

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report for February 2025

If you witness acts of violence, verbal abuse, drug taking, irresponsible alcohol use or damage to property please report it to Sussex Police via the methods above or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit their website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

<p>999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A crime is happening now. • Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm. • Property is in danger of being seriously damaged. • A serious disruption to the public is likely. 	<p>101</p> <p>or report online www.sussex.police.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm. 	<p>CrimeStoppers.</p> <p>0800 555 111</p> <p>crimestoppers-uk.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To report crime 100% anonymously. • Crimestoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities. • Information given will be shared anonymously with the police. 	<p>British Transport Police</p> <p>0800 40 50 40</p> <p>Text 61016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-emergency incidents on a train or at a station can be reported direct to the British Transport Police online: www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime. • There is also a Railway Guardian app. 	<p>Horsham District Council</p> <p>communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council. • You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: www.horsham.gov.uk/report.
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See it. Report it.

Reporting crime and ASB means we can work together to reduce it.



Horsham District Community Safety Partnership



Horsham District Council

Patrol hours TOTAL:	118.75	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	27.00
Foot (high visibility)	35.25	Noise	2
Vehicle	83.50	Neighbours	1
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	20.00	Driving/vehicles	20
Verbal Warning	12.00	Bicycles	0
Parking Alert	8	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	4
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	18.00
Police reports TOTAL:	24.00	Fly tipping / flyposting	3/0
In person	8	Graffiti	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	6	Dog fouling	6
Email	2	Litter	6
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	0
Intelligence report	8	Hazards	2
Media reports TOTAL:	4.00	Community events attended	4
Press release / Community magazines	2	School contact	1
Social Media Posts	2	Youth engagement	28
Vulnerable People Welfare Checks	9	Reports to DVLA	0
Signposting	3	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0
Safeguarding referral	1	Admin	35

Anti-Social Behaviour

Through our partnership working, in particular with Sussex Police and Neighbourhood Watch Association, plus routine monitoring of crime reporting websites for information about suspicious activity, people and vehicles we are able to understand and respond to emerging trends.

Crime

05/02 – We received a report of non-permanent criminal damage to an outside light that had been tampered with.
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06/02 – We received a report of eggs being thrown at a property in Pevensey Road overnight causing the older resident considerable distress. We spoke to the resident's family and encouraged them to make a report of non-permanent criminal damage to Sussex Police. In the event that it happens again, multiple reports can change the offence options for the police if a suspect is identified.

12/02 - We received a report of the theft of an outside PIR light that had previously been tampered with.

19/02 – We intercepted two adult shoplifters and recovered stolen goods which were returned to the shop.

21/02 – We intercepted the same two adult shoplifters and again recovered stolen goods.

25/02 – We received further reports of two adult shoplifters and conducted an area search.

28/02 – We conducted an area search for two adult shop lifters that had been reported to us.

ASB

10/02 – We received a noise complaint in regards to a property with ongoing loud music. For issues of this nature, Horsham District Council can be contacted by clicking:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/noisy-neighbours>

12/02 – We responded to a report of suspicious vehicles in a residential road parked up on a regular basis with engines running whilst the occupants from both cars were seen to come and go several times over a period of hours. We have passed the descriptions of the people and vehicle information to our local PCSO for further checks whilst we increase patrols in the area. This situation has now been resolved.

Parking/vehicles

We conduct regular parking patrols at key times around our schools and there are a small number of drivers who require encouragement to park appropriately.

We are frequently asked about what can be done about vehicles being driven with no Road Tax or a valid MOT. These can be reported using the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-no-mot>

<https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

For anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles, please report to Operation Crackdown at:

<https://reports.operationcrackdown.org/asdprs/default.aspx>

Fly tipping, littering & graffiti

• **Fly Tipping**

10/02 – We reported fly-tipped green waste to Horsham District Council for clearance.

14/02 – We have contacted the managing agents in relation to waste left in a front garden for weeks.

25/02 – We reported household items fly tipped on Fairbank Road for disposal.



- **Fly Posting**

Nothing to report.

- **Graffiti**

14/02 – We received a report of graffiti on a communications box on Blakes Farm Road. As it is not owned by the council, we attempted to identify the third-party owner so that they could undertake the necessary cleaning works and we are waiting for feedback from two fibre suppliers.



- **Litter**

In support of the excellent work done by our Parish Litter Pickers, we undertook a number of litter patrols ensuring that, together, we keep Southwater clean and tidy.

If you would like to collect litter in your local area 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>

- **Drugs Litter**

We received information relating to possible drug supply in the village and we have given the details to Sussex Police so that they can develop intelligence around this issue.

If you know about someone you care about being involved in drugs, please check out

<https://www.talktofrank.com/> where you will find useful information about different types of drugs, their effects and associated risks.

Community engagement/events/meetings

15/02 – We held the first set up meeting for a friendship group for residents at Roundstone Park. The idea behind this is to tackle loneliness and to connect with like-minded people. The group has already organised their next meeting and we are hoping that more Roundstone residents will join the group.



19/02 – We attended the Welcome Club at The Ghyll with live music by Margaret Wilson and her harp.



