

# Warden Monthly Report

## Southwater Parish Report November 2024

### 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](http://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](http://www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime).
- There is also a Railway Guardian app.

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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](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/report).

## See it. Report it.

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

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/>

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>121.00</b>	<b>ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:</b>	<b>36.00</b>
Foot (high visibility)	35.25	Noise	0
Vehicle	85.75	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>32.00</b>	Driving/vehicles	34
Verbal Warning	9	Bicycles	0
Parking Alert	23	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	2
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>41.00</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>22.00</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	2/15
In person	7	Graffiti	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	8	Dog fouling	7
Email	4	Litter	10
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	0
Intelligence report	3	Hazards	7
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>5</b>
Press release / Community magazines	1	<b>School contact</b>	<b>6</b>
Social Media Posts	5	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Vulnerable People Welfare Checks</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Admin</b>	<b>35</b>

## 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 – Theft

31/10 – We liaised with PCSO Cecil and one of our local shops in relation to identifying 3 people engaged in theft.

### Crime – Criminal Damage

31/10 – Three males were captured on CCTV damaging shopping trolleys before placing about 10 in a bus stop allowing some to go in the road causing a hazard to oncoming traffic. A panel at this bus stop was damaged in the process. This has been reported to Sussex Police.

### Crime – Criminal Damage

05/11 – We found that a number of parking signs on Station Road had been intentionally covered in paint. This has been reported for repair.

### Crime - Criminal damage

19/11 – We found intentional damage to another Perspex panel at a bus stop which has been reported for repair.

### Crime – Theft

08/11 – We received a report of theft from a local retailer, alerted other shops and attempted to identify the suspects.

### Crime – Assault and Theft

24/11 – We undertook a welfare check on a retailer who suffered a theft by an individual who then assaulted a member of staff and made threats to harm another before leaving with high value goods.

### Crime – Theft

26/11 – We are supporting a retailer who suffered a theft by someone who appears to be a prolific offender passing through our village. Intelligence has been shared with Sussex Police.

### ASB – Electric Motorbike (Downs Link - Bridleway)

26/11 – As we were on patrol on Cripplegate Lane, we noticed a suspicious bike on Stakers Lane. We managed to get close enough to challenge the rider of a powerful electric motorbike but following a brief interaction they rode off at speed. The incident has been reported to Sussex Police.

### ASB – Electric Motorbike (Shipleigh Road)

27/11 – We came across 2 people on an electric motorbike being ridden on Shipleigh Road. They made off once they noticed our patrol car and the incident was reported to Sussex Police and Dashcam footage has been provided.

## 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. This month we have received additional complaints from residents of The Copse in relation to Anti-Social parking during school drop off and collection times. We have routinely patrolled these areas at key times and issued information leaflets and polite parking notices to unattended vehicles. We have spoken to a number of drivers and requested that they modify their behaviour.



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>

06/11 – We reported faded double yellow lines on Station Road to West Sussex CC for repair

14/11 – We reported faded double yellow lines on Christs Hospital to West Sussex CC for repair

## Fly tipping, littering & graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

05/11 – Large amount building waste deposited on Bar Lane

15/11 – 4 x plastic chairs found in bushes in Mill Straight car park

23/11 – 1 x large box on Roman Lane



- **Fly Posting**

06/11 – We removed 6 advertisements illegally placed on street furniture at roundabouts in Southwater

08/11 – We removed 4 advertisements illegally placed on street furniture at Buck Barn

29/11 – We reported 5 advertisements illegally placed on street furniture around Worthing Road to HDC

- **Graffiti**

Nothing to report.

- **Litter**

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

31/10 – We conducted a litter pick in Lintot Square and the skate park

01/11 – We carried out litter picks at our skate parks

04/11 – Litter picks carried out at our skate parks

06/11 – We carried out a litter pick at Lennox Wood

15/11 – Litter picks were carried out at both skate parks and Mill Straight car park where we found

15/11 – A large bag containing an awning and a pump was located dumped

18/11 – We carried out litter picks at our skate parks and Mill Straight car park

23/11 – We carried out litter picks at our skate parks

26/11 – We carried out litter picks on Broadwater Lane for Health & Safety reasons due to food waste

29/11 – Litter picks carried out at skate parks and Mill Straight car park

If you would like to collect litter at a time which suits you, check out Horsham District Council's **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/meetings

06/11 – We attended the Games Club at the Village Hall and engaged with several residents

13/11 – We attended the Welcome Club at the Village Hall and were able to talk to residents about any concerns

22/11 – We attended the opening of the Southwater Youth Project who have relocated to The Ghyll

27/11 – We attended the Welcome Club Christmas Quiz, enjoyed Mince pies, mulled wine and singing carols

28/11 – We held our first ‘Journey in Southwater’ event in the Parish Chamber of Beeson House for parents and carers of Autistic and SEN Children. This is an opportunity to meet other residents in a relaxed and supportive environment, share experiences, strategies and concerns in a safe space. Future dates are listed below and we look forward to seeing you at our next event.

