

Warden Monthly Report

May 2026 Ashington

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime

We have been dealing with reports of people making bike ramps in the Bluebell Woods. This has included them taking power tools down there. We are aware, monitoring and working on this.

We are continuing to work on two neighbour disputes in the village. This is ongoing and we continue to work with the Police and partner agencies on the matters to try and problem solve and find solutions for everyone involved.

A resident contacted about neighbour's dogs barking in the early hours of the morning, we have advised the resident on the best way to report this and will monitor for other reports around this. We will also keep this in mind when we are on patrol.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti.

We have noticed an increase in dog fouling, especially with the reports of the amounts of it down the footpath next to the Church. We are going to be going out and spraying the dog mess with fluorescent environmentally friendly paint to highlight the problem and do some social media posts around the subject.

We are giving the worst affected areas more patrol time to try and make sure we can deter and catch people not picking up.

We have also discussed doing a new poster competition for the young people in Ashington as we have done previously to get some new colourful posters made up. We will look at organising this when we go into visits in the school.

Community engagement/events/meetings

We held another dog behaviour event on the recreation ground, along with Bone Canis, a dog behaviourist and trainer and we also had Sarah from South Downs Raw attend to discuss with owners all things raw feeding.

We had a good turnout, until the rain came down and we had to pack away a bit earlier than planned. We have another date already booked for September.

We started Brick Club this month, we saw a few faces coming through and have focussed on getting the word out to residents that it is on. We have people already letting us know they plan on coming to the next one. This group was requested by members of the community, and the emphasis is a safe space, where adults can talk or build and young people can do the same. This is open to all ages, and we look forward to seeing more people come through.

We held another community hub session. We are looking at winding this group down by the summer. We don't feel it's the right location and we aren't capturing the people we intended the group for. I think timing has been key and the place that it is.

We have had meetings this month with our new PCSO. PCSO Bell has covered Horsham District for a huge number of years and luckily for us we already know him. We have been problem solving jobs we

have on, catching up on intelligence that we both need to be aware of and looking at planning some meet and greets with him in various places this year across the village for residents to talk to us about any concerns or issues they may have.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We have been out on patrol covering all of Ashington this month, either by foot or vehicle. We have particularly been paying attention to dog fouling areas of concern.

Older, vulnerable people and youth

Another visit to Rock Road was completed, engaging with the young people and finding out what is going on for them.

We have been visiting youth club this month to engage with even more young people as we are seeing more out and about. We have also finalised our summer event with Ashington Youth Club where we will be holding a joint event this year instead of running two separate events. We have an inflatable assault course booked and a bouncy castle. We will also be holding a BBQ and it is an event for everyone to attend. We will have some time challenges for the assault course, and we plan it to be a lovely afternoon doing something fun. The young people are looking forward to this as are ourselves and Helen.

Vehicle related issues.

We have reported several vehicles this month for no MOT and no tax. We try and check vehicles whilst we foot patrol, but also have residents tell us about specific vehicles they have noticed.

Parish specific/other

We attended the Ashington Parish Council Annual meeting. It was lovely to see so many people attend to listen to the talk on the history of the fair.

Social media/press

We have written another article in Sussex Local and have been putting out social media posts relating to events we have coming up.

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