



Storrington and Sullington Wardens Monthly Report February 2025



**NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS**



**Horsham
District
Council**

ASB/Referrals.

Police Report (Phone, 101):

- None to report.

Intelligence report

- None to report.

ASB:

- None to report.

Verbal Warning:

- None to report.

Signposting:

- Signposted resident to Environmental Health Re: Noisy neighbour.
- Signposted a resident who wanted to take some refresher driving lessons. This gentleman was looking to get some confidence back and still be able to drive.

Safeguarding:

- None to report

Parking/vehicles

Operation Crackdown reports: Joint initiative with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police to report abandoned vehicles or anti-social driving.

- None to report.

DVLA Reports:

- None to report

Yellow Parking alerts:

- Car in North Street car park for parking issue.
- Car looked like it has been left overnight and facing the wrong way in the car park.

Drivers spoken to for parking issues:

- 21 x Vehicles parked on double yellow kerb stripes in North Street.
- 6 x Vehicles parked in High Street loading bay. (1 x vehicle given parking ticket by Civil Enforcement Officer)
- We were receiving lots of complaints regarding a van that has been parked in the lay by adjacent to the Memorial Pond. After speaking to the owner, the van has now finally been moved.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti.

Drug litter removed and reported to WSCC (West Sussex County Council):

- We were advised by the Assistant Clerk of a syringe that was found by the garages at the Leisure Centre, this was immediately reported to West Sussex County Council.

Fly tipping:

- Received a call from a resident who claimed that fly tipping of green waste had taken place near to Monastery Lane. After checking we discovered that some of the trees in the field had been cut back, the branches that had been cut were still in the grassed area.

Litter:

- None to report

Graffiti:

- None to report

Flyposting:

- None to report

Community engagement/events/meetings.

PCSO (Police Community Support Officer): Met with PCSO at the St Marys church café. We met with a resident there who had some issues with a known resident and wanted to discuss the matter with the Police as it was affecting not only her but other residents in the area. Saxon Weald housing Manager informed.

Wholesome Warehouse:

- Met with the business owners of the Wholesome Warehouse to discuss concerns they had over some of their clients. We will be involving other agencies and partners to advise on an action plan. Update: Visited Wholesome Warehouse and updated them with more information.

AgeUK:

- We met with our colleague from AgeUK who has funding from the company "COOK." They supply free meals to AgeUK. We are arranging a get together for some of our most isolated residents to meet up with other residents and enjoy a free lunch.

Village Market:

- Attended the Village Market month. Spoke with the stallholders and residents who were visiting. Good to see everybody. No one reported any issues or concerns.
- The Market was remarkably busy again this month. Shared information and details of upcoming events.

Whitehorse Court:

- We went to see the residents at Whitehorse Court. Everyone was very welcoming. We took part in their weekly quiz, again we did not win!!

Journey, Autism and SEN (Special educational needs) Group:

- We held the Journey group again at the library. We had a new guest arrive with her two sons. The two boys settled in well and enjoyed the library experience. The Mother was happy to attend and will come along again in the future.

St. Mary's Church Café:

- We made our regular visit to the Church to meet our residents and have a chat. We met the new Rector, Jonathan Swindells. The Rector and the Church presented us with a donation of £1000.00 which was so generous, their support has been unwavering throughout our time in Storrington and Sullington. These funds will go towards the Summer Fun Day for the community. A massive thanks to the Church.
- Second visit of the Month to St. Marys. We wanted to invite some of the Parishioners to our upcoming lunch event as a thank you for the continued support.



Mother and Toddler group:

- We paid a visit to the Mother and Toddler group this month. They had a really good turnout of Mums and children. The volunteers were all in good spirits. We have informed the group of upcoming events.

Community Café: (previously Dementia café)

- Great turnout at the Café this month. Largest group to date, three new faces. Big thanks to Storrington Library for hosting this event.

Cuppa and a Chat:

- We held our monthly Cuppa and a Chat at the Leisure Centre, good turnout as usual. We have been talking to the Prevention Assessment Team (PAT) who want to get involved and help with residents in the rural areas with medical and financial advice. The Team Leader Nurse, Annalise Garner kindly came down to offer blood pressure tests and discuss any medical concerns any of the group had. Our group really appreciated Annalise's time and support. We will be looking to work more with the P.A.T in the future.



Speed Watch:

- Assisted the Speedwatch team along Pulborough Road. Roads quiet, due to half term.
- Assisted the Speedwatch team along Amberley Road.