**Journey in Southwater** NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

A group for Parents and Carers of Autistic and SEN Children

Thursday 28 November 2024  
Thursday 12 December 2024  
Thursday 23 January 2025

From 10.30am to 11.30am

Parish Chamber, Beeson House,  
26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Road,  
Southwater, RH13 9LA

Come along and join us, have a chat and a cuppa with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No need to book, no pressure, just turn up. Tea and coffee provided free of charge. Please be advised that the Chamber is located on the first floor of Beeson House. There is a lift available as well as toilet facilities. Please contact us in advance if you have any special access requirements.

For more information please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:

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Bettina Long:	07789 943156	bettina.long@horsham.gov.uk

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## 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 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.

15/11 – A concerned resident alerted us to a person sleeping in their car overnight. Together with PCSO Cecil, we were able to identify the car together with the person concerned and offer them assistance.

23/11 – We came across another person sleeping in their car on a permanent basis. We were able to advise them on how to get help from the authorities.

For more information on how Horsham District Council can assist if you are facing homelessness <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/housing/homelessness/how-we-can-help-you> – or if you are concerned about someone sleeping rough, you can highlight them using the [Street Link website](#).

23/11 – Whilst on patrol we were stopped by a distressed person who had become lost whilst walking through Southwater. We were able to get them out of the bad weather and home safely.

28/11 – We came across a vulnerable resident who told us that they were a victim of numerous scams. We gave them advice and took them to the Police Volunteer Office where the incident was reported to Sussex Police.

29/11 – On behalf of a caller to the Police Volunteer Office, we conducted a check on a property that had potentially been left insecure.

## Dog related issues

We received a report from a resident who had experienced some concerning incidents where dogs, off the lead and not under proper control, had been allowed to chase them and jump up at them. On one occasion, when they asked a dog owner to call their dog off, they were verbally abused. We have put up a number of signs in the area of Blakes Farm Road and would encourage everyone to behave responsibly as ultimately someone could be hurt or even your dog destroyed.



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.

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](mailto:ehl@horsham.gov.uk)

## Cycling

Nothing to Report

## Parish specific/other

### **Public Enquiries**

This month we responded to 13 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included issues around criminal damage, dogs out of control, parking, welfare concerns, thefts and requests for support.

### **Hazards**

31/10 – We were handed some kitchen knives which we then gave to Sussex Police for safe disposal

01/11 – A large amount of flour was found on the pavement on Pevensey Road. We swept up most of it but also reported the incident to West Sussex County Council for a deep clean.

04/11 – We reported to West Sussex County Council that the safety fencing under the Butterfly Bridge is regularly being moved. The barriers are in place for health and safety reasons and the path is currently closed.

05/11 – We made a further report to WSCC about the insecure fencing under the Butterfly Bridge.

11/11 – We were alerted by two young people to an insecure power supply unit on Mulberry Fields and organised for an engineer to attend and make it safe.

18/11 – Whilst on patrol we located a large branch blocking part of the carriageway in Christs Hospital. With help from our local PCSO, we were able to safely remove the obstruction and re-open the road.



21/11 – We carried out a home visit to one of our residents who asked us to collect a selection of old knives. These were then handed over to Sussex Police for destruction.

Sussex Police encourage the public to drop off their dangerous or unwanted knives and blades at our knife amnesty bins. Knife amnesty bins are available all year round in Police stations across Sussex where people are encouraged to safely dispose of knives and blades with no consequences and no questions asked.

Click Here to: [Find details of your local police station](#) including opening hours and accessibility.

### **Meetings**

01/11 – We attended a Neighbourhood Warden meeting to discuss current issues in our parishes

06/11 – We attended a meeting with Amanda who is a Community Agent for AgeUK in Horsham

14/11 – We met with the Neighbourhood Warden Supervisor to provide an update on local trends & projects

19/11 – We attended an All HDC Staff briefing at The Capitol

19/11 – We engaged with a Neighbour Dispute meeting to receive updates on progress to resolve the matter

20/11 – We linked in with our town centre Neighbourhood Wardens to discuss matters of concern

28/11 – We attended the Steering Group Meeting with Cllrs. Lewis & Pearce, Community Engagement Officer Veronika Toth and Neighbourhood Warden Supervisor Carol Boniface.

