

# Warden Monthly Report

## Southwater Parish Report June 2021

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>102.75</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>
Foot (high visibility)	50.25	Noise	0
Vehicle	52.50	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>12</b>	Driving/vehicles	10
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes/Skateboarder/Scooter	2
Yellow card warning	2	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	4
Parking alert	10	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>17</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	16
Email	5	Dog fouling	36
Intelligence report	0	Litter	4
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	11
Verbal	11	Hazards	43
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>2</b>
Press release / Community magazines	1	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>0</b>
Social Media	7	<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>School contact</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>2</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> <span style="float: right;"><b>#MakeTheRightCall</b></span>				

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 8 June our presence was requested outside the schools on Worthing Road by a resident who felt at risk of reprisals in an escalation of an ongoing dispute between adults via social media. We attended and the incident was avoided.

### ASB Youth

- An incident occurred on 2 June 2021 when a large group, predominantly comprised of male teenagers, forced access to the Quarry Lake area. Whilst there, it is reported that a much younger male had his personal property taken from him which was thrown in to the lake. The group continued with intimidation and forced him to enter the lake to retrieve his possessions. The victim was found in a distressed state and the matter was reported to the police to be investigated.
- On 14 June a group of young teenagers using the MUGA at the Sports Club was asked to tone down their language which was wholly inappropriate and in the hearing of very young children. The group became verbally abusive, aggressive and intimidating in response which in turn caused another adult to intervene. We encouraged the victim to report the matter to the police and we altered our shift patterns so we would be present at a pre-arranged event in the area the following week. Due to the inclement weather conditions, the event was cancelled but we have added it to our patrol agenda moving forwards.
- On 21 June we were made aware of a number of reports of damage to The Ghyll following the activation of the intruder alarm. This was followed in the evening by a report of a group of 6 young females causing noise issues in Lintot Square by shouting and banging shop windows.
- In response to continued reports of anti-social behaviour, Sussex Police issued a Section 35 Dispersal Order in Southwater from 25-26 June. (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/part/3/enacted?view=plain>) 3 young people and 1 adult were given notices to not return to the area for a specified time-period. Police also seized an electric scooter as it was being used in a public area.

## **CRIME**

- On 1 June we observed shoplifting by two young males in a local retail outlet, which was confirmed on viewing of the CCTV. Both of them subsequently admitted to the theft and were issued with a ban from the retail outlet. Information was passed to our allocated PCSO and letters sent to their parents.
- On 13 June three teenage males wearing face-coverings entered Co-Op in Lintot Square, stole alcohol and left making no attempt to pay. The matter has been reported to the police. Later that evening, the police were called to a small group kicking and punching the Perspex in a bus shelter but upon arrival, as no obvious damage had been caused, the group were moved on, having provided their details.
- We have received a number of complaints of criminal damage this month caused to unattended vehicles, residential fences, a greenhouse and items of community infrastructure all of which have been reported to the police.

## Parking/vehicles

- Following a number of complaints from residents around Swan Close, Jay Close and Winnet Way in relation to inconsiderate parking, we have 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 other 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.

- We are receiving an increased number of complaints relating to offences being committed by users of electric scooters in the village. Incidents of collisions, near miss incidents and verbal abuse by riders when challenged have all be reported. At the moment, privately-owned electric scooters are illegal to use on the public highway in the UK. You can only ride them on private land and with the landowner's permission. They are subject to all the legal requirements as your car i.e. MOT, tax, licensing and specific construction standards. If caught by the police, the scooter could be seized, you could be fined and have points added to your driving licence even when you are currently too young to hold a provisional. In light of the above, if you or your children use one, please ensure that their use in public areas stops.

## Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

This month we have had to report 1 incident of fly-tipping. This concerns an apparently growing habit by some residents of depositing green waste and unwanted garden equipment/ornaments/fencing outside their boundaries and in the public green spaces. Warning letters have been sent to a number of homes in the village by HDC so please dispose of your waste appropriately and 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>

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**

This month we are pleased to report ZERO incidents of Fly Posting

- **Litter**

We continue to support the SPC litter picker and volunteers by undertaking 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.

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/>

- **Drugs Litter**

This month we have continued to see a reduction in drugs litter compared to last year's totals which is an extremely positive development. 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.

- **Graffiti**

This month we have reported 16 incidents and removed the offending graffiti. It appears that the 'tagger' thought it appropriate to wilfully cause non-permanent criminal damage to several bus shelter notice boards, timetable display units and signs around The Ghyll leisure centre. These offences have been reported to the police and information relating to it has been circulated amongst neighbouring warden teams.

