

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report for October 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

999

- 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.

101

or report online www.sussex.police.uk

- All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111

crime-stoppers-uk.org

- 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.

British Transport Police

0800 40 50 40

Text 61016

- 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.

Horsham District Council

communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk

- 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.

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:	131.25	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	16.00
Foot (high visibility)	39.50	Noise	1
Vehicle	91.75	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	5.00	Driving/vehicles	5
Verbal Warning	3	Bicycles/E-scooters	6
Parking Alert	2	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	4
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	5.00
Police reports TOTAL:	35.00	Fly tipping / flyposting	1/0
In person	21	Graffiti	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	7	Dog fouling	2
Email	2	Litter	1
Intelligence report	5	Drug litter	0
		Hazards	1
Media reports TOTAL:	4.00	Community events attended	7
Press release / Community magazines	1	School contact	11
Social Media Posts	3	Youth engagement	119
Vulnerable People Welfare Checks	6	Reports to DVLA	0
Signposting	4	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0
Safeguarding referral	1	Admin	35

Anti-Social Behaviour

Through our partnership working, in particular with Sussex Police and the 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.

Anti-Social Behaviour

06/10 – We responded to reports of a group of young people throwing objects at passing cars on Cedar Drive.

16/10 – We received a report of 2 young people riding electric scooters in the area of Broadacres.

20/10 – We came across a group of youths using an electric scooter on a foot path. It was explained that the use of electric scooters is only permitted on private land with the landowner's consent, and not in public areas. The scooter was returned home.

24/10 – We responded to a complaint of two young people on electric scooters in Lintot Square. We identified those concerned, engaged with them and with the cooperation of a parent, ensure that the scooters were taken back to private land.

24/10 – We responded to a complaint of three young people entering a business and being verbally disrespectful to staff. We located the offenders, identified them, gave them strong words of advice and as this was not the first time we have had to challenge their poor behaviour in the village, we passed their details to Sussex Police.

25/10 - Following previous complaints of two young females riding electric scooters at speed on one of the developments, we spoke to two people matching the description provided. We explained that electric scooters are illegal unless on private land with the owner's permission or as part of an official scheme. They agreed to walk the scooters home.

25/10 – We received a report of young people riding electric scooters in Lintot Square. We were able to identify the young people in question and made contact with their parents who swiftly dealt with the situation.

25/10 - We responded to a resident reporting 4 people fishing off the jetty in the main lake at Southwater Country Park. We attended and met with the group, explained that they were not allowed to fish there, pointed out all the signs clearly stating that fact and then, having given them strong words of advice, we told them to leave the park, which they did.

25/10 - We responded to two separate complaints of ASB relating to the same group of suspects. We identified them, interacted with them and then contacted their parents. Discussions continue with the informants around options moving forwards which may include individual banning notices and HDC ASB Warning Letters to parents/carers as a precursor to Police led Behaviour Contracts, or potentially investigations into criminal offences.

30/10 – We came across a person using their electric scooter in the Lintot Square and The Ghyll area. Words of advice were given in relation to the use of electric scooters.

Crime

Assault

03/10 – We were approached by a young person who alleged that they had just been pushed off their bicycle and into the road. We liaised with the Police and provided them with contact details for everyone involved.

Theft

08/10 – We were alerted to two suspects who had committed a high value theft from one of our retail outlets and moved into the area to search for the suspects but were unable to locate them. The incident was reported to Sussex Police.

Attempted Burglary (non-dwelling)

11/10 – We were made aware that a secure storage facility had been broken into overnight but there were no suspects on scene. It was reported to Sussex Police.

Parking/vehicles

With schools back, we noted an increase in complaints again about anti-social parking, predominantly during drop-off and pick-up times obstructing dropped kerbs, parking on double yellow lines and in bus stops. We will be running joint patrols with HDC Parking Services again in the coming weeks and fines will be issued accordingly.

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

<https://operationcrackdown.org/>

To report vehicles being driven with no Road Tax or a valid MOT please use the link below:

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

To report abandoned vehicles please use the link below:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/abandoned-vehicles>

If you need to contact Horsham District Council for parking related issues, please check the website

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/parking/report-a-parking-problem> or call the Customer Services on 01403 215100.

