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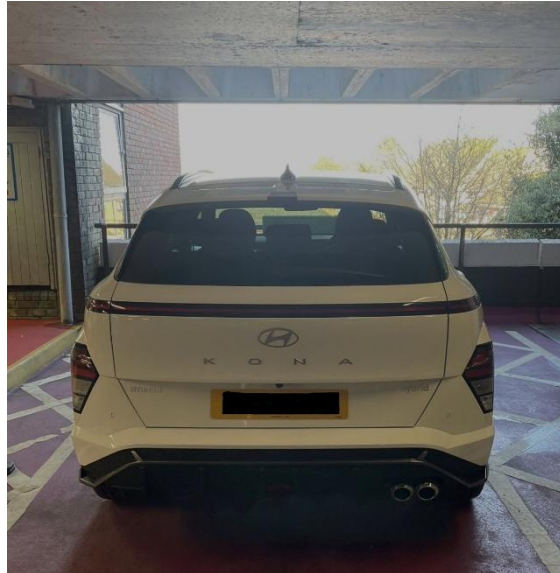


# **Denne, Trafalgar, and Forest Neighbourhood Councils**

## **Neighbourhood Warden Report December 2026**

## A New Arrival – Horsham Warden Vehicle.

Christmas came early for us this month as the Neighbourhood Warden vehicle for Horsham arrived. The car was brought to us in mid-December and will be branded with stickers this month. The car is excellent news for us as it enables us to achieve much more in terms of our role. Once branded, the car will be a visible deterrent and sign of our presence in Denne, Trafalgar, and Forest. It will also enable us to reach the further perimeters of our area both earlier and later in our shifts. We are incredibly pleased with our new vehicle; however, you will still see us on foot patrol in town, in the green spaces, around schools and all our other locations. Foot patrol is an extremely vital part of our role and won't be neglected.



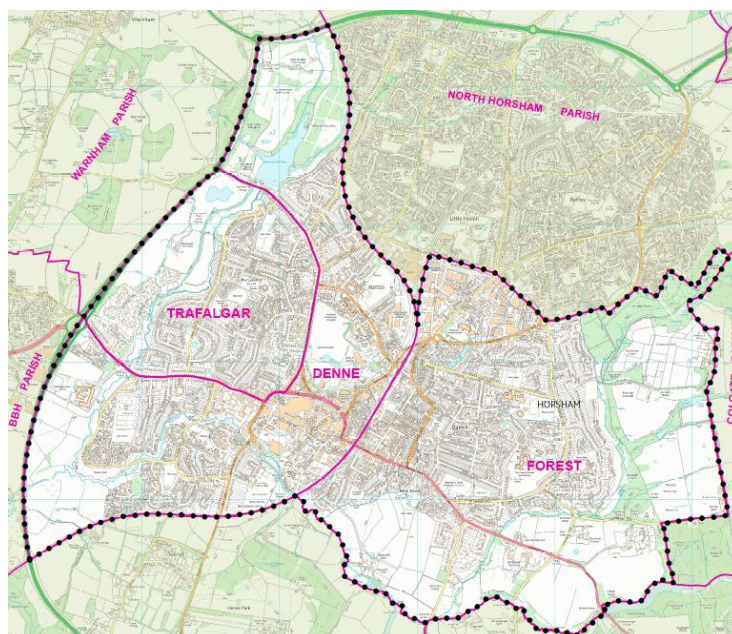
## Patrols

During the month of December, our patrol hours were lower than usual. This is due to bank holidays and annual leave over the festive period. We were on patrol in the community for a total of 89 hours 15 minutes.

December's patrol time included 55 hours 30 mins in Denne. We completed numerous joint patrols with the Police's Horsham Town Team (team of six local PCSOs).

We spent 18 hours in Forest which included covering areas such as New Street and Bennetts Field.

We spent 16 hours 15 minutes in Trafalgar this month. This included completing checks of the parks and green spaces.



## Community engagement/events/meetings

### Safe Driving Event with West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service:

It was real pleasure to be out in Horsham Town Centre alongside West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service for a multi-agency engagement event aiming to highlight road safety, especially over the festive period. This provided us with a great opportunity to engage and signpost residents and introduce our role. This is the third year this has run and continues to be a great success.



### Dungeons & Dragons Club:

Our Dungeons & Dragons Club evenings, in partnership with 4TheYouth, is continuing in 2026. We have seen new young people joining each week and regulars returning. There is still space available for more young people to join this club.

Should you know a young person who wishes to attend this club, then please feel free to sign them up using the link below. We expect this to fill up fast, so please do not hesitate in getting your young person signed up! <https://bookwhen.com/4theyouthltd>





## **Horsham Market:**

December was a very busy month for Horsham Market, and it was lovely to see the market space busy with Christmas shoppers and lots of variety in the businesses and stands. Horsham Market is an amazing hub of the community, and we would encourage anyone to attend on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.



## **Sussex Police and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

### **Sussex Police:**

As Neighbourhood Wardens we have been in contact with our Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in December and continue to share information with them. We have a dedicated 'Town Team' of six PCSOs. During December, we had approximately 42 calls with the PCSO Town Team, and we completed 34 joint patrols. Your Town Team consists of PCSO Bell, PCSO De Barros, PCSO Fitzpatrick, PCSO Mill, PCSO Denness and PCSO Ross.

In Forest Neighbourhood, PCSO Christina Laws is the local PCSO. We will be continuing to join PCSO Laws, and we are planning on many street briefings and events in the new year.

In Trafalgar Neighbourhood, PCSO Kyle Berriman is the local PCSO. We have worked with PCSO Berriman on several points of interest in Trafalgar this month and continue to patrol areas such as Victory Road recreation ground.

If there are any community events that you believe would benefit from a visit from the Neighbourhood Wardens and / or PCSOs, then please get in touch with us and this can be arranged.

### **Anti-social behaviour:**

We have seen a decline in ASB in town over the past couple of months and December was very quiet. This is great news for us, especially as December can be busy. We will continue to team up with our colleagues at Sussex Police and complete joint patrols in the Denne, Forest, and Trafalgar Neighbourhoods.

For more information on how to report anti-social behaviour and the council's role regarding anti-social behaviour, please visit the link below:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/safety-and-emergencies/anti-social-behaviour>

## Cycling

This month, we have seen a decrease in cycling on West Street. We have asked 2 cyclists to dismount, both of whom dismounted upon request.

Bike thefts are still prevalent, and members of the public can order their own anti-theft stickers from The Bike Register <https://www.bikeregister.com/>

Sussex Police have also shared information on how to secure your bike appropriately: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/how-safe-is-your-bike/>



## Older residents, vulnerable people, and youth engagement

### Youth engagement:

In December, we had low youth engagement in public but, as mentioned above, we also hold our Dungeons & Dragons Club which is an excellent way to engage with a new group of young people. The club is a continued success.

### Vulnerable residents:

In December, we have been in contact with five members of our community who are potentially vulnerable. We continue to signpost to support and ensure that services are working with these residents.

### Signposting:

We have had 80 conversations described as 'signposting' this month. This can be anything from our local foodbanks and community fridge to advising on the best way to report crime. During our foot patrols, we spend a lot of time discussing with residents the support and resources available to them. Please see our resources page (attached in the email you received with this report) for the services we regularly signpost to.

### Safeguarding:

Our approach to safeguarding has changed at Horsham District Council. We now have Safeguarding Champions who are trained within the Council. This is in response to WSCC having an incredibly high demand of safeguarding referrals. This will ensure we have tried to utilise all resources and services available before we complete an official safeguarding referral.