

# Warden Monthly Report

## Southwater Parish Report for March 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](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](http://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.

**Horsham District Council**

[communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk](mailto: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.

Horsham District Community Safety Partnership

Horsham District Council

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>112.50</b>	<b>ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:</b>	<b>18.00</b>
Foot (high visibility)	34.25	Noise	0
Vehicle	78.25	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Driving/vehicles	12
Verbal Warning	8	Bicycles	3
Parking Alert	4	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	3
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>23.00</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	3/4
In person	11	Graffiti	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	9	Dog fouling	4
Email	2	Litter	4
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	0
Intelligence report	1	Hazards	0
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>6</b>
Press release / Community magazines	1	<b>School contact</b>	<b>9</b>
Social Media Posts	10	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Vulnerable People Welfare Checks</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>1</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

Due to the collaboration between ourselves, retailers and our local PCSO, Damian Cecil, we have seen a notable decline in thefts from our shops by identified prolific shoplifters. We have all made a concerted effort to target harden our shops and create a reputation for proactive engagement with the justice system in relation to these offences. So far, we have managed to support arrests, the recovery of stolen goods and help Sussex Police to create Community Orders for key individuals.

### ASB

04/03 – We attempted to engage with and disrupt, two individuals using electric motorbikes in an anti-social manner in the village. This is a technically difficult area of enforcement due to gaps in the existing legislation and ultimately requires intervention by Sussex Police, Roads Policing Unit. We will continue to report these offences to the police.

10/03 – Whilst on patrol in the area of The Ghyll, we observed a single rider of what could be described as a 'pit bike' or 'mini-moto' being ridden in the car park. When we attempted to engage with the rider, they rode off on to the football pitch. If this is your child, please have a word. This behaviour causes safety concerns for other residents and the legalities of riding such a bike on land where the public have access and the potential consequences of causing criminal damage should be made clear.

## 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 have received a number of complaints about people parking on pavements some causing a significant obstruction for mobility vehicle users and double buggies. We have repeatedly asked all vehicle users to be conscious of the impact of their driving and parking on others.

Parking around our schools at high peak times will always be contentious and we would urge everyone to allow sufficient time to enable you to find an appropriate parking space thereby reducing the risk you pose to pupils by parking illegally. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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-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**

01/03 – Dragons Lane

01/03 – Southwater Street

11/03 – Shipley Road





- **Fly Posting**

15/03 – We removed 4 commercial signs from the village as they were in contravention of permissions

- **Graffiti**

Nothing to report

- **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**

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

Due to the amazing generosity of **Alpesh Shingadia** and the wonderful team at **Budgens**, we were provided with lots of bottles of Lucozade which we were asked to share with Community Groups, Volunteers, Residents and anyone else we met who help our village to be such a great place to live. Here are just a view pictures of some who accepted this donation.





#### 14/03 – Conversation Starter

We joined the Conversation Starter Project for their weekly walk in Southwater! We took a gentle walk through Southwater Country Park together which gave everyone the opportunity to have a relaxed conversation whilst enjoying nature.

The group meets every Friday at 1200 PM in Lintot Square at Iggy, the dinosaur. Walks are free to join and there is no need to book. Please check out their website if you would like to get more information: <https://conversation-starter-project.org.uk/walk-with-us/>

#### 15/03 – Neighbourhood Wardens and Sussex Police Partnership Working

We held one of our regular Warden Drop-In Sessions. We were joined by our local PCSO Damian Cecil and had many useful conversations with a number of residents on a range of topics of interest to them. Thanks to the support of Co Op in Lintot Square for hosting the event.





19/03 – We attended the Welcome Club held in the Village Hall and were really pleased to see so many of you. As always, thank you very much for your warm welcome.

#### 20/03 – SEN Journey

We held another of our monthly SEN Journey support sessions in the Parish Council Chamber. We were really lucky to have representatives from Aspens join us at this event which once again was very well attended.



#### 29/03 – Great British Spring Clean

We helped out at the Community Litter Picking Day organised by Southwater Parish Council and Southwater Community Partnership. A big 'thank you' to those of you who came along and helped out – especially our younger residents who were very enthusiastic about making a difference in the community!



## 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.

20/03 – We joined forces with Councillor Alex Jeffery to collect your generous donations for the families affected by the recent house fires in Roman Lane. Thank you to The Topsy Fox, Cubitt & West and Castlewood School for running your collection stations for this very important issue and helping us on the day.

25/03 – We were asked to provide welfare support to a resident who had been the victim of a high value, distraction theft. In order not to prejudice the ongoing police investigation, we liaised with our local PCSO prior to making contact with the victim and during our conversation with them we focussed on the emotional impact of the experience and how to move forward in a supported way.

## 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](mailto: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

- Nothing to report

## Parish specific/other

### **Public Enquiries**

This month we responded to 17 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included reports of injured wildlife, a damaged vehicle, a high sided vehicle and some builders' vans parked on access road, overgrown foliage and concerns for vulnerable residents.

### **Hazards**

15/03 – We reported a large amount of horse manure on the pedestrian area outside Beeson House for removal

19/03 – We reported a leaking outdoor tap to the parish to enable prompt repairs and avoid waste

### **Meetings**

04/03 – We attended the Full Neighbourhood Warden Team Meeting to receive updates on projects in other parishes, share intelligence around developing ASB trends and to share best practice.

25/03 – We attended a meeting with West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service to discuss local safety trends.




## 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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**IN AN  
EMERGENCY  
ALWAYS DIAL 999**

If you wish to speak to us in confidence, please give us a call or email [southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk)

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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