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

### **Half-Term Bike Safety Check and Security Marking Event**

As part of HDC's #SafeSummer21 campaign, we collaborated with The Bike Side and Sussex Police to offer a free Bike Safety Check and Security Marking event for under 18s in Southwater. Tom from The Bike Side checked over bikes and PCSO Cecil provided security marking equipment. We were fortunate with the weather and the event was a great success with 15 young cyclists getting their bikes checked ready for summer. The event coincided with Bikeability cycle training for year 6s at Southwater Junior Academy, so this was an excellent opportunity for bikes to be checked prior to pupils undertaking their training and assessment.

### **Warden Drop-In**

We were pleased to be able to start our Warden Drop-in sessions again on Saturday 12 June in Lintot Square and were supported by several Parish Councillors and a surprise visit by MP Jeremy Quin. Thank you to the residents who came along to discuss Community Safety matters. We will continue to hold Drop-Ins on a regular basis, at varied locations and times across the parish. We will advertise dates and locations with posters and on social media. Please don't forget that we are always contactable via phone (voicemail facility when not on shift), email and in person when out on patrol in the community.

**Think Wardens**

- Guidance and advice
- Community problem solving (including low level anti-social behaviour)
- Supporting vulnerable people
- Environmental issues (fly-tipping, dog fouling etc)

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**

Horsham District Safe and Well Partnership

**Horsham District Council**

### **Annual Parish Meeting & Freedom of the Parish Award**

We were invited to attend the above meeting which was convened in person under Covid regulations in the recently re-opened Lardner Hall at the Ghyll. This was an opportunity to celebrate much of the great work being undertaken by many community groups within Southwater and recognise the considerable personal contributions made by long serving individuals. We presented a summary of key points from our annual report which will shortly be published on the Parish Council website: <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-Wardens.aspx>

## 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

- Having completed telephone welfare checks on the full list of Community Link users in May, we have just received the 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

- We received a report of concern from a resident relating to the build-up of waste material, potentially causing a hazard in a residential street, caused by ongoing construction works. Following consultation with HDC Environmental Enforcement department and securing confirmation that the waste was within the boundaries of the property and therefore not deemed to be fly-tipping, we made a site visit and spoke to the home owner. They were very cooperative and explained that due to the previous week of inclement weather completion of the works had been delayed but they had organised for all the waste to be removed. This has now been completed.

## Dog related issues

- This month has again been particularly bad for incidents of dog waste. As previously reported, we have used several methods of trying to publicise this issue ranging from signage to our now infamous 'non-toxic, eco-friendly paint spraying campaign' but it appears that some irresponsible dog owners continue to ignore requests and guidance so please be on notice that if we witness this offence we will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to offenders.
- 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

- This month we have requested that 2 cyclists/electric scooter riders dismount and walk through Lintot Square.

## Parish specific/other

- **Public Enquiries**

This month we responded to 15 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person which included issues with youth related Criminal Damage and ASB, suspicious activity, fly tipping on footpaths and overhanging trees on the Downs Link.

- **Hazards**

On 1 June a member of the public alerted us to an overhanging tree on the Downs Link between Worthing Rd and Broadacres. On attendance we noted that the recent re-surfacing works and removal of foliage had exposed the tree roots and it was apparent that the tree was not in a healthy state. We have reported to WSCC for inspection.

On 2 June we were alerted by another resident to a second tree that had fallen over the Downs Link path between the Sports Club and The Bax Castle. This tree was causing a serious health and safety hazard as it had fallen across the path at head height. We attended, used our saw to remove some branches, cleared it from the path, made the area safe and reported our actions to WSCC.

On 17 June we reported a deep and dangerous pothole which had formed on Foxfield Cottages at the junction with Shipley Road and we have been advised by WSCC that this will be rectified.

On 29 June a resident reported two incidents of overhanging foliage from private properties obstructing footpaths on Worthing Road/Mill Straight. These have been reported to WSCC to notify the occupiers of the properties concerned.

- **Meetings**

- ❖ We continue to work in collaboration with our local PCSO with regular contact, information sharing and impromptu meetings when out on patrol.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ On 9 June we attended HDC's Full Warden Team meeting (online) with the other 6 warden schemes across the district; an opportunity to update the team on our work in Southwater, discuss salient community safety matters and to share good practice.
- ❖ On 22 June we attended the bi-monthly SPC Warden Steering Group meeting to discuss key performance indicators, current community safety issues and update on future planning.

## 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 who are less mobile and/or do not use the internet. July's article is about two of our recent Community projects; the collaboration with The Potters Pantry/Budgens and our Bike Safety and Security Marking event with The Bike Side and PCSO Damian Cecil.

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:

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### **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