

# Warden Monthly Report

## Southwater Parish Report for March 2026

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 below or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit their website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

### Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

**999**

- 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.

**101**  
or report online  
[www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk)

- All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.

**Crime Stoppers.**  
**0800 555 111**  
crime stoppers-uk.org

- 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.

**British Transport Police**  
**0800 40 50 40**  
Text 61016

- 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](http://www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime).
- There is also a Railway Guardian app.

**Horsham District Council**  
communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk

- 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](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/report).

## See it. Report it.

Reporting crime and ASB means we can work together to reduce it.

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>92.75</b>	<b>ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:</b>	<b>17.00</b>
Foot (high visibility)	35.75	Noise	1
Vehicle	57.00	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Driving/vehicles	10
Verbal Warning	5	Bicycles/E-scooters	3
Parking Alert	5	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	3
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>18.00</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>25.00</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	0/4
In person	14	Graffiti	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	5	Dog fouling	5
Email	4	Litter	3
Intelligence report	2	Drug litter	0
		Hazards	4
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>6</b>
Press release / Community magazines	1	<b>School contact</b>	<b>0</b>
Social Media Posts	5	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Vulnerable People Welfare Checks</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown/Sussex Police</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Admin</b>	<b>35</b>

## Anti-Social Behaviour

Through our partnership working, with Sussex Police and the 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

10/03 – We engaged with a group of 5 male presenting teenagers who were cycling around the pedestrian areas of Lintot Square and alerted them to the risks they posed to other residents. They engaged with us and soon moved away.

12/03 – We found a group of young people causing low level, anti-social behaviour. After engaging with them, they moved away from the area.

18/03 – We are aware that Sussex Police officers engaged with a small group of young people in Beeson House due to anti-social behaviour. Their parents were contacted and potential further action is being considered.

31/03 – We observed three male presenting young people riding their bicycles in Lintot Square, pulling wheelies and riding at speed between pedestrians. When approached, they left the area but then returned and continued. We have identified one of them and will undertake a home visit to discourage any repetition.

### Crime

03/03 – We were alerted to two female presenting adults stealing over £60.00 of goods from one of our retailers. Images of the suspects were obtained. They are believed to be local residents.

04/03 – We were alerted to two male presenting adults stealing from two of our retailers and then attempting to fraudulently use a payment method for further services which fortunately was declined. Images were obtained of the suspects together with details of their vehicle, all of which has been passed to Sussex Police.

10/03 – We established that the same two male presenting adults returned to steal further items from another one of our retailers. We have liaised with Sussex Police to have all their offences linked so that the total value of their criminal behaviour can be clear when they are arrested.

19/03 - We are aware of two incidents of young people committing Public Order offences at The Ghyll, and the Police were called. We are supporting Sussex Police to identify the suspects involved.

## Parking/vehicles

We continue to receive reports relating to the anti-social use of a vehicles, particularly at school pick-up and drop-off times, presenting a risk to children. We regularly patrol at these times and routinely try to gain the cooperation of parents some of whom positively engage having genuinely not seen the problems they are causing.

10/03 – A vehicle was found in Lintot Square with no valid MOT or Road Tax, and, under new powers, it was seized by Sussex Police.

12/03 – We engaged with a driver parked in a bus stop outside one of our schools. They refused to move stating 'I'll go when I've picked up my daughter' and 'everyone else does it'. The driver threatened us by making a complaint that we were illegally parked in someone's residential driveway, but we have permission from the landowner. The matter has been referred to HDC Parking Services for consideration and further advice will be sought about potentially using 'anti-social use of a vehicle' powers to retrospectively issue a fine.

26/03 – We were contacted by a resident in relation to anti-social parking by a parent outside one of our schools. We attended, located the vehicle and attempted to engage with the driver but they were not interested in understanding the risks their behaviour presented to even their own children.

Obstructions of pavements can be reported to Sussex Police by visiting:  
<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

For anti-social driving, please report to Operation Crackdown at:  
<https://operationcrackdown.org/>

If you suspect a car which has no MOT or tax is being driven or is parked on the public highway, you can use the following website to verify its status: <https://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/>

A vehicle without MOT can be reported to Sussex Police using their website:  
<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/no-mot/road-tax-and-mot-certificates/report-a-vehicle-without-an-mot-certificate/>

An untaxed vehicle can be reported to the DVLA using the following website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

To report abandoned vehicles please use the link below:  
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/abandoned-vehicles>

Although there is no restriction on how long a vehicle can be parked on a highway without being moved (if no Traffic Regulation Orders are in place), if you believe that the vehicle has been 'abandoned' you can report it. Make a note of the vehicle registration number, make, model and colour of the vehicle and the street name, town and the postcode where you saw it. You will need these details to make your reports.

