



Storrington and Sullington Warden Monthly Report January 2025



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WARDENS**



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ASB/referrals

Police report:

- Rock Road School – a threatening phone call was left on the school's answerphone. Patrols arranged by us and PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) and the incident reported to Police.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB):

- None to report.

Verbal warning:

- After months of trying to track down the owner of a van which has been parked in different streets on the public highway without valid tax, we finally met with the owner. He was very apologetic and has given assurances that he will move his van immediately. We issued a verbal warning, have informed him that we have reported this vehicle to the DVLA on three occasions, the likelihood is if it remains in situ, they will eventually remove it.
- The above vehicle is now taxed. Unfortunately, we have received many complaints as to where it is parked, as it is spoiling the view and could be seen as causing an obstruction. We have been given assurances that the vehicle will be removed by the first week of February.

Signposting:

- Signposted resident to Storrington area health scheme. They volunteer to collect people from their homes and take to appointments. In this particular case, our resident needs to get to a hospital appointment.
- Signposted a resident to contact the Police. She believed there was an intruder in her garden the previous evening.
- Signposted a resident to Parking Services due to parking issues in her road where there are double yellow lines.
- Gave information to a resident who is in initial stages of dementia. We will stay in touch with this gentleman to offer support.
- We met with a gentleman and his wife last week at our Community Café. Unfortunately, the gentleman is going through initial stages of dementia. We have supplied him with support and information about the Alzheimer's Society. We will stay connected with them both moving forward.
- Signposted resident to report their complaint to West Sussex County Council due to double yellow lines not being repainted after the road has been re-laid. **Update:** Work to repaint lines has now commenced.
- Signposted resident to report a near miss outside school to the school reception to make a note of incident.

Safeguarding:

- None to report.

Parking/vehicles

Operation Crackdown reports (joint initiative with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police to report abandoned vehicles or anti-social driving):

- None to report.

DVLA reports:

- None to report.

Yellow parking alerts:

- None to report.

Drivers spoken to for parking issues:

- 40 x vehicles parked on double yellow kerb stripes in North Street.
- 1 x vehicle parked in High Street loading bay.

- 3 x cars moved on from corner of Spierbridge Road for causing an obstruction to oncoming cars.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Drug litter removed and reported to West Sussex County Council (WSSC):

- Two empty drug litter wraps found in Chanctonbury Leisure Centre grounds. Reported on WSSC website. Information forwarded on to our PCSO.

Fly-tipping:

- None to report.

Litter:

- Broken glass cleared from Skate Park.
- Broken glass cleared from Basketball Court at Sullington Rec.

Graffiti:

- None to report.

Fly-posting:

- None to report.

Community engagement/events/meetings

PCSO:

- Met with our PCSO and her colleague. Discussed local issues within the Parish, and shared information about what our PCSO is being tasked with within the Parish. She is working on a couple of problem files and we will assist her in gathering any information that we come across.
- Reported drug litter wraps found in Chanctonbury Leisure Centre grounds.
- Met with our PCSO at the Autism/SEN All Sports event. Our PCSO is getting known in the area. She has been collaborating well with us.
- Conducted an afternoon patrol at Rock Road Campus with our PCSO and her colleague. We appreciated their support, as did the Deputy Headmistress.

Village market:

- Visited the village market and spoke to the stallholders and residents about any issues/concerns that they may have. We informed them of upcoming events that will be happening throughout the year.
- Met with residents at the market for the weekly information gathering. Also discussed a resident's 90th Birthday.
- Visited the market, very few attendees due to the weather.

Whitehorse Court:

- We paid a visit to the residents of Whitehorse Court. We took part in the weekly quiz; we did not win!!
- Checked in on residents.
- Another visit to the residents of Whitehorse Court. We did not win the quiz again but lovely to speak with the residents.

Journey, Autism and SEN (Special Educational Needs) Group:

- New dates for meetings and multi-sport events given out to group.

St. Mary's Church Café:

- We visited the congregation this month. The church has kindly offered us a donation to put towards the Summer Fun Day. It was nice to see everyone in good spirits.

