

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report July 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	80.25	ASB incidents TOTAL:	23
Foot (high visibility)	42.75	Noise	3
Vehicle	37.50	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	4	Driving/vehicles	4
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes/Skateboarder/Scooter	8
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	7
Parking alert	4	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	113
Police reports TOTAL:	23	Fly tipping / flyposting	3/3
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	1
Email	6	Dog fouling	43
Intelligence report	1	Litter	11
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	7	Drug litter	7
Verbal	8	Hazards	45
Media reports TOTAL:	8	Community events attended	3
Press release / Community magazines	1	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0
Social Media	7	Safeguarding referral	1
Admin	50	School contact	7
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	4	Youth engagement	14
Signposting	1	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

Throughout this month we have seen an escalation in low level, youth ASB from a small number of young people ranging from verbal abuse to criminal damage and alcohol/drugs misuse.

In conjunction with the ongoing HDC led, multi-agency Southwater Project, Sussex Police utilised Section 35 Dispersal Notices under powers provided by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 where the police can direct persons to leave a designated area in order to remove or reduce the likelihood of members of the public becoming "harassed, alarmed or distressed". These notices are time-limited and generally do not go beyond 24 hours. Several were issued this month which appeared to provide a temporary reprieve.

Southwater Parish Council representatives have met with the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne and separately with the Neighbourhood Policing Commander and NPT Sergeants to describe residents' concerns and raise the profile of the policing needs of our village making a clear case for additional police resources to be deployed to meet the increased demand.

In addition to our targeted patrols, we have experienced an increase in police operations in Southwater which are becoming more robust. We believe these developments will have a positive impact on your living experience by reducing the number and seriousness of incidents in the coming weeks.

ASB General

- On 11 July 2021 we received a number of reports of groups of intoxicated adults causing a noise nuisance, shouting through residents' windows and smashing glass bottles in Lintot Square following the Euro Finals.
- On 23 July two adult females were reported to have engaged in a public order incident in Lintot Square with numerous witnesses being subject to verbal threats and swearing. If you have information relating to this matter please contact Sussex Police and provide your version of events.

ASB Youth

- We received a report that on 12 July three male youths were seen throwing projectiles including small apples at passing vehicles in the area of Castlewood Road. If you sustained any damage to your vehicle or other property, please report it to the Police.
- On 15 July whilst on a mobile patrol we received two phone call reports that young people were throwing apples from the Downs Link bridge at vehicles on Worthing Rd. One of the callers had had apples thrown at her whilst driving in an open topped car and we advised her to report the incident to the Police. We attended the scene within 5 minutes but the young people had left the bridge area. We subsequently patrolled this area and Lintot Square on foot.
- On 20 July a local business called us to report a group of young people in Lintot Square who appeared to be intoxicated and were causing a nuisance.

CRIME

- Racially Motivated Hate Crime and Public Order

At approximately 15.30 hours on 12 July 2021 a small group of young males entered a business in Lintot Square and verbally abused the staff using racist and threatening language. Following our conversations with the owners, they are considering reporting the matter to the Police.

- Theft

At 06.15 hours on 13 July two males were recorded on CCTV entering a local business premises, selecting a number of items and leaving making no attempt to pay. Following our conversations with the owner, the matter was reported to the Police and images of the suspects circulated through our intelligence sharing arrangement with partner agencies.

On 20 July a number of young people entered a business premises, selected items of alcohol and left making no attempt to pay. The matter has been reported to the police for investigation.

- **Public Order**

On 9 July 2021 a small group of local young people disrupted the Southwater Youth Project youth club at The Ghyll by kicking balls into the Lardner Hall and obstructing a small group of children exiting the outdoor multi-use games area. A Warden was supporting the youth club on this occasion and apprehended the disruptive group to resolve the situation.

On 13 July a small number of local young people congregated in Lintot Square and by repeatedly using foul language towards members of the community caused alarm and distress. Every effort was made to move the group on and the matter has been referred to the police.

- **Criminal Damage**

On 13 July a staff member of a local business reported that a young adult male had kicked a sign outside their building in Lintot Square causing minor damage. We advised them to report this incident to the Police.

