

Warden Monthly Report

December 2020 Southwater Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	64.25	ASB incidents TOTAL:	10
Foot (high visibility)	33.25	Noise	2
Vehicle	31.00	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/vehicles	0
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes	7
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	1
Parking alert	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	113
Police reports TOTAL:	7	Fly tipping / flyposting	2/0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	0
Email	2	Dog fouling	17
Intelligence report	2	Litter	42
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	29
Verbal	2	Hazards	23
Admin	30.00	Community events attended	1
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	2	School contact/engagement	1
Signposting	5	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	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: Emergency - 999, Non-Emergency - 101 or via their website - <https://www.sussex.police.uk/reportcrime>

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"> ☑ Non emergency crime reporting ☑ Crime prevention, information and advice ☑ Something you have seen or heard 	<p>To stay informed through social media and community alerts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Latest news and appeals ☑ Real time updates on local issues, events and incidents ☑ Safety information and advice 	<p>Your nearest police hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Report a crime ☑ 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"> ☑ Where a crime has already happened ☑ To report suspicious behaviour ☑ Damage or theft of property 	<p>For an immediate response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Life is in danger ☑ Where a crime is in progress ☑ Violence is being used 
 <p>Sussex Police  sussexpoliceforce  @sussex_police  sussex.police.uk</p>			<p>#MakeTheRightCall</p>	

Partnership Working

Operation Apollo - Covid19 Project

We joined colleagues from Environmental Health in Lintot Square on the morning of Friday 11th December as part of the Covid-19 Information Project. The project is working across the Horsham District informing businesses and the public regarding the rules and regulations of the relevant Tiers. The feedback from the morning was positive and businesses appreciated the practical advice and guidance given.

Having moved into Tier 4, if you have any serious concerns about organisations flouting the rules, you may report this at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards-information-for-consumers/report-an-incident-or-issue-to-trading-standards/#coronavirus-covid-19-incident-reporting>

Sussex Police

We continued to improve our lines of communication with Sussex Police both through ad-hoc meetings and occasional joint patrols with the village PCSO Damian Cecil and at district level with Horsham's Neighbourhood Policing Team. This enables us to feed intelligence in to the bigger picture potentially influencing resourcing decisions and gaining valuable support when dealing with our local issues.

WSCC Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Team

As a result of extensive interaction by us with WSCC Highways, WSCC Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Team and HDC Planning Compliance, we managed to secure the removal of a caravan and related vehicles which had previously occupied several locations in the parish.

West Sussex Fire and Rescue

In response to concerns raised by some residents about inconsiderate parking and the recent interruption to bus services as a consequence, we liaised with the West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service who visited the most affected areas. They visited the area of College Road on the afternoon of Friday 4th December and then Station Rd, Deacon Place, Windsor Close on the evening of Wednesday 16th December to assess the level of obstructions and integrate solutions into their future response planning. They also leafleted some vehicles that had not parked considerately in those areas.

Antisocial Behaviour Team

Through regular information sharing meetings with colleagues who have districtwide ASB responsibilities including HDC ASB coordinators, Multi Agency Safeguarding staff, Youth Ambassadors, Children's Services and Youth Offending personnel, we supported the further development of dynamic, wrap-around, support packages for some of the most vulnerable in the community.

Personal Safety Initiative

As your Neighbourhood Wardens, we took the lead in the creation of a virtual Personal Safety initiative which has now been released via Horsham District Council's YouTube channel. This initiative is designed as a gateway to useful information and will include a series of short films from HDC, Sussex Police, local Martial Artists, a mental health practitioner and national campaign groups. The aim of the initiative, over the coming weeks, is to provide practical information, easy to follow techniques and links to further advice designed to increase our self-confidence, safety awareness and offer pathways to specialist help and support.

The first video of the campaign; an introduction by Councillor Tricia Youtan, is available to view here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGfdRoCk-g225RIUgGHTkIA>

Neighbourhood Watch

We have continued to develop a positive relationship with the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme since arriving on parish in May 2019. A recent development is the formation of a private What's App group so that we can receive timely alerts and respond pro-actively to information provided by their coordinators.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There has been a notable decrease in the number of reported incidents of ASB in comparison to the levels recorded in late summer which is in line with the national picture. Although we are never complacent and do continually work

on your behalf to reduce the number and severity of incidents, we know that a considered and multi-agency approach in the medium to long term will be the most effective.

ASB General

The majority of residents continue to wear face coverings in accordance with current Covid regulations but a very small minority still required engagement and reminders about respecting personal space and congregating in larger groups even in public open spaces. We will continue to monitor adherence and intervene as appropriate whilst feeding back to partner agencies on breaches.

ASB Youth

We have undertaken numerous high visibility, disruption patrols particularly in the late afternoons and early evenings around Lintot Square in response to specific intelligence relating to a small number of young people forming groups and being anti-social. On one occasion, a group in excess of 30 young people gathered in the area of The Ghyll. When the police attended, they managed to search a small number as the rest ran off. Reports of gatherings in Dinosaur Island are regularly investigated and people moved on as appropriate.