If you need to contact Horsham District Council for parking related issues, please check the website:  
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/parking/report-a-parking-problem>, or call the Customer Services on 01403 215100.

## Fly tipping, littering & graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

Nothing to Report

- **Fly Posting**

03/03 – We removed commercial advertising material which had been unlawfully attached to street furniture.

04/03 – We reported two local companies for incorrect positioning of signs on public land and criminal damage.

- **Graffiti**

12/03 - received a report of offensive graffiti which we reported to HDC for clearance.

31/03 – we reported offensive graffiti on a tree stump to HDC for removal.

- **Litter**

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>

- **Drugs Litter**

We continue to monitor key areas within the parish to identify any 'hot spots'.

Incidents of drugs litter or paraphernalia remain at a consistently low level.

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

### **Southwater Journey Support Group:**

Established in November 2024, the Journey Support Group offers a dedicated space for Southwater parents and carers of children with SEN (Special Educational Needs). Meeting regularly at Beeson House in Lintot Square, the initiative is led by us, in partnership with Southwater Parish Council.

As of January 2026, the group transitioned to a specialist-led format. While sessions will occur less frequently, they now feature expert guests providing direct professional guidance and service information. Attendance remains free, friendly and requires no formal diagnosis.

On 05/03 we were joined by **SendIAS** (<https://westsussexsendias.org/>) an organisation providing impartial information, advice, and support to children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), as well as their parents/ carers.

Follow the Facebook pages below for upcoming session dates.

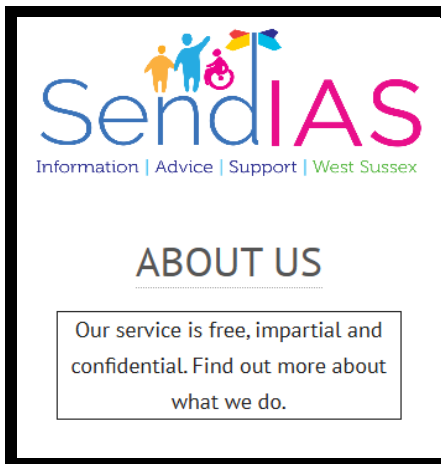
- Horsham District Council Neighbourhood Wardens: [www.facebook.com/HDWardens](http://www.facebook.com/HDWardens)
- Southwater Parish Council: [www.facebook.com/southwaterpc](http://www.facebook.com/southwaterpc)

### **Sussex Police Month of Action:**

06/03 & 10/03, 17/03 & 25/03 – We joined our local PCSO Damian Cecil for joint Street Briefing sessions providing residents with the opportunity to discuss any concerns.

### **Community Litter Picking Day:**

27/03 – We joined Veronika Toth from Southwater Parish Council who organised this excellent event to encourage the community to help keep our local area clean, green and beautiful.



### **West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service**

28/03 – Together with a group of Southwater residents, we attended the WSFRS training centre at Platinum House, Horsham. We were all given a guided tour of the training facility before moving to the operations side of the fire station. Having been shown a lot of amazing equipment and response vehicles, we watched two training exercises as well. The first related to the rescue of a person from a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor window followed by a casualty recovery scenario relating to a road traffic collision which involved cutting the entire roof off a car.

We would like to thank **Watch Manager Steve Bridle** and his team for hosting such a brilliant visit.



**Sussex Police Cyber Crime Event**

31/03 – We were pleased to host this event with Southwater Parish Council in partnership with Sussex Police’s South East Regional Organised Crime Unit’s Cyber Crime Team.



We learned about:

How to create strong, secure passwords  
How to spot phishing emails, scams and fake websites  
How to keep your devices safe and up to date  
How to protect your personal information on social media  
How to use Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)  
Understanding fraud, including cryptocurrency scams, investment fraud, romance fraud and phone scams

**Other:**

06/03 – We attended the Charman’ Lodge coffee event to meet with their residents and guests from Roundstone some of whom are vulnerable and feel isolated.

## 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 to act as a deterrent. By undertaking home visits to vulnerable residents, we were able to sign post support services.

We were contacted by concerned neighbours in relation to a vulnerable resident who had recently had building and grounds maintenance work undertaken and had paid, what the informant believed, was an excessive amount. The matter is ongoing and we will continue to support those involved whilst other agencies consider if action is required.

We were approached by a resident concerned for the wellbeing of a vulnerable resident who has recently formed a friendship with a previously unknown individual who is not local. We are currently working with relatives to find a way to ensure their personal and financial safety whilst respecting their independence and right to make their own choices.

