

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report June 2024



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/>

Patrol hours TOTAL:	121.00	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	37.00
Foot (high visibility)	66.50	Noise	1
Vehicle	54.50	Neighbours	1
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	33.00	Driving/vehicles	33
Verbal Warning	27	Bicycles	0
Parking Alert	6	Alcohol/Drugs	1
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	21.00
Police reports TOTAL:	14.00	Fly tipping / flyposting	2/0
In person	5	Graffiti	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	5	Dog fouling	5
Email	3	Litter	3
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	0
Intelligence report	1	Hazards	9
Media reports TOTAL:	6.00	Community events attended	9
Press release / Community magazines	1	School contact	4
Social Media Posts	5	Youth engagement	112
Vulnerable People Welfare Checks	7	Reports to DVLA	0
Signposting	13	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Admin	35

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.

Anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of unacceptable activity that causes harm to an individual, to their community or to their environment. This could be an action by someone else that leaves you feeling alarmed, harassed or distressed. It also includes fear of crime or concern for public safety, public disorder or public nuisance.

Please click the link below for more information:

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

08/06 – We spoke to a group of intoxicated adults in Lintot Square asking them to be more considerate of others.

12/06 – A group of young adults stole alcohol from a local retailer.

13/06 – We received a report of broken glass on a slide in a children's play area together with packaging from alcoholic drinks. We liaised with the Parish Council and The Ghyll so that the area could be cleared and made safe again.

18/06 – We carried out a home visit to a resident who contacted us in relation to anti-social behaviour from one of their neighbours.

25/06 – We carried out a joint visit with PCSO Cecil relating to a resident reporting further anti-social behaviour from one of their neighbours.

Parking/vehicles

We conduct regular parking patrols at key times around our schools and in general there has been an improvement in the parking behaviour but there remains a constant small number of drivers who require encouragement to park appropriately.

Following a request from a parent, we operated patrols at 0800 hours on several mornings to provide a visible presence at the bus stop outside the Topsy Fox as it has become increasingly dangerous for our school students to access their bus as it is being forced to pull up in the middle of Worthing Road due to people parking in the bus stop. We would ask that everyone stops using bus stops for parking even if it is only momentarily as this causes unnecessary addition dangers for other people.

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:

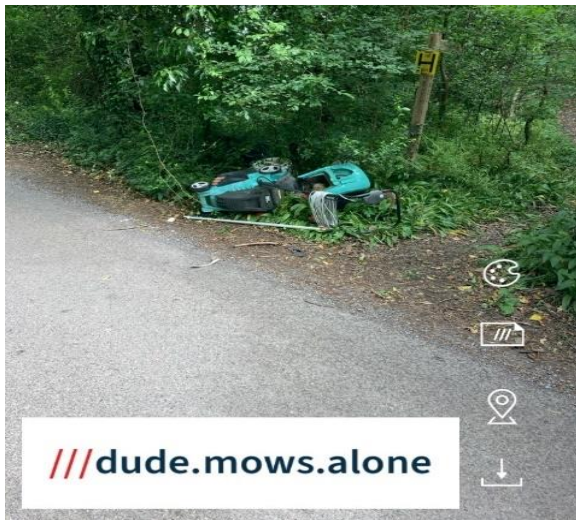
<https://reports.operationcrackdown.org/asdprs/default.aspx>

Fly tipping, littering & graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

04/06/24 - lawn mower and industrial tubs on Emms Lane, Barns Green – reported to HDC for removal.

13/06/24 - horse rugs and other equine related waste on Broadwater Lane – reported to HDC for removal.



- **Fly Posting**

Nothing to Report

- **Litter**

In support of the excellent work done by the two 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>

- **Graffiti**

06/06/24 – report of graffiti at the concrete skate park at the Southwater Sports Club.

27/06/24 – graffiti at the new skate park off Stakers Lane

- **Drugs Litter**

Nothing to Report

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

05/06/24 – We attended a presentation by Derek Pratt MBE and Rachel Mundy of Sussex Community Search Team at the Welcome Club in the Village Hall.





