

# Warden Monthly Report

## Southwater Parish Report May 2021

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>107.75</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	<b>13</b>
Foot (high visibility)	56.75	Noise	0
Vehicle	51.00	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>7</b>	Driving/vehicles	10
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes/Skateboarder	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	3
Parking alert	7	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	0/1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	2	Graffiti	2
Email	3	Dog fouling	57
Intelligence report	0	Litter	39
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	24
Verbal	0	Hazards	66
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>2</b>
Press release / Community magazines	2	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>3</b>
Social Media	21	<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>School contact</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>3</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>  <span>sussexpoliceforce</span>  <span>@sussex_police</span>  <span>sussex.police.uk</span> <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 14 May we received a report that primary school children had been routinely jumping in to bushes around Station Road North and The Forge on their way home after school which was causing damage to the shrubs. We included this as part of our school patrols in order to deter any further incidents.

### ASB Youth

On 17 May we were notified of an incident involving a cyclist who reported that several youths had tried to knock her off her bike she cycled on the Downs Link in the area of the Country Park. Unfortunately, descriptions of potential suspects were limited leaving no active lines of enquiry for further investigation.

On 20 May we were advised by school staff that on the previous evening, their caretaker had found two young people within the school grounds when it was closed. They were escorted from the premises and no damage was caused.

On 24 May we received a report of a small number of young people causing disruption to patrons of The Ghyll during an activity session and damage was caused to a sign. The matter has been reported and enquiries continue.

On 26 May we were advised of further damage caused to a storage area by the Laurie Apted building which appears to have been caused by young people using it as a shelter.

## CRIME

We have been alerted to two occasions of criminal damage and vehicle interference being inflicted on the same person causing considerable alarm and distress not to mention the inconvenience and costs of repairs. These criminal acts were perpetrated by adults as part of an apparent campaign of intimidation which has been reported to Sussex Police.

## Parking/vehicles

On 11 May whilst on patrol on Two Mile Ash Road, a white SUV ahead of us and travelling in the same direction suddenly indicated to turn right and pulled across opposing carriageway before coming to a stop. Assuming that the driver was either lost or intending to reverse in to the driveway of the premises opposite, we stopped to give them room. As the vehicle remained motionless, we slowly made to drive past but at this point the driver accelerated so that he was driving parallel with our patrol car but on the wrong side of the road. Allowing for their error, we again stopped but so did the other vehicle and it became clear that they were intentionally attempting to impede us. Making one final attempt to continue our journey, the driver of the other vehicle swerved towards us, accelerated hard to get in front and then drove off. Our report of ASB driving and dash cam footage has been sent to Op Crackdown.

On 20 May we were contacted by staff from one of our local schools in relation to the occupant of a vehicle due to the length of time they had been parked outside which they felt was suspicious. We approached the driver, obtained an account relating to his need to be there together with proof of his identity and were able to reassure the school that the individual had a legitimate reason namely an error with his car insurance which he was trying to rectify prior to continuing his journey. To further protect all parties concerned, we contacted our local PCSO and advised him of the situation.

This month two vehicles on Timber Mill were reported as abandoned and/or not having a current MOT to Operation Crackdown/DVLA.

## Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

- Fly Tipping

This month we are pleased to report ZERO incidents of fly-tipping.

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 have reported 1 incident of commercial Fly Posting. The suspect company representatives were contacted by HDC management with guidance on the infringements, a timetable for the offending material to be taken down and the potential ramifications of their failure to comply with the direction notice.

- Litter

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

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. More information is available here:

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

- Drugs Litter

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. This month we have recorded a reduction in drugs litter which is an extremely positive development.

- Graffiti

This month we have reported incidents and removed the offending graffiti.

- ✓ The Ghyll play area picnic table
- ✓ ATM Lintot Square

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

- Community Food Project - This month in collaboration with Nim and Alpesh from Southwater Budgens and Lisa from Potters Pantry we were able to purchase and deliver £200.00 worth of food and essentials in support of local families particularly affected by the impact of the Covid pandemic and its financial consequences.
- Southwater Youth Project – Although affected by adverse weather on occasions due to there being no indoor facility for the group we have continued to support Angie Choat and SYP volunteers by joining them at the Park Life outdoor sessions where young people are able to take part in many different crafts, sports and activities.

## 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

- On 21 May, only a matter of hours after receiving an appeal from Sussex Police in relation to a High Risk Missing Persons investigation that had been running for several days, we were on our regular, rural patrol when we located and identified this person of interest. Whilst maintaining visual contact, we guided in local officers who were able to meet the individual and organise transportation to a safe place where appropriate support could be delivered.
- This month we have phoned 12 of Southwater's most vulnerable residents to remind them to test their pendant alarms regularly, to check on their welfare needs, give advice and signpost for further support where necessary. We also feedback any technical issues with equipment to HDC's Community Link team.

