

Warden Monthly Report

February 2020 Southwater Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	61.25	ASB incidents TOTAL:	7
Foot (high visibility)	21.50	Noise	0
Vehicle	39.75	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	7	Driving/vehicles	6
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	0
Parking alert	7	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	133
Police reports TOTAL:	6	Fly tipping / flyposting	7/3
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	2
Email	4	Dog fouling	75
Intelligence report	1	Litter	18
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	23
Verbal	1	Hazards	5
Admin	32	Community events attended	0
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	0	School contact/engagement	4
Signposting	5	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	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.
- We were alerted to an overnight, attempted break to several vehicles so we contacted the informant, conducted home visits/welfare checks and located CCTV footage. It became apparent that a bicycle had been stolen and within 2 hours of notification, we had located, recovered and returned the bike to the owner.
- Following the report of an alleged attempted abduction of a local child, we adapted our high visibility, mobile patrols in order to provide a more robust deterrent at peak times of student foot traffic particularly along specific routes in Southwater. Information relating to suspect vehicles or behaviours must always be reported to the Police first but we would appreciate early notification thereby improving our efficiency and enabling us to potentially provide valuable support until the police are able to arrive on scene.
- This month we again raised the profile of dog waste in relation to the anti-social behaviour of some irresponsible dog owners who still fail to pick up after their pet. The eco-friendly spray we use to highlight the dog waste and why we do it, caused considerable debate on social media platforms. On only three dedicated dog waste patrols this month we recorded over 70 separate examples of dog waste on or close to public walkways. Not picking up dog waste, flicking it on to the verge, hanging it in a bag from a tree or dumping carrier bags full of it next to a bin is anti-social. We would ask residents to stop with these practices, challenge those that fail to comply and report large amounts to HDC for disposal.
- In response to the ongoing reports of thefts of or from works vehicles in neighbouring parishes, we have increased high visibility, mobile patrols on the parish borders paying particular attention to isolated premises, car parks or insecure ATVs/Quadbikes/4x4s with the intention of disrupting and discouraging criminals from operating in Southwater. This appears to be having a positive effect and no reported burglaries again this month.

- We continued to raise residents' awareness of potential risks whilst delivering a positive crime prevention message. There is still a need to warn people about leaving their car open or the engine running whilst unsupervised, garage doors left insecure sometimes enabling a suspect unrestricted access to your dwelling through an internal door and windows being left open when no one is at home.
- 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.

Parking/vehicles

- We continued to support staff and parents at Southwater schools by promoting conscientious parking, the turning off of idle engines and the safe transportation of pupils. Occasionally, our requests are met with a negative response and even verbal abuse so in consultation with both Parish and HDC representatives we have initiated a feasibility study of alternatives to the current arrangements. Naturally we will consult with school staff and partner agencies, including but not limited to Sussex Police, WSCC Highways and HDC Parking Services.
- Where appropriate, advice leaflets or parking notices have been issued to raise awareness of anti-social parking we would actively encourage residents to be more aware of the impact of their parking and discourage drivers from sitting in their cars with the engines running particularly outside our schools. Further joint patrols with HDC Parking Services Teams are already planned for March.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

- Fly Tipping
We located a large amount of illegally dumped domestic waste outside Castlewood Primary School and have provided evidential statements/photographs to our colleagues in Environmental Enforcement who are considering legal options moving forwards. We also reported further incidents of fly-tipping for removal by HDC including: a van load of garden waste, two mattresses, a dog bed with a bag of solid concrete in it, 3 bin bags full of meat and approximately 1 tonne of rubble all in separate locations. This is a crime and if you see anyone engaged in this activity and it is safe to do so, please secure film footage, the description of the driver and ideally the registration of the vehicle prior to reporting the matter to the police.
- Litter Bins
We continued to identify overflowing dog waste and litter bins and report this to HDC for collection and disposal. We work closely with the Parish litter pickers, in conjunction with Community Groups such as 'Adopt A Street' and fabulous volunteers trying to keep litter to a minimum by picking it up and disposing of it appropriately. We would ask that you too challenge littering or, if you prefer, pick it up when you see it.
- Fly Posting
We contacted a local contractor and instructed them to remove advertising signage from the Parish in order to avoid enforcement action being taken against them. All signs were removed by them within the agreed 72 hour timeframe.
- Graffiti
Following several months without any graffiti, this month we have located two incidents which we have reported to HDC for specialist cleaning.

Community engagement/events/meetings

- We met with the marketing departments of Berkeley Homes and Miller Homes to arrange for our information leaflet to be included in the introduction packs provided to new residents when they move in.

- We conducted a Scam Awareness leaflet drop to residents in Roundstone Park where there is a high proportion of older and/or vulnerable residents.

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.

Elderly and youth

- Youth

We have continued to build up relationships with young people outside of uniformed groups and youth clubs and regularly engage with them when out on patrol.

Licensing

Nothing to report

Dog related issues

Nothing to report

Cycling

Nothing to report

Parish specific/other

- Parish Environment

Following the recent inclement weather conditions and after directly liaising with parish officials, we were asked to report identify fallen, damaged or at risk trees around the parish in order to support other agencies in managing the safe clearing up of the village.

We located what appeared to be a contaminated waterway as it was an unnaturally bright green colour. This was reported immediately to the Environment Agency who initiated an investigation in conjunction with Southern Water to remedy the situation.

- Public Enquiries

This month we responded to 18 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person. We have either resolved the issue ourselves, empowered the resident to manage it or signposted them to relevant agencies for further advice and support.

We have responded to a wide range of enquiries such as the report of two young people allegedly smoking Cannabis in a play area who were challenged and they moved from the area when requested to do so. Cars parking inconsiderately, support for the victim of a distraction theft, liaising about the removal of a potentially stolen vehicle, securing intelligence about possible charity fraud and reports of suspicious activity to name a few. We also responded to an enquiry from a resident regarding the condition of the footpath on the Woodland Walk and are currently liaising with Horsham District Council Parks and Countryside and the voluntary sector for a solution.

- Meetings

We met with Anderely Wade, Director of Tapestry Lunch Club (www.tapestrylunchclub.co.uk) a not for profit social enterprise offering a new solution in day support for older, vulnerable people at risk of social isolation and loneliness. Tapestry Lunch Club is currently piloting the scheme in villages across the Horsham district.

We met with two PCSOs to discuss current issues in Southwater and worked to identify potential solutions, held a number of adhoc meetings with SWYP's Angie Choat and held regular, informal meetings with Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and her staff.