Sussex Community Search Team is an all-volunteer group of dedicated and enthusiastic people who are ready and willing to be called out by Sussex Police, neighbouring police forces or participants in the Sussex Resilience Forum. During incidents and emergencies, the SRF brings together emergency services, councils, utilities and other essential public and voluntary services to work in partnership to support the local community.

All members of Sussex Community Search Team (SCST) are trained in the latest search techniques, and are on call throughout the year, across all terrains and in all weather conditions.

The trained volunteers live or work across or near Sussex and can usually attend police callouts at short notice. On scene, they work together seamlessly with the police and other search resources to conduct the most effective and efficient search possible.

For more information please click the following link: <https://comsearch.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/>

07/06/24 – We attended the SYP Art Club & Junior Youth Club

08/06 – We attended the Southwater Infant & Junior Academies' Summer Fair which was a great success.



14/06/24 and 21/06/24 - We attended the SYP Art Club & Junior Youth Club

22/06/24 - We held a drop-in session at the COOP in Lintot Square with the Southwater Pet Food Bank



25/06/24 – We attended a meeting with West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

26/06/24 – We attended Games Afternoon at the Village Hall and took the opportunity to discuss any concerns.



27/06/24 – We attended SYP after school club.

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.

11/06/24 - We assisted two vulnerable people to find their lost car keys.

13/06/24 - We made a home visit to support a concerned resident with what she thought was hazardous waste.

14/06/24 - We made a home visit to a vulnerable person to offer advice and reassurance following Scam phone calls.

14/06/24 - We provided a food parcel to a vulnerable resident.

17/06/24 - We carried out a joint visit with PCSO Cecil to check on the welfare of a resident.

22/06/24 - During our patrol, we noticed a front door of a house had been left open. We checked on the resident who we found well and assisted with some technical issues (TV & telephone).

26/06/24 - We carried out a welfare check on a vulnerable person in relation to phone scams received.

Dog related issues

Nothing to Report

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, you may wish to consider reporting it to Environmental Health by email publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk. 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 19 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included concerns about scam phone calls, unidentified leaking waste on their property and broken glass in a play area.

Hazards

04/06/24 – We received a report of oil on the road & down a drain outside Castlewood School which we reported to WSCC who dealt with the incident.



05/06/24 – Whilst at the Village Hall, a resident made us aware of overgrown vegetation which is obstructing the view for road users at the junction of New Road & Worthing Road in Horsham. We reported their concerns to WSCC.

12/06/24 – We have received reports of cars causing obstructions of the bus stops by Budgens and the Topsy Fox on the Worthing Road preventing busses to safely pull into the laybys. This has had an impact on those trying to safely board the busses but also causing congestion on the main road. Regular patrols of this area are being carried out and action taken. West Sussex County Council and Horsham District Council have been made aware.

13/06/24 – We liaised with SPC and The Ghyll to remove broken glass and other litter from the play area.

17/06/24 – We came across an incapacitated pigeon with vehicles trying to avoid it. We rescued the animal from the road and within a short period of time the pigeon recovered and was able to safely fly away.

Did you know that useful Wildlife advice is available online at: <https://www.helpwildlife.co.uk/>

It was founded in 2005 to help members of the public who find wildlife casualties by providing advice and a directory of wildlife rescuers. They also provide advice on humane, holistic methods of wildlife management.

[Helpwildlife.co.uk](https://www.helpwildlife.co.uk) is part of the Starlight Trust, a small charity working to help animals and the people who care about them.

19/06/24 – During our patrol, we came across a vintage car that had run out of petrol. We assisted by moving the vehicle to a safe place whilst petrol was being organised.

22/06/24 – We were called to an incident involving a van colliding with a residential building directly above the parking area. The damage was reported to Horsham District Council as well as the Managing Agents.

28/06/24 – We came across a large vehicle blocking Station Road with other vehicles unable to move. We put a road closure in place and directed traffic until Police could assist.



28/06/24 – we came across an insecure vehicle with the driver's door fully open. We reported this to PCSO Cecil who managed to get hold of the owner so that they could secure their vehicle.

Meetings

05/06/24 – Attended meeting in relation to the Southwater Family Fun Fest.

11/06/24 – Attended the HDC All Staff briefing.

13/06/24 – Attended the HDC Peer Group Conference to discuss young people of concern in the district.

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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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



**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**

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