We continued to develop the intelligence picture around specific individuals, their relationships with out of area persons of interest, location mapping and routines, all of which is fed back to the police and partner agencies.

CRIME:

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/>

We appreciate that resources across all sectors are under pressure particularly at this time but failure to report crime does negatively impact on future resource allocation and the delivery of a coordinated Police response.

In the first week of the month, a party was organised in Nutham Wood in contravention of Covid regulations. As a consequence, numerous calls were made to the police reporting large groups of people fighting in Roman Lane. The incident was attended by several police officers including a dog unit.

We are aware that crime reports were made this month relating to three unconnected assaults on members of our community ranging from a slap in the face to one victim sustaining a facial fracture. We would actively encourage anyone, with information likely to be of use to these investigations, to contact the police as a priority.

We were contacted by a local business who unwittingly had been passed a fake note. We provided them with guidance on how to report the matter to the police and how to secure the evidence in the intervening period.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE:

A repetition of someone throwing objects at property from the Old Worthing Rd bridge was again reported, as although on this occasion no one was injured, damage was caused to a resident's home.

Parking/vehicles

It is important to make the distinction between 'inconsiderate' and 'unlawful' parking. Without the appropriate Traffic Regulation Order (Double Yellow Lines/Zigzags etc) in place or a specified offence being committed under the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), we are not able to take enforcement action against the owner/driver. It may be that the most effective way to improve parking on your street would be to contact West Sussex County Council and make a request for a traffic regulation order to be made or changed:

<http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/about-tros/apply-for-a-tro/>

Inconsiderate parking.

We have had many, often heated, conversations with some residents who have repeatedly ignored our requests to either reposition or relocate their vehicles. If polite engagement and encouragement are ineffective we, along with colleagues from HDC Parking Services, may need to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for offenders who breach the Public Spaces Protection Order <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/public-spaces-protection-order-pspo>

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

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>

- Fly Tipping

This month we reported two incidents of fly tipping for removal by HDC. One of these incidents was an abandoned caravan in a poor state of repair and full of domestic waste. We reported to HDC for removal and notified the local PCSO. After a 7 day notice period, the caravan was cleared of waste and removed from the location.

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, regular volunteers and other community spirited individuals by regularly collecting or reporting litter and overflowing bins to HDC whilst on our routine patrols.

We were alerted to a large amount of litter by two of our local litter volunteers. They had cleared debris and waste (including a gazebo, folding table, party lights, cans, bottles and drug litter) from a large non-Covid compliant party that was held in Nutham Wood. We moved this large amount of litter to a suitable location for removal by HDC.

The parish litter picker is supported by approximately 40 volunteers who give up their spare time to litter pick and clear up after others. 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>

- Graffiti

Nothing to report

Community engagement/events/meetings

- Southwater News

We have written a short annual roundup highlighting some of the work we have completed over the past 12 months. This can be viewed on the Southwater News website <https://www.southwaternews.co.uk/articles> and is published in the current Dec/Jan edition of the magazine delivered to homes in Southwater.

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 continue to develop relationships with young people outside of uniformed groups or youth clubs and regularly engage with them when we are out on patrol. We have been offering advice and guidance on the current Covid Tier restrictions. We liaise regularly with Horsham District Council's Anti -Social Behaviour team and PCSOs in partnership working to support young people in Southwater.

- Older People/Vulnerable

Due to restrictions under the current pandemic, we have not been able to conduct our regular Community Link vulnerable people visits face to face. We therefore delivered Christmas greetings along with our Warden Contact Cards, so that the most vulnerable members of the community have our details to hand should they need advice, guidance or support.

This month we were alerted by HDC's Wellbeing Team to an older resident who was struggling to cope with everyday practicalities due to the impact of caring for his partner. We referred him to the Community Hub for shopping and prescriptions assistance. We also made two welfare check follow up phone calls and he confirmed that WSCC Crisis team were supporting him.

Licensing

- Nothing to report

Dog related issues

- Whilst on a vehicle patrol we found a small unsupervised dog. Fortunately it was very close to home and we were able to successfully 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

- We would remind cyclists as per the numerous signs at the bridge in the overflow car park on Fairbank Road and in Lintot Square that cycling is not permitted in these areas. Please be considerate to others and dismount bicycles in these areas. This month we have requested that 7 cyclists dismount and walk their bikes through these areas.

Parish specific/other

- Public Enquiries

This month we responded to 6 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person. These enquiries ranged from inconsiderate parking in a private road, a query regarding Covid-19 regulations in relation to a leisure pursuit in the Country Park, reporting of anti-social behaviour in a play area and a request for guidance with mass litter removal.

- Meetings

We have had a number of impromptu meetings with both Angie Choat (SYP) youth worker and PCSO Damian Cecil to discuss current issues, children of concern and develop future events or projects. We also undertook a number of virtual meetings with colleagues including project meetings for the Personal Safety initiative.

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.