Rotary Club:

- The Wardens assisted the Rotary Club at the Village Hall with their lunch for the elderly community in Storrington. We had three Year 6 students along with their teacher from Thakeham Primary School to help with serving and collecting the finished plates. It was lovely to see many of our residents having a hot meal and a catch up. Big thanks to the students and their teacher.
- Visited the Rotary Club at their Book Fair. Discussed up and coming projects with them.

Autism and SEN weekly all sports event:

- Another great session at the Leisure Centre, we had a Mother and her daughter attend for the first time. 05.02.2025. 15 Children attended.
- We freshened up some of the activities. As we had use of the whole hall we had a football session. Really good fun. 12.02.2025. 10 Children attended.
- The event is still going strong. Some parents remarked on how much they had missed it when it was half term and no session took place. 26.02.2025. 13 Children attended.

Dungeons and Dragons Gaming Club:

- The Storrington and Sullington/Pulborough Wardens hosted our second event on the eighth at the Parish Hall. Our Dungeon Master brought along a friend of his to function as a second Dungeon Master due to the amount of young people attending. This event has been very well attended, the young people are enjoying

themselves and learning new skills. The feedback we are receiving from parents is amazing. Some of the comments are “It’s lovely to get the kids away from computer screens for a couple of hours” and “Our son is meeting new people which is good for his social skills and confidence.”



- Storrington and Sullington Wardens in partnership with the Pulborough Wardens held our third session of the Dungeons and Dragons gaming club. This was still well supported by the children and their parents. The parents told us how excited the children are when they are getting ready to come. We have two more sessions to run and will then decide how often we are able to play Dungeons and Dragons. Oscar and Henry (Dungeon Masters) have been brilliant with the children, we have been so lucky to have them running the games.

Patrols (foot/visible, and car)

Kithurst and Chantry:

- Patrol of Kithurst, no fly tipping.
- Patrol of Chantry, no fly tipping.

Youth engagement:

- Two young residents along with their grandparents litter picked the library/North Street Car Park this month. They were rewarded with biscuits. Lovely to see young people caring about their community.



Vulnerable residents' welfare check:

- Visited two of our elderly residents to check if they were ok. One of which has been in poor health recently.

- Responded to a resident who was having problems with her telephone and television. We advised her to speak to her service provider as there seemed to be a problem with her connection.
- We were contacted by the Glebe Surgery who were having difficulty making contact with a patient. We paid this lady a visit to make sure she was ok. She had no health concerns but was a bit tearful. She has her best friend living with her but wants to get out more. We have invited her to our next Cuppa and a Chat event. We are able to collect her in the Minibus. We will check on her again next week.
- Visited resident for a chat to see if they were ok after coming out of hospital.
- Had a chat with one of our elderly residents. Her husband is not in the best of health so tried to reassure her.
- Met with an elderly resident who wanted information about events she could attend. She was given some of our flyers for Cuppa and a Chat, Community Café and details of the upcoming lunch event we are holding in partnership with AgeUK.
- Booked a further four residents to attend the lunch event. This will be held at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre at the end of March. We are working in partnership with AgeUK to deliver this event.

Parish specific/other

Councillor Meetings:

- Met with Councillor Loney to discuss Storrington Primary Road Safety poster competition and the data collected on Spierbridge Road/North Street.
- Attended the Parish full Council meeting. We gave an update on new projects the Wardens are working on.
- Meeting at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre with Councillor to discuss plans and works to be conducted regarding The Community Garden Project.
- Met with our Councillor, Assistant Clerk, and the Leisure Centre Director at the Leisure Centre. The meeting was with the Storks & Nature event group. Plans are being made to host an event at the Leisure Centre on May 5th. Lots of work to do but extremely exciting for the Village.
- Met with organiser of the above event. She asked if we would meet with the volunteers that will be doing the marshalling on the day of the event.

Makaton Training:

- We were funded by the Sports and Leisure team at Horsham District Council to attend Makaton Training (Sign Language). Sessions include discussing commonly asked questions, hints and tips for effective signing and symbol use and how to start using Makaton in everyday situations at home or work. We both passed the two sessions attended and hope this will be of use when working in the community.



Charitable Donation:

- A local group who performs in a band contacted the Wardens about making a donation. The Storrington Music Club as they are known as donate money to all things Storrington. We met with the group and told them of the projects we are working on. They were keen to help and generously donated £500 to the Sensory Dome project which will be a big aid to Autistic and SEN children. We cannot thank them enough and look forward to watching them live!!