20/02 – We held another SEN Journey Group at Beeson House. Our next session will be held on the 20 March 2025 in the Council Chamber at Beeson House. Representatives of the Aspens Charity are hoping to join us that day. Aspens provide support and care to children, families and adults across the South of England. Their services include registered care homes, supported living, community outreach, day services, including pathways to employment, children and young people's groups and support, specialist support - and free online support for families and carers.

People will have the opportunity to sign up for free 1:1's and information will be given on all the free support, workshops and Family events that are available. For more information on Aspens please check out their website: <https://www.aspens.org.uk/>

26/02 – We attended the games afternoon club held at the Village Hall which gave us the opportunity to chat to residents about any concerns they had.

Patrols

- We continue patrols of local businesses designed to disrupt shoplifting, ASB and improve engagement.
- We continue to provide high visibility patrols both on foot and in a liveried vehicle throughout the Parish.

05/02 – We carried out a joint patrol with Councillor Alex Jeffery and Hayley Timson, Office Manager for Castlewood School at school pick up time in order to discuss ongoing traffic management issues and to look for potential solutions to the risks posed to pupils by the number of vehicles and anti-social driving/parking. Our recommendations will be sent to West Sussex County Council for consideration.

05/02 – During our regular school patrol, a parent fell near the Texaco garage. Thankfully, local First Aid Trainer, Jenny Legg of 'Training Legs First Aid' was quickly on scene and although we offered assistance, she had it all under control. The patient was supported to safely complete her journey.

21/02 – We carried out a joint patrol with PCSO Cecil following a report of shoplifting that day.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

We routinely conduct high visibility patrols at times and in areas often used by older residents to offer a reassuring presence plus cover areas previously connected with ASB in order to act as a deterrent. Throughout the month, we regularly visited the Southwater Youth Project and engaged with many young people.

We have continued our work with a number of vulnerable residents in the village making sure they have access to the support they need. This involves us having confidential conversations, identifying solutions and signposting residents to the most appropriate support network. We regularly do follow up visits to make sure that any support package is working effectively and to ensure that lines of communication remain open as situations can change quickly.

06/02 – We carried out a welfare check on a vulnerable person following a report of a cause for concern.
07/02 – We visited a vulnerable resident to discuss the option of a call blocker provided by Trading Standards.
21/02 – We conducted a visit to a vulnerable person who is feeling isolated and managed to set up a friendship circle for them.

Dog related issues

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, please report it to our kennels on **07512 089777**.
If you have lost your dog, please report it to Horsham District Council on 01403 215641 (office hours) or email ehl@horsham.gov.uk

For further information, please refer to <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs>
As with any other incident involving an immediate threat to human or animal life, please call 999.

Cycling

12/02 & 14/02 – Whilst on patrol, we found an electric motorbike being ridden by a male whilst watched by two others. Each time we got close enough to engage with them, the bike was ridden off at speed to a new location. We liaised with our local PCSO who attended and conducted an area search for the group but they were not found.

Parish specific/other

25/02 – A big thank you to Alpesh Shingadia and his team at Budgens for the amazing donation of Lucozade Blue Burst. We will be distributing these within the community of Southwater.



Public Enquiries

This month we responded to 19 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included welfare concerns for a number of residents, numerous reports of non-permanent criminal damage and a report of anti-social use of a mobility scooter.

Hazards

07/02 – We came across a vehicle that had broken down coming off the Hop Oast roundabout causing a hazard to other road users. We secured the area and waited with the driver until the Police arrived. Together with the PCSOs, we managed to move the vehicle to a safer location until the vehicle could be recovered.

24/02 – Whilst on patrol on Stakers Lane, we noted large amounts of dirty water flowing from the pumping station. We reported it to Southern Water as a priority hazard who promptly attended to address the issue.

28/02 – We reported overgrown vegetation on Southwater Street to West Sussex County Council.

Meetings

04/02 – We had a meeting with our Neighbourhood Warden Supervisor, Carol Boniface.

11/02 – We had a meeting with our colleagues in HDC Community Development team to discuss funding/projects

18/02 – We joined a virtual meeting with West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service plus West Sussex PCSOs

26/02 – We attended the Steering Group meeting with Councillors Steve Lewis and Chris Pearce, as well as Neighbourhood Warden Supervisor Carol Boniface.

Social Media/Press

We regularly post items on the Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens' Twitter and Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens> and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>

Our monthly reports are available on the Southwater Parish Council website: <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-wardens>

If you know of someone who would be interested in reading our monthly report, but they do not have access to the internet, please contact us and we will be happy to deliver a printed copy to them:

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS**



Your Neighbourhood Wardens

- We meet the needs of the community to improve the quality of life for the residents through engagement, promotion and support.
- We develop projects that benefit the local residents to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- We promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.
- We support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- We engage with residents daily to get to know our community to become a trusted friend to offer advice, guidance and educate.
- We offer education and advice when required before taking enforcement action (Fixed Penalty Notices for Public Space Protection order and Environmental Crime offences)
- We contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership by working with other agencies to provide a highly visible and reassuring uniform patrolling presence.
- We provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- We submit reports to the police to reduce incidents of drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour (101 in non-emergencies and 999 in emergencies) and work alongside them to tackle anti-social behaviour.



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ALWAYS DIAL 999**

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KEY:

ASB: Anti-social behaviour.

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

SPC: Southwater Parish Council

WSCC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue