

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report December 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	76.00*	ASB incidents TOTAL:	2
Foot (high visibility)	33.50	Noise	0
Vehicle	42.50	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	2	Driving/vehicles	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes/Skateboarder/Scooter	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	1
Parking alert	2	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	38
Police reports TOTAL:	18	Fly tipping / flyposting	1/1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	4	Graffiti	0
Email	7	Dog fouling	8
Intelligence report	0	Litter	6
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	2	Drug litter	11
Verbal	5	Hazards	11
Media reports TOTAL:	8	Community events attended	3
Press release / Community magazines	1	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0
Social Media	7	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	40	School contact	2
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	0	Youth engagement	4
Signposting	1	Reports to DVLA	0

(* Patrol hours impacted by Annual Leave)

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 (Youth)

- 22/12 Reports were noted on social media in relation to tomato sauce being throw at cars on Worthing Road by individuals positioned near the bridge opposite the Lintot pub and Christmas decoration cables being cut.
- 10/12 A Warden was supporting SYP's youth club at The Ghyll when a group of 7 young people disrupted the session by entering the multi-use games area and the building without authority; verbally abused staff and volunteers, stole confectionery, threw projectiles and broke items in the toilets. This was reported to the police as it was happening and the warden and youth workers removed them from the premises prior to the arrival of the police.
- 06/12 A report was made of a group of young people kicking doors and throwing projectiles at patrons through windows at The Ghyll. The matter was reported to the police.
- 03/12 We received a report from an employee of SPC that the Mill Straight Car Park was being used for anti-social use of vehicles. We reported this to HDC's Parks department to discuss a potential earlier lock up time and can confirm that this car park will now be locked earlier throughout the winter months.

CRIME

- 01/12 We received a report that a female presenting adult had entered a local business, selected a number of items and left the shop making no attempt to pay. The matter has been reported to the police.

Parking/vehicles

We have been in communication with a business whose van was driven into the flood on Cripplegate Lane in October damaging the engine to such an extent that it is an insurance write off. The van was moved to Cedar Drive whilst waiting for the insurance company to collect and scrap it. We are assured that it will be gone soon.

We have seen a return to inconsiderate parking by a small number of residents. We would urge you to be thoughtful when parking and not inconvenience your neighbours by parking at junctions, over dropped kerbs or across footpaths. We have tried to avoid using enforcement powers as we all appreciate the frustrations associated with limited parking and the changes to home working practices brought on by Covid19 but fines will be issued to repeat offenders who ignore our polite notices.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

We identified fly-tipping of multiple large bin bags of domestic waste and a mattress in a Shipley Rd layby. This was reported to HDC for prompt removal.

- **Untidy Site Report**

In Autumn we noted a domestic front garden in which a quantity of waste was accumulating. As this had not been cleared by early December, we referred the property to HDC's Property Compliance team. We are pleased to report that prompt action was then taken to remove the waste and clear the area.

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>

Warning letters have also been sent by HDC to a number of homes in the village in relation to the inappropriate disposal of their waste directing them to utilise the waste recycling facilities available, including kerbside battery collection and textile/small electricals collection:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/recycling/textiles-and-electricals-recycling-collection>

- **Fly Posting**

Following a complaint from a resident about a commercial advertising sign installed in SPC land on Cedar Drive, we contacted the local company who were cooperative and agreed to remove it the following day.

- **Litter**

If you would like your own equipment in order to 'litter pick' in your local area 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>

Alternatively, if you would like to litter pick as part of a group, these are regularly organised by resident Helen Mole and will be advertised on the Southwater Community Partnership and Southwater Village Community Group Facebook pages.

Sussex Green Living Single-use Plastic Recycling Scheme – Now in Southwater!

In addition to the single use plastic bag collection point in Lintot Square CoOp, there is now a Sussex Green Living single-use plastic recycling drop-off point by the Church Room on Church Lane. This point accepts many items such as crisp packets, biscuit wrappers and pet food pouches etc that cannot go into household recycling bins. More information is available here: <https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/recycling-zone/single-use/>

If you are interested in volunteering with Sussex Green Living to help sort Southwater's single use plastic waste, please enquire via this link: <https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/recycling-enquiries/>

- **Drugs Litter**

We continue to report and dispose of drugs paraphernalia as appropriate and pass on usable intelligence to the police who are able to develop it in collaboration with the Tactical Enforcement Unit.

SPOT THE SIGNS OF COUNTY LINES

Children and vulnerable adults are at risk of exploitation from gangs. This could include...

