

# Warden Monthly Report

## Southwater Parish Report January 2021

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>61.50</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	<b>4</b>
Foot (high visibility)	13.50	Noise	0
Vehicle	48.00	Neighbours	1
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>	Driving/vehicles	2
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes	1
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	0
Parking alert	2	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	9/0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Email	0	Dog fouling	10
Intelligence report	0	Litter	45
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	26
Verbal	1	Hazards	13
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>0</b>
Press release / Community magazines	1	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>0</b>
Social Media	4	<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>School contact</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>0</b>

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

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

We have continued to witness 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

We have heard a small number of incidents of people still not complying with Covid regulations when entering business premises and have actively encouraged staff in two venues to enforce this as a term of entry which if still ignored would require a police presence to support the offenders' removal.

### ASB Youth

We were provided with an anecdotal report of one occasion when four young people were making noise in Lintot Square at night by playing music and generally being too loud. The resident was provided with words of advice about what support could be obtained in the future.

### ASB Covid Breaches:

We dealt with 2 incidents of Covid breaches of young people gathering in groups on The Ghyll multi use games area and the new skate park at the sports club. On both occasions we were able to give advice and guidance regarding the regulations and the groups of young people were fully compliant and dispersed.

As a minority of younger residents in Southwater repeatedly create negative press causing the good behaviour of the vast majority of teenagers in the village to be ignored, we felt it appropriate to report on two inspirational young people that we saw this month:

1. Whilst on patrol we observed a family bubble out exercising and walking their dog. One young member of the group was wearing a high visibility jacket and was using a litter picker which it transpires she had asked for as a birthday present!
2. A young teenager was observed shopping in Budgens recently. She was wearing a mask, spoke respectfully to staff and, having finished her shopping, disinfected her basket ready for the next customer to use.

## CRIME:

(See below)

## CRIMINAL DAMAGE:

A report was passed to us that an advertising sign belonging to Haldi Restaurant had been broken and we would encourage incidents of this nature to be reported to Sussex Police.

## Parking/vehicles

### • Electric Scooters

Since Christmas, we have noticed a small number of electric scooters being used in Southwater. Electric scooters are currently classed as 'powered transporters' by the government and fall under the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles. This makes their use on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas illegal straightaway and their use on public roads would only be legal if they could meet the same requirements as motor vehicles (e.g. insurance, tax, license, registration), which they cannot. Currently, the only place where you can use an electric scooter is on private land with the landowner's specific permission. Failure to comply could result in you committing offences providing the Police with powers to seize your scooter.

### • Southwater Country Park Car Parks

Following the introduction of enhanced Covid lockdown regulations, we were asked by SPC to monitor usage of local car parks in an attempt to identify users who are not local residents and therefore potentially contravening the regulations by not staying 'local' to their home addresses. Without a legal definition of 'local' within the regulations and the need for people to legitimately travel to undertake 'support bubble' duties, this was difficult. Within our other patrol duties we provided a visible deterrent predominantly at Mill Straight and Station Road car parks.

05/01/21	0930	Mill Straight – 0 cars	Station Road – 2 cars
05/01/21	1500	Mill Straight – 3 cars	Station Road – 2 cars
06/01/21	1200	Mill Straight – 4 cars	Station Road – 10 cars
06/01/21	1530	Mill Straight – 2 cars	Station Road – 7 cars
08/01/21	1300	Mill Straight – 3 cars	Station Road – 5 cars
09/01/21	1430	Mill Straight – 19 cars	Station Road – 48 cars
12/01/21	1200	Mill Straight – 1 car	Station Road – 6 cars
13/01/21	1000	Mill Straight – 3 cars	Station Road – 10 cars
13/01/21	15.00	Mill Straight – 6 cars	Station Road – 9 cars
14/01/21	10.45	Mill Straight – 1 car	Station Road – 1 car
15/01/21	10.30	Mill Straight – 2 cars	Station Road – 20 cars
15/01/21	14.45	Mill Straight – 10 cars	
15/01/21	16.00	Mill Straight – 9 cars	Station Road – 25 cars
18/01/21	11.15	Mill Straight – 10 cars	Station Road – 11 cars
19/01/21	10.00	Mill Straight – 3 cars	Station Road – 6 cars
22/01/21	10.00	Mill Straight – 6 cars	Station Road – 32 cars
22/01/21	16.00	Mill Straight – 1 car	Station Road – 15 cars
26/01/21	10.00	Mill Straight – 0 cars	Station Road – 12 cars
27/01/21	15.50	Mill Straight – 4 cars	Station Road – 20 cars
28/01/21	11.00	Mill Straight – 5 cars	Station Road – 19 cars
29/01/21	15.30	Mill Straight – 5 cars	Stations Road – 28 cars

On occasions when drivers were found with their vehicles and spoken to, the majority had plausible reasons for being there. A small number were non-cooperative or argumentative stating that they did not need to tell us where they lived but it was noted that one promptly returned to his car and left the area.

## Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

- Fly Tipping

This month we reported 9 incidents of fly tipping including a fridge freezer that was illegally dumped on Marlpost Road, which was promptly collected by HDC and disposed of appropriately. Numerous locations where car tyres were deposited and several large TV boxes plus other assorted waste dumped in Shipley Road. An open safe was also found on Marlpost Rd, the contents were examined for any identifiable evidence and we reported for prompt collection.

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; such as on the A24, Newfoundout and parts of Shipley Road.

There are 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>

- 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.

- 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

- Nothing to report

## 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

We were contacted by colleagues in HDC following an approach by a vulnerable person in Southwater. As only recently having moved to the area and being without a social support network, they found that there were no carpets covering the concrete floor. To compound the situation, the property was full of building dust on all surfaces. With limited financial means, they were not in a position to buy a Hoover, carpets, curtains or even a bed, leaving them sleeping on a mattress on the bare floor. Together with Angie Choat Southwater Hub coordinator, your Wardens and the generosity of residents, we were able to provide the resident with some basic PPE, cleaning materials and a Hoover. Once cleaned, plans are in place to deliver basic furniture donations.

## Licensing

- Nothing to report

## Dog related issues

- Nothing to report

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](mailto:publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk). As with any other incident involving an immediate threat to human or animal life, please call 999.

## Cycling

- One 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 9 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person. These enquiries ranged from questions about Covid Regulations, how to report drugs litter and availability of support for a vulnerable resident.

## • Meetings

- We had a socially distanced site visit with Angie Choat to assess an individual's immediate welfare needs and to provide reassurance plus practical support.
- We met with PCSO Cecil on patrol and discussed ongoing areas of concern.
- We joined a virtual Warden Team meeting to discuss alterations to working practices in light of changes to Covid guidance.
- We presented a verbal summary report of our work over the past 12 months to the Full SPC Council Meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January (online via Zoom and live streamed via YouTube).

## Social Media/Press

### Twitter

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

<https://twitter.com/horshamwardens?lang=en>

Two recent examples:



### Southwater Parish News

We are posting regular articles to the Southwater Parish News website and printed magazine. The most recent online article, regarding support available for residents during the current lockdown, is available to read on the website here:

<https://www.southwaternews.co.uk/articles/wardens-lockdown-support>

### 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, local Martial Artists, a Southwater based 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 videos can be viewed on this YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbfLo6r7Z7BTvrwyp8-lylZv3JjtHvemV>

and on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/241855931903/436864454363892>

**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.