Lego Club:

- We attended the new Lego Club at the library, to support the initiative.

Cuppa and a Chat:

- We held our first Cuppa and a Chat event of the year. We had 20 residents turn up, seven of which we managed to collect in the Minibus. AgeUK attended too. One of Horsham District Council's Wellbeing Advisors also gave a presentation and offered advice on nutrition, balance techniques and a general idea on how to keep fit. The residents really enjoyed this interaction and the event was a great success.

**Mother and Toddler group:**

- We visited the Mother and Toddler Group. Staff and mothers were in good spirits.
- Second visit of the month to the group. Increased numbers, which is encouraging for the staff at the group.

Community Café (previously Dementia Café):

- We had a good turnout for the group this week. Four new people attended. We have some concerns to follow up on and signposted a gentleman who is living with dementia to the Alzheimer's Society.

Five Loaves:

- Met with our residents at Five Loaves Chapel. Great to see everyone after the Christmas/New Year break. We gave out new posters advertising events/clubs that will be taking place throughout the year.
- Met a resident that we have not seen for a while as he wanted to chat. He is fine but struggling a little with his health.

Foxmead Coffee Morning:

- We visited the residents at Foxmead Court. Discussed organising a Scam talk for them. We are talking to a colleague (Community Link) in Horsham District Council who we have arranged to come down and go through equipment such as personal alarms etc. He will also bring down the virtual reality equipment for them to experience.

Autism and SEN weekly all sports event:

- First group session of the new year. The group is still going strong and a positive experience for parents who attended. On 15th January, 15 children attended.
- Second session of this month. Still extremely popular. We are changing the activities weekly to keep the sessions fresh. On 22nd January, 13 children attended.
- Third session of the month. We had new parents from Southwater and their child turn up who really enjoyed themselves. On 29th January, 13 children attended.

Speed Watch:

- Assisted the Speed Watch team along Pulborough Road.

Rotary Club:

- Updated Rotary Club on our current projects and how well our Cuppa and a Chat is going. We thanked them again for supporting us with help to continue to use the minibus.

Dungeons and Dragons Gaming Club:

- We held our first club on 25th January. This was in partnership with the Pulborough Wardens. We were overwhelmed that 19 children turned up to play. We have a fantastic young man who acts as the Dungeon Master and we would have been lost without him. He took the group through the rules and showed them how to play the game. We have had great feedback from the parents. We would like to introduce some other modern board games to the group in the future. A big thanks to our Dungeon Master and to Domino's Pizza in Storrington for providing the pizzas for us.



Patrols (foot/visible and car)

Kithurst and Chantry:

- Visited Kithurst, car park full. No fly-tipping to report.
- Visited Kithurst (x2) and Chantry Car Parks. No fly-tipping to report.

Older, vulnerable people and youth

Youth engagement:

- Group of youths were throwing beer bottles at the basketball hoop at Sullington Recreation Ground. Had a conversation with them and supplied them with a broom and dustpan to clear up the broken glass. They recognised us from our weekly lunchtime visits to the school. They cleared the glass and were very apologetic.
- Spoke to youths at the skate park, they were on an inset day. They also told us they were working from home on the Friday.

Vulnerable residents' welfare check:

- Met up with a resident who had been having problems with her next-door neighbour. After signposting her to Saxon Weald last year she wanted to inform us that the problems seem to have gone away. She was happy, relieved, and wanted to thank us for our assistance.
- Spoke to a vulnerable residents' carer about our Community Café and Cuppa and a Chat event. Resident spoken to and hopefully will attend either of the groups in the future.
- We met up with one of our residents in Storrington High Street. She has been poorly recently and was feeling breathless. We checked her over and took her home so she could take her medication. She was ok by the time we left.
- We met up with one of our more mature residents who is the full-time carer for her mother. She was feeling a bit down as her mother had been taken ill and she felt that she could do more for her. We reminded her what a fantastic job she is doing and that she should be enormously proud of herself. This lifted her spirits.