Fly tipping, littering & graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

16/10 – Fly-tipped roofing felt discovered on Dragons Lane and reported to Horsham District Council for clearance.



- **Graffiti**

Nothing to report

- **Litter**

We routinely support our Parish Litter Pickers to keep our village free from litter.

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**

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

Southwater Parish Council wrote:

"Southwater Neighbourhood Wardens have been very busy strengthening connections across the local community, alongside their daily tasks. From informative presentations to educational visits, they continue to play an important role in keeping Southwater a safe and welcoming place for everyone".

01/10 – We held a free, interactive and fun, one-hour workshop on how to save a life at Beeson House. The crucial defibrillator training session was delivered by Jenny from Training Legs First Aid. Thank you to Jenny for a brilliant and informative evening!

We're incredibly proud of our group of residents for taking the time to learn these life-saving skills.



04/10 – We attended the Parish Councillor Surgery and delivered a presentation about our work.

04/10 – We attended Castlewood School for their Blackberry Fair event.

09/10 – Southwater Junior Academy Presentation

"The team were invited by Deputy Headteacher Mark Dudeney of Southwater Junior Academy to meet with all Year 6 pupils. One of our wardens, Dominic, during his visit, delivered a lively and informative session about their role in the village and the importance of community values.

He explained that, alongside parents, carers, and teachers, their job is to help young people navigate the often-confusing transition into the adult world safely and responsibly. The discussion covered rules, a few basic laws, and even touched on some recent local concerns, including incidents where a small number of pupils had been kicking front doors and jumping into hedges, causing damage to property and distress to residents.

This led to an open conversation about personal responsibility, behavioural consequences and the importance of considering how our actions impact others.

Warden Dominic said: "It was wonderful to meet such a polite and clever group of young people. They were engaged and asked some brilliant questions. Let's hope that they can replicate this excellent behaviour when out in the community and continue to develop skills to lead their generation so that Southwater continues to be a place we can all enjoy."

16/10 – We held our SEN Journey meeting – a support group for parents and carers of autistic and SEN children held at Beeson House.

17/10 – We attended the Southwater Infant Academy for their Parking Promise event. This was a fantastic opportunity to meet the children and their families and talk about driving and parking safely.

22/10 – We attended the Games Club held at the Village Hall.

29/10 – We enjoyed the Southwater Academies PTFA Scarecrow Trail.



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.

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 to act as a deterrent.

This month we have continued to support some of the most vulnerable people in the village. We have undertaken a number of home visits, follow up phone calls and signposting to specialist services. We have tried to make time to provide reassurance and comfort to these people, whether it is sorting out something practical, like accessing transport for medical appointments, planning a move to a more appropriate care setting or getting clarity on a situation causing them stress. Isolation and developing health needs is very impactful, but with the right agencies involved, we can all help to ensure they continue to enjoy a fulfilling life here in Southwater.

Dog related issues

We are still receiving reports of a dog being allowed to run free and unsupervised on one of our developments, urinating and defecating on private property. We have reported concerns to the property management agents and the housing association responsible for the block where the dog is believed to live.

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.

Parish specific/other

Public Enquiries

This month we responded to 21 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquiries included questions about a dog running loose, a hornet's nest, illegal fishing, e-scooters, lost keys, parking and concerns for vulnerable residents.

Hazards

29/10 – Whilst on patrol we found 2 insecure vehicles. We located the owners and advised them of the issue.

30/10 – We came across a mobility scooter which was situated in a dangerous position on the public highway. A welfare check on the person was conducted and the mobility scooter was moved to a safe location.

30/10 – Whilst on patrol we noted suspicious activity associated with a large van driving around the developments. We alerted local trades people to ensure that their vans were secured at all times and made our presence known to the driver of the suspicious vehicle who then promptly left the village.

Meetings

04/10 – We attended the SPC Councillor Surgery reporting on our recent work and answering questions.

21/10 – We attended a West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service meeting to discuss local matters.

28/10 – We delivered a presentation about our role in the community to the new Southwater Parish Councillors.

28/10 – We attended a meeting with Sussex Police PCSOs to discuss local matters.

29/10 – We had a meeting with Veronika Toth, the SPC Community Engagement Officer, to discuss future projects.

Social Media/Press

<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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