School Engagement:

- Visit to Rock Road Campus. Some of the students had arranged a tour of the school. Great to see everyone, they are all looking forward to Half Term.
- Lunchtime visit to Rock Road Campus. It was good to talk to some of the pupils that come to our Dungeons and Dragons gaming club. The enthusiasm for the club and excitement for the next date is great.
- Third visit to Rock Road Campus, nothing further to report.
- We went to Storrington Primary School to present the prizes for the Safer Roads Poster Competition that we organised. The aim of the competition is to use posters that the students had drawn around the Village to warn drivers of the need to slow down and be more considerate to pedestrians and other drivers. The school was delighted with the results as were the runners up and winners of the Competition. A great effort by the whole school.

Hazards and Risks:

- We recently visited an elderly resident, she lives alone. We have arranged for the Fire Service to pay her a visit and to check her property and do a safe and well visit to check on smoke alarms etc.

Safer Roads Vehicle Survey:

- We have been working with one of our Parish Councillors and West Sussex County Council's Road Safety Officer. We have completed the survey during half term. The object of the exercise is to survey streams of traffic coming in and out of Spierbridge Road. The objective will be to find solutions to improve road safety for children and reduce traffic flow through the Village. We monitored the traffic on three separate occasions throughout one day. Traffic coming and going through Spierbridge Road/North Street. In total we have monitored the traffic over fifteen separate sessions.

Social media/press

Press Releases:

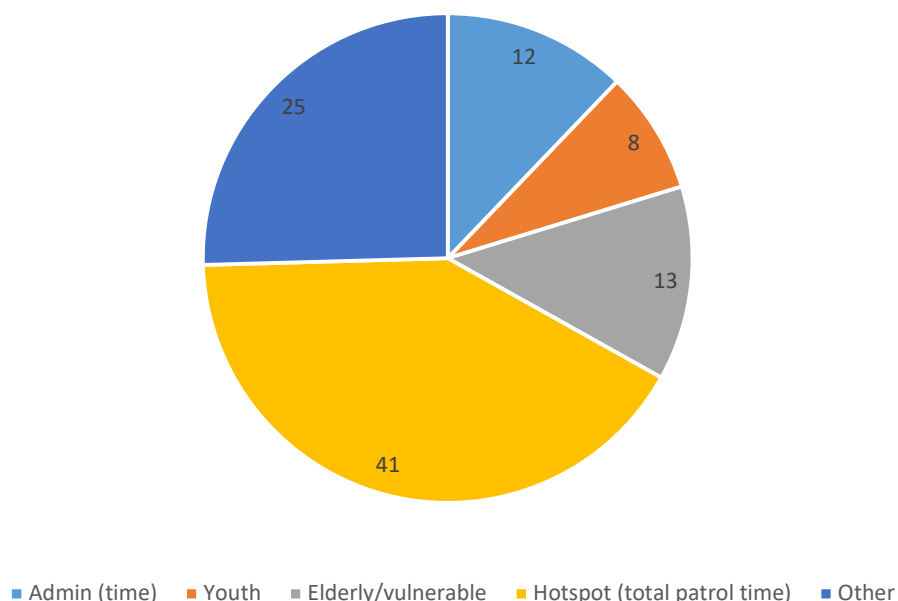
- 1 x Sussex Local monthly press release.
- 1 x 3 Heralds monthly press release
- 67 x Twitter and Facebook releases.

Breakdown of Time Spent on Parish Priorities

Tasks and priorities	Percentage of time spent
Elderly/vulnerable*	13
Youth*	8
Hotspot areas	41
Admin	12
Other**	25

- *The time spent on elderly/vulnerable, and youth includes planning time for projects as well as face to face interactions.
- **other accounts for meetings, drop ins, community events outside of the priorities, travel time, training etc. when not suitable for the other headings

Percentages of hours worked (%)-February



RESOURCES

Useful reporting links: -

Litter issues can be reported to HDC:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/litter>

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter **bin**:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

If you witness **fly tipping in action**, please call Sussex Police and if possible, provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant dash cam footage you may have.

You can also report it directly to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Graffiti can be reported directly to Horsham District Council via their website: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Dog related incidents:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/dog-attacks>

Stray Dogs can be reported to our contractor on **07512 089777** for collection.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs>

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.



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