- We were signposted to visit a lady who is in her nineties by a person we know from the Minibus Association. This lady does not have many visitors and cannot get out much due to a problem with her legs. She was happy to see us. We explained all the groups/events that we host and that we could collect her if she wanted to come to our Cuppa and a Chat session. She is going to think about it and let us know if this were something she would like to do. We explained about fire prevention in the home, and she agreed for us to speak with Storrington Fire Service who come out and conduct safety inspections eg checking smoke alarms etc. This was to include a safety chain at the front door. We have since updated resident who informed us of the above lady.
- We visited a lady known to us who we were told could have been crying the night before. We conducted a welfare check; she was absolutely fine. We believe it could have been the television her neighbour might have heard.
- We paid a visit to a gentleman who was referred to us by a friend of his. This person is starting to feel isolated. We had a chat and dropped him off some information about events we hold within the Parish. We have explained to him that we can collect him in the Minibus if he would like to come to our Cuppa and a Chat group at the Leisure Centre.
- We had a call from a resident in Ravenscroft who complained of a car being parked across a dropped kerb. This was making it difficult for anyone wanting to cross the road. The person who owns the house where the dropped kerb is located is parking their own car across the kerb (not on the pavement). This is legal so no further action required. We have updated the complainant.
- Helped resident that is struggling with their Autistic son by listening and getting her in touch with relevant agencies.

Parish specific/other

Councillor Meetings:

- We met with one of our Councillors to go through competition winners for the Safer Roads Poster Competition Campaign.

School Engagement:

- Met with staff at Storrington Primary School to discuss future youth engagement at the school.
- Paid a scheduled visit to Thakeham Primary School with Little Lifesavers to give a training session all about First Aid. We had 29 Year 5, and 6 children attend. The students watched a video prior to the session and then participated in the use of CPR and back slaps for choking. The students were excellent and they left having a good understanding and confidence of what to do if they ever needed to give CPR.



- We paid a visit to the Rock Road Campus, the first one of the new year. Good to see all the students again. There were no problems reported to us by the teaching staff. We informed the students of upcoming events for the coming year.
- We visited Storrington Primary School to make final plans for the Safer Roads Poster Competition awards ceremony. The Parish Council have chosen winners and runners-up.
- We paid another visit to Rock Road Campus to speak with the students and teachers. Great feedback given by the students regarding the recent Dungeons and Dragons Gaming event.
- Arranged with National Trust to go into Thakeham Primary School to talk about Sullington Warren. They may do this on the Warren itself.

Hazards and Risks:

- Returned shopping trolley to local supermarket. This shopping trolley had been dumped on Spierbridge Road. We tried the number of the company written on the handle, only to be told they do not collect; it is rented to the local supermarket and it is their issue.
- Returned shopping trolley to Waitrose which had been left in North Street car park.
- Grittied Spierbridge Road due to ice on footpath.
- A new property has been refurbished along the High Street. There is an issue with the drainpipe, it looks like a washing machine or dishwasher has been linked to it which is causing water and grime to flow out on to the footpath. We will make contact with the tenant to try to resolve it.
- Spoke with owner of the above flat whose downpipe was leaking the previous day. This could become a slip hazard due to the weather. The problem has now been resolved.
- Resident reported a near miss outside school, due to anti-social parking by parents, which nearly resulted in injury to one of the pupils.

Manager Rest Centre Training (HDC):

- As trained Rest Centre Managers, we attended and completed refresher Rest Centre Training. All Neighbourhood Wardens help to manage a Rest Centre in cases of an emergency incident. We will work with the Parish Councillors in sharing the information on Rest Centre management.

Safer Roads Vehicle Survey:

- We have been working with one of our Parish Councillors and West Sussex County Council’s Road Safety Officer. The object of the exercise is to survey streams of traffic coming in and out of Spierbridge Road. The objective will be to find solutions to improve road safety for children and reduce traffic flow through the village. We monitored the traffic on three separate occasions throughout one day. This will be repeated on the same day of the week in different weather conditions to gain an accurate record of vehicles going through Spierbridge Road/North Street.
- We conducted the second day of the Road Safety Survey. Please see above.
- We conducted the third day of the Road Safety Survey (raining). The survey is ongoing, and information collated will be sent to West Sussex County Council.