## Licensing

- Nothing to report

## Dog related issues

- This month we have received a number of reports from very disgruntled residents of Mulberry Fields bringing attention to an increase in dog fouling in the area. We responded with a site visit, the installation of formal signage to complement the home-made ones already deployed by a creative and pro-active resident before we turned to social media to raise awareness and remind dog owners of their obligations under law.
- In relation to the above, whilst on a foot patrol we sprayed 39 piles of dog waste on the Downslink with non-toxic, eco-friendly blue spray paint as a reminder to irresponsible dog walkers that this is anti-social behaviour and an offence. A post on the Facebook Community Village group started a lively debate about the responsibilities of dog ownership and the Wardens' role in relation to dealing with dog fouling.
- 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

- Nothing to report

## Parish specific/other

- Public Enquiries

This month we responded to 16 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person which included issues with dog waste, building debris, youth related ASB, concern for the Cygnets in the Country Park and a suspicious vehicle.

- Hazards

On 1 May, on behalf of a concerned resident we removed a metal post support from a grass verge where it had been left after a letting agent board had broken. We contacted the agents and organised for prompt collection to avoid any potential injury.

On 10 May whilst on a routine patrol, we met with a concerned resident of Southwater Street who had identified the potential risk posed to road users by a substantial tree branch previously broken by an HGV which was now hanging in to the road. Using a combination of our saw and his ladder, we cut down the branches and piled them safely before organising for HDC's environmental team to collect and dispose of them appropriately.

On 18 May a resident alerted SPC to a fallen tree causing an obstruction to safe passage along the footpath between The Ghyll and Lintot Square. We supported council staff by putting up barriers and encouraging residents to take alternative routes until tree surgeons attended and cleared the hazard.

On 19 May in response to concerns raised by a resident, we undertook a site visit to a premises where a resident was undertaking building works and had piled excavated soil and paving slabs against their boundary wall next to a public footpath. We were well received by the home owner who confirmed that once the works were completed, all the excess materials would be removed as they were probably keener than anyone to have it gone.

- 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 of concern and coordinate delivery of proactive youth engagement initiatives.
- ❖ We met with Sam Giacomelli of Parks & Countryside to discuss plans for future event management including additional staff on duty at times where high levels of footfall are expected namely Bank and School Holidays.

## Social Media/Press

### Southwater Parish News

We are posting regular articles to the Southwater Parish News website and printed magazine.

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:

[Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk)

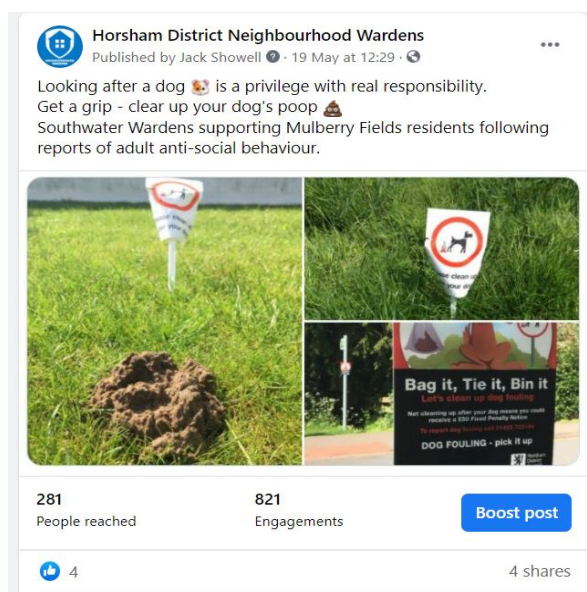
Jacquie Cave – 07789943156

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### Social Media


We are regularly posting and sharing items on the Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens' Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens> and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>



**Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens**  
Published by Jack Showell · 19 May at 12:29 · 🌐

Looking after a dog 🐕 is a privilege with real responsibility. Get a grip - clear up your dog's poop 🐾 Southwater Wardens supporting Mulberry Fields residents following reports of adult anti-social behaviour.



281 People reached      821 Engagements      [Boost post](#)

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**Horsham DC Wardens @HorshamWardens** · May 6

Patrolling in #Southwater keeping our village 🏡 a safe and beautiful place 🌿 to #visit #work #live. This includes reporting and disposing of #Drugs #Litter. Dog 🐕 waste is becoming an issue again so may need the return of the famous #SouthwaterWardens' Pink 🐾 campaign!



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**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