

# Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report February 2024

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Stay informed through social media & My Community Alert	For 24/7 information & news & updates:	Your nearest police desk to speak to an officer:	For incidents that don't require an immediate response:	For an immediate response:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Latest news &amp; appeals</li> <li>✓ Road closures &amp; traffic updates also follow @HighwaysEngland</li> <li>✓ Safety information &amp; advice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Crime prevention &amp; advice</li> <li>✓ Local appeals</li> <li>✓ Non emergency crime reporting e.g. non injury road traffic collision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Report a crime</li> <li>✓ Arrange to make a statement</li> <li>✓ Receive local advice &amp; information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Car has been stolen</li> <li>✓ Property damaged</li> <li>✓ House has been broken into</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Life is in danger</li> <li>✓ Violence is being used or threatened</li> <li>✓ Crime is in progress</li> </ul>
				

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>100.75</b>	<b>ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:</b>	<b>6.00</b>
Foot (high visibility)	31.50	Noise	1
Vehicle	69.25	Neighbours	1
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>8.00</b>	Driving/vehicles	3
Verbal Warning	3	Bicycles	0
Parking Alert	4	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	1		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>22.00</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	2/0
In person	12	Graffiti	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	7	Dog fouling	3
Email	2	Litter	2
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	1
Intelligence report	1	Hazards	7
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>6</b>
Press release / Community magazines	1	<b>School contact</b>	<b>6</b>
Social Media Posts	1	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Vulnerable People Welfare Checks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>6</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.

05/02 and 12/02 – We received a report of a group of young people getting access to a residential block in Lintot Square and running around the corridors banging on doors and ringing doorbells. Please discourage your children from doing this as there are always some residents who are more vulnerable than others and this could cause them considerable distress. We have undertaken letter drops to Lintot Court, The Wickens and Kilner Court providing guidance and contact details to help address future issues. We have looked at CCTV and when suspects are identified they will be spoken to.

## Parking/vehicles

02/02 – Whilst on patrol we had to undertake traffic management outside the petrol station at school pick up time due to the additional build-up of vehicles resulting from the temporary traffic lights outside The Lintot. Please make sure that you can complete your manoeuvre before cutting across traffic and be considerate of other road users.

07/02 and 12/02 – We received reports from two residents in relation to vehicle related anti-social behaviour of a neighbour who has a noisy exhaust who allegedly, particularly early in the morning, revs their engine repeatedly. They also allegedly park across the entire pavement and tailgate people in the road. Advice was provided about Operation Crackdown and we will be monitoring the situation and will take enforcement action if appropriate.

03/02 – Whilst on patrol in the Christs Hospital area one evening, we noticed a suspicious vehicle with no MOT which may have been involved in rural and wildlife crimes. Using our established links with the police, we were able to pass this information to their Rural Crime Team for further investigation.

12/02 – We received a report from a concerned resident about the damage being caused to the soft grass verge under the bridge on Blakes Farm Road where vehicles have been parking. On 16/02 we instructed the driver of a delivery vehicle parked there to move to a more appropriate location.

27/02 – We spoke to the driver of a sign written van parked on Fairbank Road obstructing two junctions and causing chaos with the queuing traffic at the temporary traffic lights. The driver was having their lunch and when asked to move became verbally aggressive before telling us to issue a ticket. So, we did!

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**

14/02 – A dumped tyre near Lennox Wood was reported for removal by HDC

14/02 – A dumped domestic boiler on Mill Straight was reported for removal by HDC



- **Fly Posting**  
Nothing to Report
- **Litter**  
Nothing to Report

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**  
Nothing to Report
- **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

This month we spent some quality time at the Southwater Youth Project and also introduced a new Sussex Police Constable to the wonderful people at the Games Club at the village hall.



## 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.

02/02 – We were approached by a family who were really struggling with the increased cost of living expenses and were able to support them to get a crisis food parcel and provide contact details for local support services.

03/03 – Whilst on patrol we noticed a young adult searching a stretch of pavement outside Roundstone Caravan Park in the dark with only a phone for light. We joined them in the search for their missing glasses which had been lost while jogging. If you have found any, please let us know.

27/02 – We provided hot water in flasks to some residents who were affected by the power cut caused by a fallen tree on powerlines outside their properties. Some were unable to make hot drinks to keep warm, so these flasks were greatly appreciated by the residents. Some of the flasks were kindly donated to us by Caroline Paul who is the Coop Member Pioneer for Southwater and Rudgwick Stores COOP for use in such incidents.



28/02 – Following reports from a concerned member of the public, we visited a local resident and RAF veteran in their 90s who lives independently but has been suffering with the negative impact of isolation. We were privileged to be invited into their home so we could talk about some of the suitable activities and support groups that may be accessible in the village. If you know of free, in person befriending services or organisations which you feel could support them particularly with local transport to clubs, then please get in touch with us.

Have you heard about <https://www.pathfinderwestsussex.org.uk/> at all? This service provides advice, information and support for people affected by mental health problems, as well as carers, friends and professionals. Pathfinder gives you a single point of contact in your local area. Their staff are trained to provide on to one advice and support. For the Horsham area please contact [pathfinder.horsham@richmondfellowship.org.uk](mailto:pathfinder.horsham@richmondfellowship.org.uk) or call them on 01403 241866

## Dog related issues

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](mailto: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 13 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included enquiries about people banging on doors, parking inappropriately, shoplifting, street lighting, flooding, cost of living support and welfare checks.

### Hazards

02/02 – temporary traffic lights causing additional traffic to build up which we cleared

13/02 – an insecure vehicle was located and the owner alerted to the issue

21/02 – Grass verge Blakes Farm Road

21/02 – Vehicle parked in live lane by HopOast

21/02 – 8 wheelie bins removed from parish roads

26/02 – We were first on scene to a tree that had fallen onto powerlines and blocking the road on Old House Lane. Road closures were put in place whilst we liaised with Sussex Police, UK Power Network & West Sussex County Council to alert them to the incident and coordinate repairs.





### **Meetings**

- 06/02 – Neighbourhood Warden Full Team meeting at HDC Parkside
- 08/02 – We had a meeting with volunteers from the Police Office
- 20/02 – Neighbourhood Warden Supervisor meeting
- 22/02 – West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service meeting
- 28/02 – Regular Parish Council Steering Group meeting to set parish priorities and report progress on projects

### **Training**

- 27/02 – Carer Awareness Webinar

### **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>



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A great afternoon at the #Southwater Games Afternoon Club in the company of @sussex\_po...

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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### KEY:

**ASB:** Anti-social behaviour.

**E-CINS:** Online portal for confidential multi-agency sharing of caseloads.

**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

**PSPO:** Public Spaces Protection Order – Intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life.

**SPC:** Southwater Parish Council

**WSCC:** West Sussex County Council

**WSFR:** West Sussex Fire and Rescue