Social media/press

Press Releases:

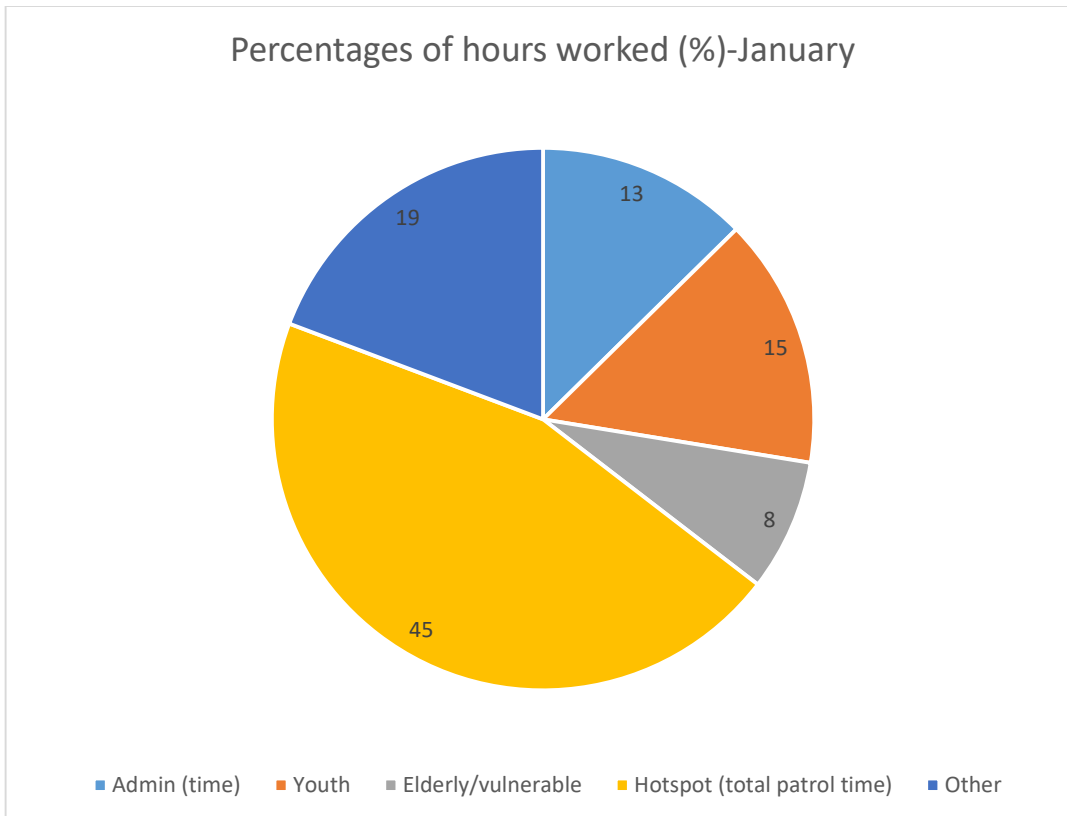
- 1 x Sussex Local magazine monthly article.
- 1 x Three Heralds magazine monthly article.
- 44 x Twitter and Facebook posts.

Breakdown of Time Spent on Parish Priorities

Tasks and priorities	Percentage of time spent
Elderly/vulnerable*	8
Youth*	15

Hotspot areas	45
Admin	13
Other**	19

- *The time spent on elderly/vulnerable and youth includes planning time for projects as well as face to face interactions.
- **'Other' accounts for meetings, drop-ins, community events outside of the priorities, travel time, training etc. when not suitable for the other headings.



RESOURCES

Useful reporting links:

Litter issues can be reported to HDC:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/litter>

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter **bin**:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

If you witness **fly tipping in action**, please call Sussex Police and if possible, provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant dash cam footage you may have.

You can also report it directly to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Graffiti can be reported directly to Horsham District Council via their website: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Dog related incidents:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/dog-attacks>

Stray Dogs can be reported to our contractor on **07512 089777** for collection.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs>

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

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

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