

Warden Monthly Report

October 2019 – Southwater Parish

Patrol Hours	64	No of visits To Elderly/Vulnerable	4	School Contact/Engagement	9
Foot (high visibility)	33.5				
Vehicle	30.5				
Clear up/disposal reports	59	ASB Incidents	3	Police Reports Made	3
Fly tipping, flyposting	5	Noise	0	Phone	0
Graffiti	2	Neighbours	0	Email	0
Dog fouling	11	Driving/vehicles	1	Intelligence report	3
Litter	12	Alcohol/drugs	2	E-CINS	0
Drug litter	29				
Community Events Attended	4	Youth Engagement/Activities	8	Fixed Penalty Notices	0
Yellow Card Warnings	0	Parking Notices Issued	11	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0

ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage

- We responded to a report of shoplifting at Texaco Garage/Co-Op. We offered guidance and support with the 101 reporting process and managed their expectations before advising other local retailers of suspects' descriptions.
- We disrupted a driver who was driving his vehicle dangerously in the Leisure Centre overflow car park.
- During the course of routine patrols, we interacted with the occupants of several vehicles found in suspicious circumstances and where Cannabis was suspected to be involved, provided words of advice regarding driver conduct, their personal responsibility and passenger safety. Intelligence submitted to Sussex Police.
- We continued to monitor, report on and dispose of drug litter whilst working in partnership with WSCC and Sussex Police by providing intelligence reports. We have identified a number of locations requiring regular patrols and are working with strategic partners to address any environmental factors that may positively impact on future outcomes.
- We identified two additional locations suspected to be used for drug taking. This is due to the onset of winter weather.

Parking/Vehicles

- We had a strategy meeting with HDC Parking Services to discuss joint working patrols designed to effectively tackle ASB parking in key hotspot areas of Southwater and particularly at times of peak usage.
- We continued to support staff & parents at Southwater schools by promoting conscientious parking and the safe transportation of pupils. Overall, this appears to have improved the situation.
- We responded to reports of inconsiderate parking in Dover Close, Chessall Avenue and Broadacres.
- Where appropriate, advice leaflets or parking notices have been issued to raise awareness of anti-social parking.

Fly tipping/Littering/Graffiti

Reported for removal:

- Graffiti on walls of tunnel under A24, Stakers Lane
- Fly tipping of garden/building membrane
- Current commercial fly-posted advertising material –Worthing Road
- Numerous outdated commercial adverts from Hop Oast roundabout
- Overflowing dog bins / overflowing litter bins / overflowing bottle bank

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

Community Speedwatch

We have referred two local residents to the community Speedwatch scheme and it is hoped that with sufficient (trained) volunteers the scheme will soon be operational in Southwater.

Community Engagement

Whilst on a night mobile patrol, we advised one resident that his garage door had been left wide open and another that the keys were still in the ignition of his work vehicle full of tools.

Road Safety

We held preliminary meetings with interested retailers employing young people to discuss bike safety issues in advance of Road Safety Week in November.

Community Litter Pick

We joined the community volunteers for a litter pick in Southwater Country Park and removed seven bin bags of rubbish from the area. As a result of our publicity, HDC were contacted by more residents wanting to know when the next event was being held so that they could join.

The Tipsy Fox Public House

We were invited to attend The Tipsy Fox for a Special Preview Event prior to their Grand Opening on 1st November 2019. We met and introduced ourselves to the general manager, provided him with our information leaflets including our contact details.

Warden Half-Term Sports Event

We joined forces with HDC Sports Development team to deliver a free, two hour, fun session for 6-16 year olds giving children an opportunity to try out a variety of games such as Ultimate Frisbee, Archery, Table Tennis and Basketball.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

- We were joined for an evening foot patrol by Horsham District Councillors, Billy Greening and Claire Vickers. We covered a number of areas in Southwater and engaged with some residents whilst we were out and about.
- 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

Vulnerable People Visits

We continued to visit the most vulnerable people within the parish; testing pendant and smoke alarms, whilst noting and reporting any changes to health and welfare to Horsham District Council's Community Link team. We also referred and signposted vulnerable residents to appropriate agencies for further support and local clubs for social engagement.

Southwater Youth Project

We continued to support Angie Choat and the Southwater Youth Project on some nights with Youth Club and with the ongoing campaign to restore the Old Skate Park.

Junior Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Wardens recommended a volunteer for the scheme to deliver teaching to children around Crime Prevention and Community Safety. We, together with the Duke of Cornwall and Community Magistrates, continue to support the promotion and delivery of this worthwhile project in Southwater.

Miscellaneous

- Unsupervised pre-teen cyclist found with damaged bike so supported him to contact friends for collection
- Accompanied distressed child to school office to await arrival of delayed parents
- Whilst out on a patrol in inclement weather, older resident support to get home safely with shopping

Licensing

- Nothing to report

Dog related issues

- Reported full and/or broken dog waste bins to HDC for repair or emptying.
- Erected new Anti-Dog Fouling signs in key areas

Cycling

Cycling/Skateboarding Prohibition

We continued to enforce the cycling & skateboarding prohibition within Lintot Square by stopping offenders; educating them as to the health & safety issues and associated risks. Throughout October, we have instructed 5 cyclists/skateboarders to abide by the rules and all complied at the time.

Abandoned Bicycles

We have noted 2 abandoned bicycles in the parish and attempted to reunite them with their owners.

Parish Specific/Other

Training

We have completed Emergency Rest Centre Manager training in order to manage an Emergency Rest Centre in the Horsham District at times of crisis/exceptional circumstances.

Public Enquiries

We responded directly to 14 enquiries from residents either by phone/email or in person

Leaflet Drops

We delivered leaflets to introduce ourselves and the Warden service to new residents on Broadacres housing development.

Fallen Branches

We have reported 3 incidents of fallen branches on pavements and play areas.

Country Park

After notification from a member of the public we liaised with the Countryside Park Supervisor to confirm the presence of two dead fish in the fishing lake which was subsequently reported to the Environment Agency.