On 20 July whilst on foot patrol we located a small litter bin fire which we put out prior to the arrival of WSFR who had been called by a concerned resident. Later that day the Police were in attendance at the Country Park following malicious damage caused to at least 7 vehicles. The matter is still under investigation.

Parking/vehicles

- Following a number of complaints from residents around Treetops, Allendale, Timbermill and Cedar Drive in relation to inconsiderate parking, we made regular site visits and identified several offending vehicles. Where possible we spoke to the owners, explained the impact of their parking on other residents and encouraged them to find alternative parking. We also placed ASB parking leaflets on the windscreens of several cars. This is the first stage towards enforcement where initially we engage and educate, giving people the time and opportunity to amend their behaviours prior to the enforcement phase of issue of Fixed Penalty Notices.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

This month we have had to report 3 incidents of fly-tipping including a large coffee table dumped in Chessall Avenue, two wooden pallets on Marlpost Road and a sofa on Ash Road.

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**

This month we have had 3 incidents of fly-posting involving the illegal advertising of commercial ventures in contravention of the Highways Act 1980 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The offenders have been contacted and instructed to remove the material within a specified timeframe.

- **Litter**

HDC has listened to residents' concerns regarding overflowing dog bins and have recently confirmed that all dog bins in the village are now being emptied twice per week.

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>

Alternatively, if you would like to litter pick as part of a group you could join Litter Pickers of Southwater:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/593722380964929>

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 that cannot go into household recycling bins.

More information is available here:

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

The group are **actively looking for volunteers in Southwater** to help with the set-up of a single-use plastic recycling hub in Southwater. If you are interested in helping please enquire via this link:

<https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/recycling-enquiries/>

- **Drugs Litter**

Since our arrival in Southwater, we have been submitting intelligence based drug use and paraphernalia reports including the identification of 'hotspots' and those involved with supply and use. These reports have been utilised to monitor trends, supported applications for specific resources and informed the substance misuse strategy for the village. Although there are many factors impacting drug use outcomes, we are extremely pleased to see a month on month reduction in drug misuse incidents.

- **Graffiti**

This month we have reported 1 incident of graffiti for removal from inside the tunnel on Stakers Lane.

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

Horsham Art Trail

On 10 July 2021 we supported local artists with a visit to the first Southwater venue of the Horsham Artists' popular Horsham Art Trail and viewed the diverse artworks created by 3 Southwater based artists.

Susan Tindall exhibited ceramic, mosaic and up-cycled pieces. Esther Clark van Oostrum showed a range of textile items and practical and decorative pieces and Vicky Glyn's work was colourful patchworks, wall hangings and home accessories.

 <p>Susan Tindall Tail End Art Ceramic, mosaic and up-cycling</p> <p>susan@tailendart.com @tailendart (Facebook) @tail_end_art (Instagram)</p>	 <p>Vicky Glyn Textile artist</p> <p>myvisionshared.com vickyglyn123@gmail.com</p> <p><i>Wheeling Stars</i></p>	 <p>Esther Clark - van Oostrum Life in Patches Textiles</p> <p>LifelnPatches.com esthervanoostrum@aol.com 01403 272978</p> <p><i>U-shaped-house, drawn from all sides</i></p> <p><i>Esther specialises in House Portraits in Textiles and Pen & Ink. She also makes a wide variety of fabric items small and large, and gives workshops. Esther is a member of the Society of Architectural Illustrators, and welcomes commissions.</i></p>
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For more information on these and other local artists, please see the website: <https://www.horshamartists.org/>



Warden Talking Tent

On 28 July 2021 we held our first 'Talking Tent' event at Cedar Drive play area. The aim is to provide a focal point for young people and their care givers to come and access information about Mental Health and be signposted as appropriate to local support services. We will be there every Wednesday throughout August between 1330-1530 hours so please come along.



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 alerted by concerned residents to the welfare of an adult female rough sleeper. We attempted to engage with her to offer assistance, but were met with some resistance and she was unwilling to share much information about her situation. Concerned for her welfare, we reported the situation to HDC and Turning Tides (detached outreach/homeless charity) and an outreach worker has made contact with her in an attempt to provide the support she needs.
- Having completed telephone welfare checks on the full list of Community Link users, we have now received an updated list and will start a new cycle of telephone welfare checks and follow up doorstep visits if requested. We also feedback any technical issues with equipment to HDC's Community Link team and signpost older and vulnerable people for further support if necessary.