### Training

31/10 – We attended a training session on an event booking system operated by Horsham District Council

### 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:

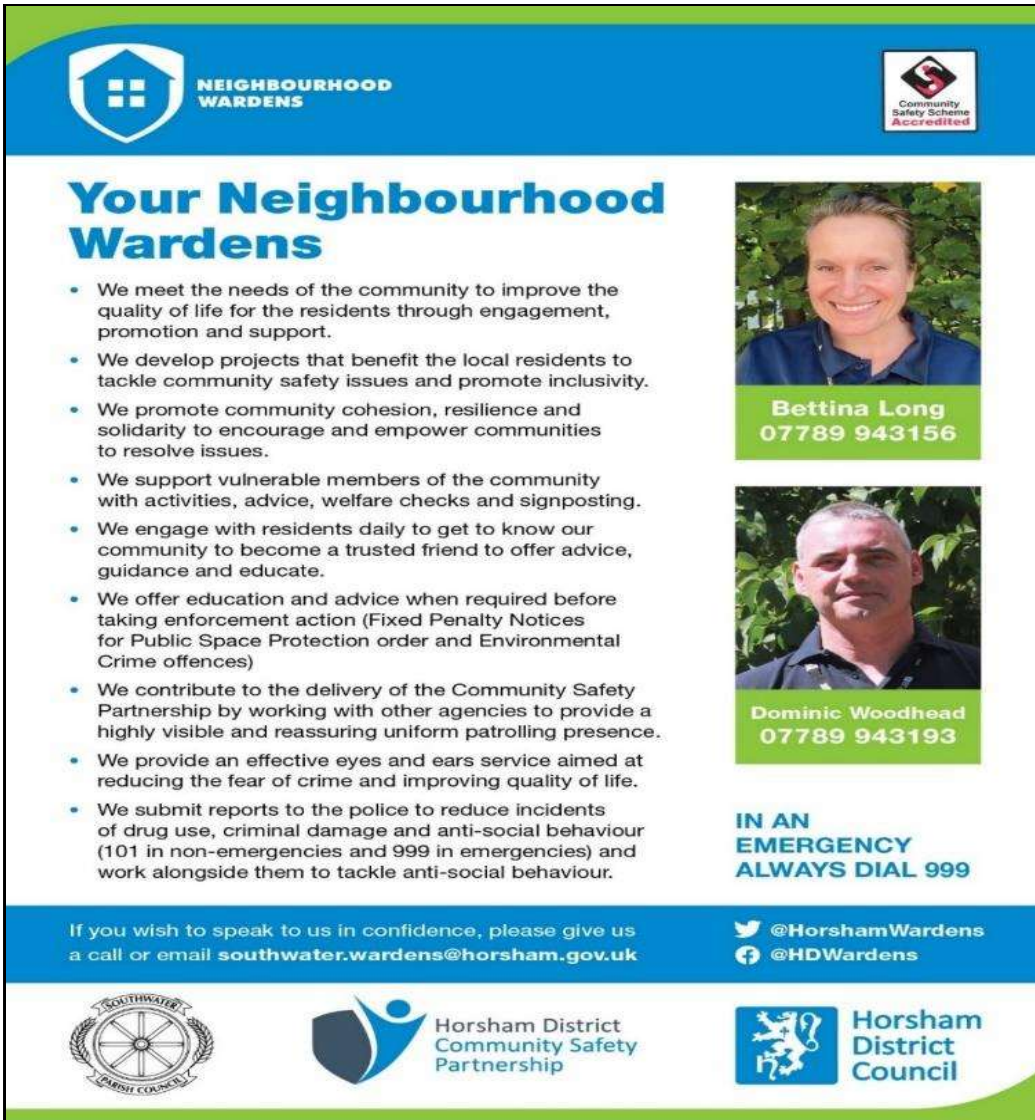
<https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-wardens>

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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Dominic Woodhead – 07789943193

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The leaflet features a blue header with a house icon and the text 'NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS'. On the right, there is a 'Community Safety Scheme Accredited' logo. The main title is 'Your Neighbourhood Wardens'. A list of bullet points describes their services, including community engagement, safety projects, cohesion promotion, support for vulnerable members, daily engagement, enforcement advice, community safety partnership, and crime reduction. Two photos of wardens are shown: Bettina Long (07789 943156) and Dominic Woodhead (07789 943193). A blue box at the bottom right says 'IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999'. The footer contains contact information for confidence (southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk), social media handles (@HorshamWardens, @HDWardens), and logos for Southwater Parish Council, Horsham District Community Safety Partnership, and Horsham District Council.

**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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**Horsham District Community Safety Partnership**

**Horsham District Council**

**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