resident, understandably, was left feeling frustrated but we did what we could to reassure him and have increased patrols in the area.

Non-Permanent Criminal Damage

On 20 April we located a piece of paper glued to one of the parish notice boards defaming the character of SPC staff. The offending item was removed and reported to the police.

Parking/vehicles

With the relaxing of Covid restrictions, we have seen an increase in people attending the Country Park. In conjunction with HDC's Parks & Countryside and Parking Services, we have put in additional peak time patrols in order to promote responsible parking especially when the car parks reach capacity. The return to occasional commuting to work has alleviated on-road parking in some residential areas within the village.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

- Fly Tipping

This month we have reported 1 incident of fly-tipping, which we identified and reported for quick disposal:

- ✓ 1 x Tonne grab bag of soil

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

Together with a number of residents, we identified and removed a small number of laminated posters attached to lamp posts advertising a candidate for the upcoming Police & Crime Commissioner elections. We have contacted the individual concerned and advised them of the possible legal ramifications of their actions if repeated.

- 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.

There are over 50 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 started to volunteer their time to join them.

This month we joined the **Litter Pickers of Southwater** for a quick afternoon clear up around The Ghyll, football fields and Woodland Walk and collected 7 black bin bags of rubbish. The group is run by Helen Mole who organises regular community litter picks, she provides hi-vis and all equipment (kindly sponsored by Caputos Pizza) and can be found on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/593722380964929>

Alternatively, if you would like your own equipment so that you can litter pick in an area local to your home at a time which suits you, 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 which are utilised to monitor trends, support applications for specific resources and inform substance misuse strategy. This month we have recorded a reduction in drugs litter which is an extremely positive development.

- Graffiti

- ✓ New Skate Park - 2x areas of graffiti which we immediately removed

- ✓ Eames View playground – 4x areas of chalked graffiti. Reported to SPC for removal.

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

- Community Litter Pick – This month we joined Litter Pickers of Southwater for an afternoon clear up (see above and Tweet below).

- Southwater Youth Project Park Life – We have been supporting Angie Choat and Southwater Youth Project volunteers by joining them at the Park Life outdoor sessions where young people are able to take part in many different crafts, sports and activities.

- Green Gym – Southwater regularly benefits from the voluntary work of Horsham Green Gym and this month a large group (in socially distanced bubbles of 6) cleared, tidied and cut back the Country Park car park on Mill Straight, Worthing Rd.

If you would like to join them in keeping fit whilst conserving and improving the environment, take a look at the website here: <https://www.horshamgreengym.org.uk/>

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 9 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 technical issues with equipment to HDC's Community Link team.

Licensing

- Nothing to report

Dog related issues

- We assisted two female teenagers who had found an unsupervised dog and had responsibly contained it in a gated area. We located a family friend who was able to reunite it with its 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

- 1 rider was asked to dismount in Lintot Square whilst cycling in contravention of the PSPO.

Parish specific/other

- Public Enquiries

This month we responded to 21 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person. These enquiries included topics such as obstructions caused by ASB parking, excessive numbers of patrons in the Country Park and enquiries from potential litter picking volunteers.

- Meetings

- ❖ SPC Councillor Surgery – We attended the meeting on Sat 3rd April (via Zoom and streamed over YouTube) to discuss our work in relation to youth engagement and to respond to residents' enquiries regarding multi-agency strategies to deal with youth-related ASB.
- ❖ SPC/HDC Warden Quarterly Steering Group – We joined representatives from HDC and SPC to discuss our current work within the parish and to set new objectives for future action.
- ❖ We continue to work in collaboration with our local PCSO with regular contact, information sharing and impromptu meetings when out on patrol.

- Training

- Sussex Police Problem Solving Plan – Half-day online training session.

Social Media/Press

Southwater Parish News

We are posting regular articles to the Southwater Parish News website and printed magazine.

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

Jacquie Cave – 07789943156

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Social Media

We have recently started to post and share items on the Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens' Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens>

We also 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