## Dog related issues

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, please report it to our kennels on **07512 089777**.

If you have lost your dog, please report it to Horsham District Council on 01403 215641 (office hours) or email [ehl@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:ehl@horsham.gov.uk)

08/03 – We received a report of an incident where a large dog left a property and scared the owner of a smaller dog which was walking past. Due to the perceived nature of the interaction, we attended the address with our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to gain greater clarity on what had actually occurred. Words of advice were offered, and we are hopeful that there will not be any further incidents.

For further information, please refer to <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs>  
As with any other incident involving an immediate threat to human or animal life, please call 999.

## Parish specific/other

### **Public Enquiries**

This month we responded to 21 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included topics such as rogue traders, ASB e-scooters, illegal fishing, potential community events, ASB parking outside schools and concerns for neighbours.

### **Hazards**

04/03 – We responded to a report of a swan on the A24 but due to some brilliant work by locals, the matter was soon resolved and the swan was safely on their way to a wildlife expert for assessment.

09/03 – We cleared broken glass and a fallen tree on Stakers Lane.

11/03 – We reported a commercial bin store to HDC for assessment due to a potential fire risk.

26/03 – We assisted a resident to promptly transport a cat to the vets as they had just been hit by a car.

### **Training**

Nothing to report.

### **Meetings**

05/03 – We attended the HDC Neighbourhood Warden Team Meeting to exchange updates and best practice ideas.

26/03 – We attended the HDC Staff Briefing session at Alberly House, Horsham.

## Social Media/Press

<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:

Bettina Long – 07789943156

Dominic Woodhead – 07789943193

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**

## YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Southwater Parish



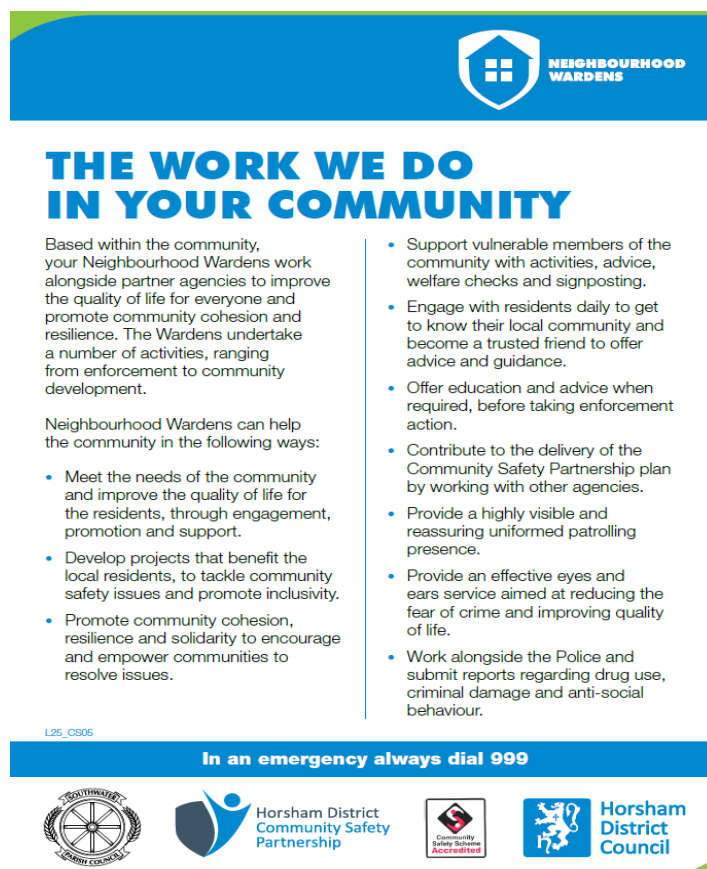
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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**

## THE WORK WE DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Based within the community, your Neighbourhood Wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone and promote community cohesion and resilience. The Wardens undertake a number of activities, ranging from enforcement to community development.

Neighbourhood Wardens can help the community in the following ways:

- Meet the needs of the community and improve the quality of life for the residents, through engagement, promotion and support.
- Develop projects that benefit the local residents, to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- Promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.

- Support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- Engage with residents daily to get to know their local community and become a trusted friend to offer advice and guidance.
- Offer education and advice when required, before taking enforcement action.
- Contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership plan by working with other agencies.
- Provide a highly visible and reassuring uniformed patrolling presence.
- Provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- Work alongside the Police and submit reports regarding drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

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**In an emergency always dial 999**