- Persistently going missing from school or home, or being found out-of-area
- Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones
- Excessive receipt of texts or phone calls
- Relationships with controlling, older individuals or gang association
- Leaving home or care without explanation
- Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries
- Parental concerns
- Significant decline in school performance
- Significant change in emotional wellbeing

- **Graffiti**

Nothing to report

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

Cycling UK – Bike Revival FREE Safety Check and Repair Event

This was the second Cycling UK/DfT event in Southwater designed to encourage people to start using their old bikes again safely and offered a free 30 minute bike safety check with minor repairs if necessary. Southwater based Peter Shaw of Velo Square Bike Repair delivered the project throughout the Horsham district. HDC's Wellbeing team were on hand to provide a brilliant opportunity for residents to talk about their health and wellbeing needs. Both the Southwater events were a huge success with all the pre-bookable slots taken up.

Santa, Elf and Friends Run

Dressed in all their festive clothing, we waved off this merry band of energetic Christmas volunteers who set out from Lintot Square on a gruelling 6 mile run around the village delivering happiness (and sweets) to many of Southwater's children whilst raising money for SYP, our local youth project.

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

WBC Cares UK – Free Boxing Sessions

Project Southwater, in partnership with Horsham District Council, continues to support the delivery of FREE boxing sessions by WBC Cares UK programme at The Ghyll, every Thursday between 4-5pm for young people aged 12-16. Attendance is by referral and there are still spaces available at these sessions, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you know a young person who would benefit from the scheme:

Jacque Cave 07789943156 or Dominic Woodhead 07789943193 southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Angie Choat at Southwater Youth Project southwateryouthworker@hotmail.co.uk



<https://www.wbccaresuk.org/>

Southwater Youth Project

We continue to work in partnership with Angie Choat and Southwater Youth Project regarding children and young people who may be a cause for concern. We also regularly drop in to support the Friday Night youth club at The Ghyll.

Licensing

- Nothing to report

Dog related issues

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

- Nothing to report

Parish specific/other

- **Public Enquiries**

This month we responded to 7 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person which included issues such as the reporting of ASB use of vehicles in the Mill Straight Country Park car park, a report of theft from a local business, fly posting and drug use.

- **Hazards**

Throughout the month we have cleared, remedied or reported 11 hazards ranging from dog waste, objects likely to cause trips/falls or injury, foliage obstructing footpaths and other waste or obstructions. On the morning of 7 December we reported a broken 'Keep Left' lit bollard on Worthing Rd which was attended to by Scottish & Southern Electricity (SSE) in the afternoon of the same day and repaired. On 30 December we reported to WSCC Highways emergency line that two inspection covers had been moved on Cripplegate Lane leaving high risk trip hazards.

- **Community Drop-In**

This month we held our monthly drop-in on Friday 10 December at The Community Coffee Shop at The Ghyll leisure centre. These events are held so that all members of the community have an opportunity for face to face discussion with us, to find out more about our role, report any issues and to discuss ideas. We will continue to hold them on a monthly basis at different locations, days and times so that they are accessible to as many residents as possible. We are always open to suggestions and ideas for future community initiatives and projects too. At our next Drop-in, we hope to be joined by an Age UK Community Representative. This will be advertised via social media and on parish notice boards.

- **The Chatty Café Scheme**

HDC are supporting an initiative to help combat post lockdown isolation and loneliness by encouraging venues to dedicate a clearly marked "Chatter & Natter" table where customers can sit if they are happy to talk to others. If you are a Café owner or just want more information please go to: www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk

- **Meetings**

Warden Team Meeting – Wednesday 8 December

We attended our first in-person HDC Wardens' meeting since the outbreak of Covid-19 (and prior to the new restrictions of 13 Dec). In addition to updates from HDC's Community Services team, each of the 7 warden teams reported back on progress and activities in their parishes/wards and we also heard updates from the following:

- Age UK – An introduction from Bob Cusack, Development Manager, who explained how the service provided is changing to best serve its users and discussed future opportunities for partnership working with Wardens within parishes.
- HDC Community Link Team – An update on the digitisation of technology to be introduced for vulnerable people who use the Community Link service (pendant alarms/trackers/falls prevention alarms etc) and future partnership working with WSFR.

Social Media/Press

Southwater Parish News

We are posting regular articles to the Southwater Parish News printed magazine and it is proving to be an excellent medium for reaching out to residents who are less mobile in the community and/or do not use the internet. Our latest article is an end of year round-up, covering some of this year's highlights.

The website edition of the magazine can be seen here: <https://www.southwaternews.co.uk/>

Social Media

We regularly post items of our work on the Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens' Twitter and Facebook Page and share to the Southwater Village Community Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens> and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>



Monthly Report

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:

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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.

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

WSCC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue