

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report September 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	91.00 *	ASB incidents TOTAL:	12
Foot (high visibility)	41.00	Noise	1
Vehicle	50.00	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	3	Driving/vehicles	3
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes/Skateboarder/Scooter	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	8
Parking alert	3	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	79
Police reports TOTAL:	13	Fly tipping / flyposting	1/0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	5
Email	4	Dog fouling	25
Intelligence report	2	Litter	6
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	15
Verbal	7	Hazards	27
Media reports TOTAL:	5	Community events attended	3
Press release / Community magazines	1	Reports to Operation Crackdown	1
Social Media	4	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	50	School contact	3
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	9	Youth engagement	13
Signposting	4	Reports to DVLA	1

*Patrol hours this month have been impacted by two periods of annual leave.

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"> ☑ Non emergency crime reporting ☑ Crime prevention, information and advice ☑ Something you have seen or heard 	<p>To stay informed through social media and community alerts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Latest news and appeals ☑ Real time updates on local issues, events and incidents ☑ Safety information and advice 	<p>Your nearest police hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Report a crime ☑ 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"> ☑ Where a crime has already happened ☑ To report suspicious behaviour ☑ Damage or theft of property 	<p>For an immediate response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Life is in danger ☑ Where a crime is in progress ☑ 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

ASB Youth

Initially, on the basis of declining incident numbers, we were hoping to report that through the considerable relationship building work we had been doing with a small group of young people often involved in anti-social behaviour, that progress had been made but sadly, once again, a minority continue to commit offences and ruin the reputation of other young people.

Of the 10 young persons of key interest in our village, one now has a part time job, one is back in full time education for the first time in two years and two have started to engage with 1 day per week, college release courses in construction and motor vehicle repair, in parallel with alternative educational provision placements. This is a success and improvements in their behaviour are to be applauded to reinforce the positives.

Sadly, there are still three influential individuals who have made little effort to alter their negative behaviours and have been involved in the majority of ASB incidents this month. We will continue to disrupt and report incidents to the police who in the longer term will provide more robust disposal options and even potentially, convictions.

This month we have seen some new faces within our ASB youth community who are not all residents of the village. The impact of these new arrivals within the group has not yet been assessed but please keep an eye out for distinguishing details when reporting future incidents as "the usual suspects" does not offer sufficient detail to enable the identification of suspects for enforcement purposes.

Enforcement tactics employed this month include Banning Notices, Dispersal Orders, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, a Community Protection Warning and several arrests. This work is ongoing and your continued support is incredibly valuable.

CRIME

- Public Order

On Saturday 4 September a small group of young people became embroiled in a dispute amongst themselves over a food order resulting in loud swearing, a sign being punched and litter being thrown. Following our intervention, the matter was resolved with an apology made to a business owner and rubbish disposed of before they left the area.

On Monday 13 September reports were received regarding a fight in a local shop and the police attended. This matter is subject to a police investigation.

- Criminal Damage

On 1 September as a result of projectiles being launched, a window and a garage door at two different premises on Bamborough Close were damaged. We made follow up home visits, offered reassurance and ensured that all relevant information had been passed to the police.

On 9 September damage was caused to a window of The Ghyll. CCTV footage is being examined and the matter reported to the Police.

Between 11-12 September several moving and stationary cars, home addresses and public buildings were subjected to malicious damage caused by projectiles either thrown or launched by a catapult at several locations around the village. The police were notified, patrols undertaken and a S35 Dispersal Order granted. The investigation is ongoing.

On 29 September residents reported objects being thrown at and hitting their vehicle on Cripplegate Lane and in a separate incident at The Ghyll, damage was caused to windscreen wipers on a car.

- Arson

On 1 Sept we received a report from a resident that their wheelie bin had been taken from their premises in Timber Mill and set alight in the woods using aerosol cans. The matter was reported to both the police and WSFR service.

On 4 Sept whilst on patrol we found a litter bin destroyed by fire at the gazebo in The Ghyll overflow car park. Having reported the matter to SPC and relevant authorities, the bin has now been replaced.

Parking/vehicles

- On 4 September in response to residents' reports we issued a number of Polite Parking notices for vehicles parked anti-socially in Timber Mill and surrounding streets to remind residents of the negative impact of their inconsiderate vehicle use.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

We have reported one incident of fly tipping for removal; a door that had been dumped on the verge of Blakes Farm Rd.

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**

Nothing to report

- **Litter**

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 is **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**

Those of you who regularly read our reports will know that part of our role is to look for trends in drug use in the village and particularly in identifying locations in order to disrupt criminality and prevent drug use. Another part of that process includes us safely removing and destroying drugs paraphernalia to safeguard others. We are very pleased to report that the number of drugs related incidents continues to be reduced and thank all the residents who have reported concerns to us enabling valuable intelligence to be passed to the police.

- **Graffiti**

7 September whilst on patrol we found an offensive word had been scratched into a picnic table in the Country Park which we reported to colleagues in the HDC Parks & Countryside Team for attention.

8 September whilst on foot patrol we found a small 'tag' had been written in black ink onto the same (repaired) picnic table. Reported to HDC Parks & Countryside Team for further attention.

9 September we found that someone had written in chalk, the name of a local youth on the wall of Beeson House. Reported to SPC.

18 September we found that the name of a local young adult resident had been written multiple times in chalk on the ramps at the skate park in Church Lane. Reported to SPC.

21 September we found Graffiti tags written along the side of the slide in The Ghyll play area – removed by Wardens.

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

Southwater Horticultural Society Summer Show

On Saturday 4 September we paid a visit to this year's Summer Show to see the amazing produce grown by the Horticultural Society's members. There was a fantastic range of fruits, vegetables, flowers, preserves, crafted goods and photography on show; all beautifully presented in the village hall.



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 older female resident. Following a home visit and in consultation with her family, a referral was made to the HDC Community Link Team with a request to review her current provision and explore options for additional support if appropriate but also to identify local activity groups she may find interesting.
- Through our extensive mobile patrols, we became aware of a young male occupant of a car routinely positioned in a district car park. We spoke to him and established that he had recently lost his job and as a consequence, had become homeless. We discussed his welfare needs, provided our contact details, alerted him to local support services and linked him with an outreach worker. We will continue to monitor his progress and adapt our support accordingly.
- We completed telephone welfare checks with 8 vulnerable residents checking on their wellbeing, reminding them to test their pendant alarms and signposting to further support if necessary. We referred a vulnerable older person to the Wellbeing Hub for further support regarding nutritional and dietary issues and liaised with WSCC Social Services regarding mobility equipment for another. Any changes of details or technical issues with equipment are fed back to HDC's Community Link team.

- Whilst on foot patrol we assisted an older female resident whose vehicle had a flat tyre and was obstructing Worthing Rd at the entrance to the Texaco CoOp. With the assistance of a resident we got the car off the road onto the forecourt. After phoning the AA and arranging the roadside assistance we informed Texaco staff of the situation. Finally we got her a coffee from the garage as she was a little shaken up by the experience and this was kindly gifted to her from Texaco/CoOp staff.

- WBC Cares UK – Free Boxing Sessions at The Ghyll

An initiative from the newly formed Project Southwater is a WBC Cares UK programme in partnership with Horsham District Council. FREE boxing sessions are being held in Southwater at The Ghyll, every Thursday 4-5pm for young people aged 12-16.

Attendance is by referral - please contact Southwater Neighbourhood Wardens: Jacquie Cave 07789943156/Dominic Woodhead 07789943193 / southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

or Angie Choat at Southwater Youth Project for further information and referral.

<https://www.wbccaresuk.org/>



Licensing

- Nothing to report

Dog related issues

- On 28 September we noticed an unsupervised dog on Worthing Rd, between Bakers Close and Southwater Business Park. Fortunately the dog returned to the Country Park and was reunited with the person who was walking it.

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 not had to request any cyclist/electric scooter riders to dismount in Lintot Square.

Parish specific/other

- **Public Enquiries**

This month we responded to 23 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person which included issues of: lost property, damage to property, concerns for a vulnerable older resident and an advertising board causing obstruction to a pavement.

- **Hazards**

Throughout the month we have cleared, remedied or reported 27 hazards ranging from dog waste, objects likely to cause trips/falls or injury, foliage obstructing footpaths and other waste or obstructions.

- **Meetings**

Project Southwater Meeting - Tues 14 Sept

Project Southwater is a multi-agency consortium (HDC/SPC/Sussex Police/Southwater Youth Project and local community groups) set up to improve youth provision in Southwater parish on an ongoing long-term basis. The ultimate aim is that Southwater residents and community groups will take ownership of the project; to establish a youth voice strategy, listen to the concerns of young people and consider their needs, to provide a wide range of activities and support for all young residents in the parish.

Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 15 Sept

Provided a verbal report and updates since last Full Council Meeting including Youth ASB, Community Project work, Vulnerable Persons welfare checks and the date of our next Drop-In Session.

HDC Wellbeing Hub – Wednesday 29 Sept

We met with Wellbeing Advisor Sam Wright who explained that the Horsham Wellbeing Hub is a free service for adults offering advice and support to help you access local services and improve your health and wellbeing. You can have a one to one appointment with a Wellbeing Adviser for things like losing weight, getting fitter, dealing with stress, kicking a habit or simply improving your general wellbeing. There is also a range of free courses to help you make changes and live life to the full.

It is located at Unit 4a The Forum in Horsham Town and open weekdays 10am-4pm. Their friendly staff and advisors are on hand to answer any questions you may have and tell you about the services on offer.

Call the team on 01403 215111 or Email: info@horshamdistrictwellbeing.org.uk



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. Our latest article is about our two Southwater Watersports Reward sessions; we organised these for young people who were nominated for excellent progress during home-schooling, overcoming personal adversity or making positive contributions to their community.

The website edition of the magazine can be seen here: <https://www.southwaternews.co.uk/>

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>



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:

Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Jacquie Cave – 07789943156

Dominic Woodhead – 07789943193

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