



# **Storrington and Sullington Warden Monthly Report March 2025**



**NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WARDENS**



**Horsham  
District  
Council**

## ASB/Referrals.

### Police Report (Phone, 101):

- Due to an abandoned vehicle parked in the middle of Pulborough Road we contacted the Police on 999 to report it. We performed traffic marshalling duties and Police arrived and arranged removal of the vehicle. The road was clear within one hour.

### Intelligence report:

- We had a report of a break in at a new business in the High Street. Tools had been stolen (the business is still being refurbished. This incident has been reported to the Police by the business owner.
- Second break in at another new business being refurbished in the Village. This has been reported to the Police by the owner. We have made contact with our PCSO to discuss Police response.
- We passed on some intelligence to our ASB team regarding a male who is wanted by the Police.
- We passed on some intelligence to our PCSO about ASB being caused by street drinkers within the village.

### ASB:

- Spoke to Saxon Weald to discuss issues with several of their tenants. One of these has been escalated to the Joint agencies scheme for discussion. (HASBRAC)

### Verbal Warning:

- Engagement with a young person who had been smoking cannabis in Sullington Recreation Ground and advised it is a criminal offence. The paraphernalia (empty wraps) were disposed of.

### Signposting:

- We signposted a resident to Saxon Weald who was having problems with flushing the toilet.
- We met with the manager of Storrington Library who is having some difficulty with a member of the public. We have advised them to send in a safeguarding referral.
- We signposted a resident, to report electric scooters being driven dangerously around Ravenscroft. These have been reported to the Police.
- Signposted resident to HDC to report broken fences on the Riverwalk. We also have reported them.
- Signposted a retail outlet to HDC waste to arrange the emptying of their waste bin.
- We signposted a resident to West Sussex County Council to report overgrown vegetation in his road.
- Signposted a resident to West Sussex Highways for damage on the highway.
- Signposted business owner to report ASB behind the Power garage to the Police as more reports will make a difference to the ongoing problems.
- Signposted resident to report concerns over the parking to West Sussex Highways.

### 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.

### DVLA Reports:

- Vehicle parked in Amberley Road checked again. Vehicle is SORN and MOT expired in November 2023. DVLA has been informed but due to car being parked on a layby they have not acted upon it.

### Yellow Parking alerts:

- 2 x in Sullington Parish Hall Car Park.

- 1 x Amberley Road. A car (Black, Volkswagen) has been parked in a layby outside Gerrards Cottage for over a year. The vehicle is SORN and has no MOT. We have managed to speak to the owners Father who will speak to his son about moving it.

**Drivers spoken to for parking issues:**

- 24 x Vehicles parked on double yellow kerb stripes in North Street.
- 5 x Vehicles parked in High Street loading bay. (1 x vehicle given parking ticket by Civil Enforcement Officer).
- Van parked on double yellow lines, half on the pavement trying to unload. We moved him on immediately.
- 2 x parked on West Street by Barbers.

## Fly tipping/littering/graffiti.

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

- Report made to WSCC for empty cannabis bags in shelter at Sullington Rec.

**Fly tipping:**

- None to report

**Litter:**

- Litter pick at Sullington Recreation ground.

**Graffiti:**

- Graffiti on BT box reported to BT

**Flyposting:**

- None to report

## Community engagement/events/meetings.

**PCSO (Police Community Support Officer):**

- Met up with our PCSO and her colleague. Discussed issues in the Village and upcoming events.
- Met up with our PCSO to discuss a member of the public who resides in the parish. This individual is being monitored for shoplifting, aggressive behaviour, and criminal damage in the Village. Police and Saxon Weald are heavily involved.

**Wholesome Warehouse:**

- Met with Directors of Warehouse as they wanted to talk about an issue with an aggressive client. Gave advice on what steps should be taken and advised a team's talk to support and help the volunteers.

**Foxmead Court:**

- We arranged a visit to the residents at Foxmead Court Retirement living. We gave a scam talk and updated the residents of the new types of scams that were prevalent at the moment. The plan was not to scare anyone but make them aware. The session was well received, lots of questions were raised by the group and they shared some of their stories where some residents had been victims of a scam. We will look to conduct more of these talks where required.

**Hanover Walk:**

- We arranged a visit to the residents at Foxmead Court Retirement living. We gave a scam talk and updated the residents of the new types of scams that were prevalent at the moment. The plan was not to scare anyone but make them aware. The session was well received, lots of questions were raised by the group. We are in the early stages of planning events at Hanover Walk. The premises manager is really keen that this should happen, as are the residents.

**St. Mary's Church Café:**

- We paid a visit to the Church this month. It is always lovely to see everyone and have a chat with our residents, we are always made to feel welcome.

**AgeUK:**

- The Neighbourhood Wardens and AgeUK hosted a free lunch at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. AgeUK are supported by the company “COOK” who provide free meals for residents across West Sussex. With support from the Minibus association, we collected ten residents from within our parish and in total had twenty-seven guests turn up. They enjoyed their lunch and thanked all concerned for putting this on. Social Isolation is a big problem throughout the rural areas. These events allow the most vulnerable to get out and meet other people within their community.

