

# Warden Monthly Report

August 2019 – Southwater

<b>Patrol Hours</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>No. of visits to Elderly/Vulnerable</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>School Contact/Engagement</b>	<b>0</b>
Foot (high visibility)	35				
Vehicle	30				
<b>Clear up/disposal reports</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>ASB Incidents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Police Reports Made</b>	<b>14</b>
Fly tipping, flyposting	13	Noise	0	Phone	0
Graffiti	5	Neighbours	1	Email	1
Dog fouling	35	Driving/vehicles	0	Intelligence report	13
Litter	24	Alcohol/drugs	0	E-CINS	0
Drug litter	37				
<b>Community Events Attended</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Youth Engagement/Activities</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Fixed Penalty Notices</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Yellow Card Warnings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Parking Notices Issued</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>0</b>

## ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage

- We continue to monitor, report on and dispose of drug litter whilst liaising with HDC and Sussex Police providing intelligence reports which feed in to the development of the overall picture. 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.
- Numerous reports of youth ASB including littering/swearing/spitting and threatening of younger children at the Sports Club skate park and play area. High Visibility presence utilised to disrupt and prevent incidents. Ongoing.
- Following contact from a resident dealing with a neighbour dispute, we undertook a home visit and discussed the issues, devised a plan of action and liaised with relevant agencies with a view to resolving the situation. Ongoing
- We had a call from the proprietor of a local shop asking for advice regarding attempted shop-lifting. He had not reported the matter to the police as the suspect young person was caught on CCTV and, when challenged, gave the goods back which could be re-sold. We contacted our local Prevention Youth Ambassador and passed some useful intelligence resulting in the suspect being identified, met by police, admitting the offence and another outstanding criminal damage incident. They are now on an Acceptable Behaviour Contract and hopefully, with support, will make better choices in the future

## Parking/Vehicles

- Following a complaint from a resident, particular attention has been paid to parking in and around Woodlands Way and College Road issuing Polite Parking Notices and Parking Awareness leaflets as appropriate. Some vehicle owners have responded positively by parking more considerately since our intervention. No new complaints recorded.

- We were approached by a resident of Timber Mill in relation to allocated parking spaces both in the car parks and at the kerbside due to ongoing parking issues. We consulted Parish Council colleagues and then advise the resident to contact her landlord in order to establish if a parking space formed part of the deeds of the house.
- In conjunction with Parish Council staff, we investigated an apparently abandoned vehicle which was found to be recorded as SORN with DVLA and parked on private land thereby complying with regulations.

## Fly tipping/Littering/Graffiti

- Daily litter picking particularly around the Leisure Centre sports field & Stakers Lane
- Fly tipping of 4x containers of oil in Lennox Wood Car Park, a broken office chair in Lintot Square and a roll of lino on Mill Straight.
- Litter on Two Mile Ash Road and Christ's Hospital Road reported to HDC
- Graffiti at New Skate Park

## Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

- Roundstone Park residents requested support to investigate options to secure safe crossing of Worthing Road, Southwater particularly for those with mobility issues or visual impairment in order to access bus links in to Horsham. Referral made to WSCC. Petition commenced.
- Meeting with Parish Clerk to discuss possible relocation of a bench in the Leisure Centre field (York Close) attracting ASB complaints and discussed options around prohibition of over 16 year olds congregating in children's play areas. Referred to SPC for consideration.
- Approached by a local resident who, although now reformed, described a life in the care and justice system and a desire to help young people on the fringes of criminality to avoid poor choices and speak frankly to them about prison life and the negative impact of criminal behaviour on their futures options. Referred to HDC ASB coordinators and provided signposting for registered agency already utilising this strategy.
- We joined Councillors and Parish staff at the opening ceremony for the new Play Area and Skate-Park on Church Lane.
- Organised and supported a Summer Activities day in conjunction with Southwater Youth Project including Foot & Disc Golf & Kubb attended by children from Southwater.
- A free Shoretrax bike pump track session, organised and delivered with HDC Sports Development Team and Southwater Youth Project. This event was attended by at least 30 children and a number of parents spent the afternoon with us too.
- Supported arts and crafts session with Southwater Youth Project and approximately 15 attendees.
- We have responded to 20 public enquiries either by phone/email or in person.

## Patrols (foot/visible and car)

- We continue to patrol on foot and with vehicle throughout the parish. We have identified three drug hotspots and five ASB hotspots.
- Joint foot patrol with PCSOs Steve Priest and Joseph Marimla

## Elderly and Youth

- We continue to carry out regular home visits, supporting the most vulnerable members of the community whilst providing advice and signposting to other agencies.

- Referral made to Adult Social Services via HDC Safeguarding Officer in relation to an older Southwater resident who would benefit from additional support

## Licensing

Nothing to report.

## Dog related issues

- We have undertaken numerous activities to raise awareness of the negative impact caused by irresponsible dog owners not clearing up their dog waste. As part of this campaign, we used social media, highlighted waste on footways using a pink eco spray paint and placed information notices in strategic locations particularly on the Downs Link and Red Route. We also saw that a local resident initiated creating their own notices which they place next to offending material in public areas. Incidents were also reported to HDC.

## Cycling

- We have been working to enforce the cycling & skateboarding prohibition within Lintot Square by stopping offenders; educating them as to the health & safety issues and associated risks. It appears that although signage is in place, this is being ignored by cyclists of all ages potentially as this restriction has not been enforced for some time. Throughout August we have requested that 10 cyclists dismount and walk their bicycle through Lintot Square.

## Parish Specific/Other

- Warden drop in session held at The Little Tea House in Lintot Square.
- We have supported the Park Rangers in Southwater Country Park with regular high visibility patrols, litter picking and swimming boundaries enforcement.