



Denne, Trafalgar, and Forest Neighbourhood Councils

Neighbourhood Warden Report January 2025

Patrols

In January, I was on foot patrol in the community for 100 hours and 20 minutes. This allows me to complete Hotspot patrols and provide a high visibility presence in Horsham.

This time included 55 hours 20 minutes in Denne. Most time in Denne is spent in the town centre. This gives me an opportunity to link in with the shops and businesses, market, residents, and young people.

I spent 24 hours in Forest which included covering hotspot areas such as Bennetts Field and New Street and some community venues such as Hilliers Garden Centre. I also spoke with the shops along Queen Street this month after the fire on the 22nd of January. This section of shops has seen real improvement over the last few years, and we are grateful to West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and other emergency services who responded so rapidly and effectively.

I spent 23 hours in Trafalgar this month and visited Victory Road Recreation ground and riverside walk amongst other known locations.

Community engagement/events/meetings.

New Street Briefing:

PCSO Christina Laws conducted the second of a series of Street Briefing in the Forest Neighbourhood. It was a privilege to be invited and attend. Once again, it was an opportunity to speak with residents about local issues with a range of representatives working together including, Sussex Police, Neighbourhood Wardens. The Horsham District Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Saxon Weald, and 4theYouth Youth Workers. We have discussed the next Street Briefing to take place in Bennetts Field. Please keep an eye out for further updates on this.



SCAM Talk:

I delivered a Scam talk to Homestream House, a residential Home in Denne Neighbourhood. I asked PCSO Rico Pereira, who is part of our 'Town Team' to join me and deliver a Sussex Police perspective. It was amazing to discuss Scam prevention, safety advice and Horsham Town. The residents all said they felt more 'scam-savvy' after the talk and better prepared to deal with potential scams. If you know any groups, homes or clubs that may benefit from a scam talk then please let me know and we can get one arranged.



Horsham Market:

I continue to stay in close contact with Horsham Market and speak with the market stall holders. This month I have responded to the concerns about an individual who may be experiencing homelessness and answered questions regarding drone-filming in the Carfax. Horsham Market is a wonderful hub of the community, and I would encourage anyone to attend on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

Sussex Police and Anti-Social Behaviour

Sussex Police:

As a Neighbourhood Warden I have regularly patrolled with our Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) and continue to share Information with them. We have a dedicated 'Town Team' of six PCSO's. During January, I had 44 phone calls with the PCSO Town Team, and we completed 22 joint patrols.

In Forest Neighbourhood, PCSO Christina Laws is the local PCSO. As discussed above, I have been involved in several projects with PCSO Laws in the Forest Neighbourhood and we will continue to share and discuss local issues.

In Trafalgar Neighbourhood, PCSO Kyle Berriman is the local PCSO. PCSO Berriman and I frequently meet to discuss Trafalgar Neighbourhood and attend community events together. This month the planning began for the Cootes Farm Summer Fayre; this is an event we really look forward to as Neighbourhood Wardens and it is great to have this in the diary.

If there any community events you believe would benefit from a visit from the Neighbourhood Wardens and / or PCSO's then please get in touch, and this can be arranged.

ASB:

We had a complex situation this month involving a person who was camping in a field belonging to HDC and experiencing a decline in their mental health. This progressed to anti-social behaviour and with the support of Sussex Police and the Parks and Countryside Team we were able to provide the individual with the support that they required.

Signposting:

We had 45 conversations described as 'Signposting' this month. This can be anything from our local foodbanks and community fridge to reporting abandoned trolleys. During our foot patrols we spend a lot of time discussing with residents the support and resources available to them. Please see our resource page for the services we regularly signpost to.

Safeguarding:

Although I did not complete any official Safeguarding referrals to WSCC in January, I continue to signpost and refer to services of support for those who require help.

Cycling

This month I have asked 12 cyclists to dismount on West Street, 11 of these dismounted. 1 Cyclist chose to continue to cycle because he was "on an order", this is referring to a Deliveroo food order. I am meeting with representatives of the Neighbourhood Policing 'Town Team' to discuss cycling on West Street with a specific focus on delivery cyclists.

We continue to educate cyclists and ask them to dismount when observed on pavements and pedestrianised areas. This is predominantly in West Street. 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

Youth engagement:

I continue to engage with the young people out and about in Town centre and further afield. I often see the same young people and have slowly built a relationship with our known faces. They usually respond well to guidance and advice when it is needed, and I regularly link in with Sussex Police who can complete home-visits and meet parents when it is required.

School Engagement:

This month I have been in correspondence with the Queen Elizabeth II school regarding the travel plan and school travel arrangements. I am going to meet with the Headteacher and have a look at their issues in February. We will then work collaboratively to provide the safest possible plan moving forward.

I have also e-mailed Arunside school regarding similar issues and I am awaiting a response.

Older Residents:

AGE UK continue to provide activities and support for our older populations. Please see February's activities and join in. <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/westsussexbrightonhove/about-us/contact-us/>

We have also supported several vulnerable people this month, this has included delivering food parcels and signposting to the foodbanks and community fridge. We encourage members of the public to support local charities such as Horsham Matters <https://www.horsham-matters.org.uk/> and Turning Tides <https://www.turning-tides.org.uk/> should they wish to donate to support anyone they believe to be homeless.

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

999	101	CrimeStoppers.	British Transport Police	Horsham District Council
<p>📞 999</p>	<p>📞 101 or report online www.sussex.police.uk</p>	<p>📞 0800 555 111 crime stoppers-uk.org</p>	<p>📞 0800 40 50 40 Text 61016</p>	<p>communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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