**Village Market:**

- Paid a visit to the Village Market. The good weather is bringing more residents out which is always nice to see.
- Visited the Market and spoke to several residents that go there. They said that the market is more than buying items, it is a place to meet and chat.
- Visited the Market and spoke to the residents about our lunch event on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Journey, Autism and SEN (Special educational needs) Group:**

- Met with our regular group in the library. One new parent attended which is always good to see. WSCC representative from the Early Help team came along to chat with our group.

**Autism and SEN weekly all sports event:**

- Good turnout as always. Parents are still very keen for us to continue with the event. 05.03.2025. 12 Children attended.
- We had a new family participate in the second session of the event this month. It is always refreshing to see new faces turn up. 12.03.2025. Ten children attended.
- Third session of the month. Great to see three new faces turn up and take part. Parents were in good spirits which is always good to see. 19.03.2025. Fourteen children attended. Have booked the dates for the next sessions after Easter.
- Last session before Easter, our new games that we purchased were a success and added another option of games for the event. Good turnout of seventeen children 26.03.2025.

**Community Café:** (previously Dementia café)

- Jess from the Alzheimer's Society joined the group this month and was on hand to help and give advice. Biggest turnout to date. Extremely encouraging going forward.



**Cuppa and a Chat:**

- An extremely successful event this month, we had seven new faces attend which is always encouraging. Thirty residents in total. The minibus was full to capacity. The Cuppa and a Chat is a prime example of residents making friends, this reduces social isolation and allows residents to make their own plans to meet throughout the month.



**Speed Watch:**

- Assisted two PCSOs on Amberley Road junction of Kithurst Park.

**Whitehorse Court:**

- We met with the new Manager of Whitehorse Court. We shared information with him on our role and the events we host. We will stay connected with him going forward.

#### Dungeons and Dragons Gaming Club:

- We held our fourth session of Dungeons and Dragons. Twenty-five children attended, the largest amount to date. The sessions are extremely popular and we hope to continue with them for the foreseeable future.
- We held our 5th session of D&D. Another good turnout, we are looking at options to keep the sustainability of the gaming club going.

#### Patrols (foot/visible, and car)

##### Kithurst and Chantry:

- Patrol of Kithurst, no fly tipping.
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- Second patrol of Kithurst, no fly tipping.
- Second patrol of Chantry, no fly tipping.

##### Youth engagement:

- Youth spoken to and advised that smoking cannabis in public area is not acceptable and a criminal offence.
- Spoke to youth about not dropping litter at the skate park. We asked who they thought cleans the skate park? They did not know. Got a black sack and they helped clean the park.
- Spoke to some youths and they have booked in to come to Dungeons and Dragons this week.
- Spoke to a couple of youths and explained the reason why they cannot fish the mill pond at this time. It is the closed season and this runs from 15<sup>th</sup> March – 15<sup>th</sup> June, also the Mill Pond is classed as a river as it is connected to the river Storr.
- Some youths were knocking on an elderly resident's door, causing distress to the resident. The resident found the youths and was talking to them when we arrived. The youths apologised to the resident, we had a little chat and asked them how their grandparents would feel about having their door knocked. They were both very sorry.

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##### Vulnerable residents' welfare check:

- We paid a visit to one of our residents who has been in poor health recently. She was happy to see us and is now in better health. She will be able to join us at our local events including Cuppa and a Chat and the lunch we have arranged in partnership with AgeUK.
- We visited a couple who are well known to us and come along to our local events. One of the pair is not in great health at this time but pleased that we came to see them.
- We popped round to another resident to arrange pick up times for our Cuppa and a Chat later in the month. She is also interested in the Wardens/AgeUK lunch being held later in the month.
- We visited an elderly gentleman (known to us) who has dementia. His Daughter in Law is with him five days a week now. We explained to her what we do and the events we hold. We have given her flyers of the events and hope to see them both soon, particularly at our community Café where the Alzheimer's Society will be attending.
- We spoke with one of our residents who has reported to us electric Scooters being driven dangerously around Ravenscroft. Police to be made aware.
- We visited Whitehorse Court to check on residents. One of the residents given date/time for us to collect her for our next Cuppa and a Chat session.
- We visited one of our residents who had recently lost a family member. She is being positive. We will collect her to come down to our Cuppa and a Chat session this month.
- We saw one of our residents in the Village. She has recently suffered medical problems but is on the mend. We will collect her and take her to our Cuppa and a Chat session.
- Spoke to one of our residents at Whitehorse Court. She is doing well and will join us for upcoming events.
- Checked on one resident to confirm if they are well. This lady had just come out of respite.
- Spoke to a resident and invited her to our lunch event on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. She is looking forward to it.
- We visited one of our residents who has been ill with Sciatica recently. She is hoping to get along to our Lunch event on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

## Parish specific/other

### Councillor Meetings:

- We met with one of our Councillors to discuss the upcoming Stork event. The event will be held at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> May. We discussed various issues including the traffic management for the event. We will meet regularly with the Village Nature Recovery Celebration Day Team to finalise details.
- We met with our Councillors this month to discuss options of making some of our Roads safer and to cut down on congestion in certain areas. This will be an ongoing project this year, working in partnership with the Parish and West Sussex County Council.