Licensing

- Nothing to report

Dog related issues

- This month we monitored the level of Dog Fouling on the Downs Link from Lintot Square to Bax Castle and on just one day recorded 30 separate incidents of dog waste either on or next to the path which is unacceptable. This requires a community based, zero tolerance approach, as we have made repeated reports of this type of Anti-Social Behaviour and undertaken numerous awareness campaigns but some people clearly think the rules do not apply to them.
- 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

- This month we have requested that 8 cyclists/electric scooter riders dismount and walk through Lintot Square.
- On 27 July 2021, a white adult male cyclist in his 40s almost collided with a woman and her son on the footpath between the overflow car park and The Ghyll. When the woman asked him to take more care and reminded him that he should not be cycling in that area, she was verbally abused by the cyclist. Please report these issues.

Parish specific/other

- **Public Enquiries**

This month we responded to 22 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person which included issues around youth ASB, noise from a local public house, concern for a rough sleeper and fly tipping.

- **Hazards**

Throughout the month we have cleared, remedied or reported 43 hazards ranging from dog waste, objects likely to cause trips/falls or injury and other waste or obstructions.

On 6 July 2021 whilst on patrol, we assisted Horsham Police in cutting up and clearing a substantial, fallen tree which was blocking access to Tower Hill.

On 13 July 2021 whilst on patrol we located several large metal bars on the ground in a public space adjacent to a building site. When staff were alerted, they immediately removed them in order to prevent injury or possible use in criminal activity.

- **Meetings**

- ❖ We continue to work in collaboration with Sussex Police with regular contact, information sharing and impromptu meetings when out on patrol.
- ❖ We led a meeting and subsequent joint patrol with HDC Covid-19 Compliance Officers throughout the village
- ❖ We participated in virtual meetings with West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service to discuss developing risk profiles and ongoing community projects
- ❖ We held an impromptu meeting with two SIA security officers in Southwater Country Park who will be working in the area throughout the times of high demand during the Summer
- ❖ We had several impromptu meetings with Angie Choat of SYP to discuss children and young people of concern and to coordinate delivery of proactive youth engagement initiatives.
- ❖ We met with Caroline Paul, CoOp Member Pioneer and Kevin, Manager of Lintot Square CoOp, to discuss issues regarding ASB, theft and partnership working with Sussex Police.

Training

- We have completed and passed our annual driving assessments with HDC's Partnership Training Manager.
- We completed a Fire Risk Awareness/Safe and Well partnership training delivered by WSFRS.

Social Media/Press

Southwater Parish News

We are posting regular articles to the Southwater Parish News website and printed magazine and it is proving to be an excellent medium for reaching those residents who are less mobile in the community and/or do not use the internet. The website edition of the magazine can be seen here: <https://www.southwaternews.co.uk/>

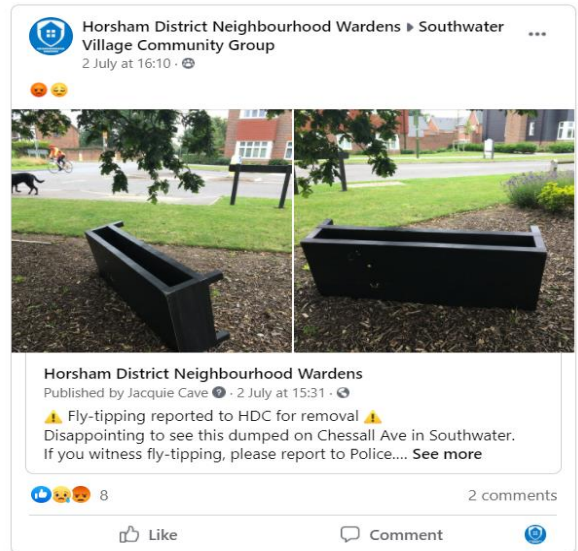
Monthly Report

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:

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>



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