### School Engagement:

- Due to the persistent problem of parents parking outside of parking restrictions in Spierbridge Road, we met with HDCs Civil Enforcement Officers. We patrolled and monitored parents' cars picking up their children from Storrington Primary School. We had no problems with any parents and hope they will continue to park responsibly at dropping off/picking up times.
- 3 x visits to the Rock Road Campus and engaged with the students. All seem incredibly happy and looking forward to upcoming events. We spoke with some of the staff. No real problems at the school.
- We spoke to Storrington Primary School who were concerned that a local street drinker (Who is known to us) was being aggressive and abusive to two school children. We will be discussing this with our PCSO. School advised to contact the Police in future.
- Delivered all the posters to Storrington Primary School for them to fix to School railings for all to see.

### Tree Planting:

- Together with one of our Councillors, we planted the second half of the two hundred trees that we obtained from the Woodland Trust. The trees have been planted in Hormare Recreation Ground. They consist of Hazel, Wild Cherry, Crab apple, Rowan and Elder.



### Hazards and Risks:

- We have noticed that the parking/direction lines in the Library Car Park (North Street) are faded and wearing away. This has caused confusion for drivers who are driving the wrong way round the car park and having difficulty parking in bays due to the faded line markings. We have spoken to Horsham District Council (Properties) who are obtaining quotes to rectify the problem and have the lines repainted.
- A broken paving slab on the pavement leading to the library car park. We have reported this via the App.
- We took pictures of broken speed ramp in Chanctonbury Leisure Centre to pass on to our Parish Clerk.
- We reported a hazard along River Walk to Horsham District Council, part of the footpath is broken.

- Had several conversations with businesses over the road works in the High Street, which are causing a hazard to the artery routes into the village. Spoke to the contractors and was advised they are trying to complete on the same day.

#### Traffic Survey:

- Had a meeting with West Sussex Highways and Councillor Loney to discuss the results of the survey that we had completed for Spierbridge Road. The results were acknowledged as being significant and several options are now being looked at with further work to be completed. A meeting with the school is being arranged as well to discuss plans.

## Social media/press

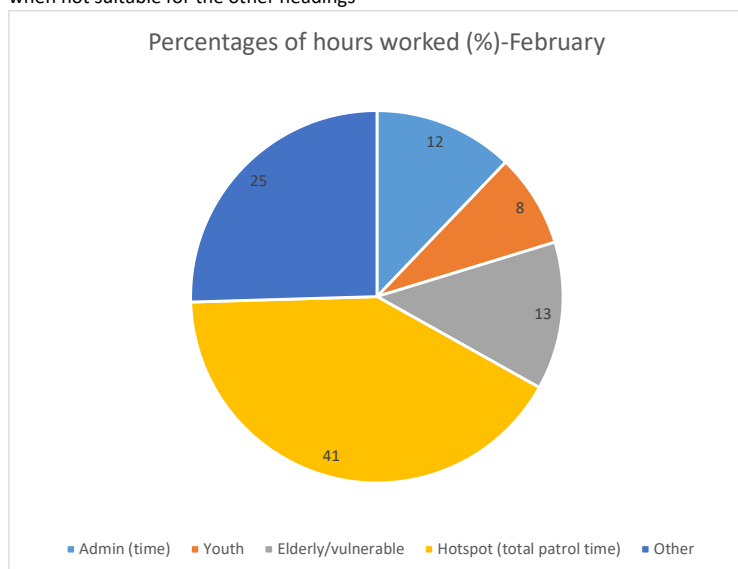
#### Press Releases:

- 1 x Sussex Local monthly press release.
- 1 x 3 Heralds monthly press release
- 72 x Twitter and Facebook releases.

## Breakdown of Time Spent on Parish Priorities





Tasks and priorities	Percentage of time spent
Elderly/vulnerable*	11
Youth*	14
Hotspot areas	47
Admin	11
Other**	22

- \*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





# Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

<p> <b>999</b></p> <p>or report online <a href="http://www.sussex.police.uk">www.sussex.police.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A crime is happening now.</li> <li>• Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.</li> <li>• Property is in danger of being seriously damaged.</li> <li>• A serious disruption to the public is likely.</li> </ul>	<p> <b>101</b></p> <p>or report online <a href="http://www.sussex.police.uk">www.sussex.police.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CrimeStoppers.</b></p> <p> <b>0800 555 111</b></p> <p>crime stoppers-uk.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To report crime 100% anonymously.</li> <li>• Crimestoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities.</li> <li>• Information given will be shared anonymously with the police.</li> </ul>	<p><b>British Transport Police</b></p> <p> <b>0800 40 50 40</b></p> <p>Text 61016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-emergency incidents on a train or at a station can be reported direct to the British Transport Police online: <a href="http://www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime">www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime</a>.</li> <li>• There is also a Railway Guardian app.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Horsham District Council</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk">communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council.</li> <li>• You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: <a href="http://www.horsham.gov.uk/report">www.horsham.gov.uk/report</a>.</li> </ul>
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## See it. Report it.

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

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