

Warden Monthly Report

April 2026 Ashington

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime

We are still working on an ongoing neighbour dispute with partner agencies. We have had some meetings this month to see if we can bring it to a resolution, but there is still ongoing work for us and partner agencies to do.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti.

After a successful litter pick last month, we have been out doing litter picks whilst out on foot patrol. We have again reported the slip roads to see if we can get those tidied up. We have reported one lot of fly tipping which was collected.

Community engagement/events/meetings

We held another successful journey group which was positive for parents and carers of children with SEN, this group is open to anyone who would like to join.

We had community hub which is something we are looking at winding down for numerous reasons, but we will look to wind it down by the summer and focus our efforts elsewhere.

We are looking forward to brick club starting in May. This is on Saturday 9th May from 10am-11.30am. We have already had parents in contact about attending. This is something that has been requested by residents and young people, so we are hoping it delivers something they want.

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 trying to tick off the rural footpaths to check if any are overgrown and need reporting to be cut back to keep them accessible.

Older, vulnerable people and youth

We have been in youth club this month, partnership working with Helen and planning our summer event.

We have been visiting a resident in the village that has been unable to get out and is looking for ways to socialise. We are giving the support they need to try and get out and support around loneliness and isolation.

We are in the process of updating our elderly and vulnerable list. Our list needs updating from time to time as residents' circumstances change. If you know of a resident, you think would benefit from being on the list then please let us know. We do always ask the residents permission.

We have received reports this month of young people digging in bluebell woods. It looks like they are trying to make jumps for bikes. It has since stopped, but we will monitor this going forward.

We have visited Rock Road again this month. The young people are so engaging especially the residents of Ashington who are extremely keen to come and talk and that continues when we are out and about in Ashington which is really positive.

Vehicle related issues.

We are revisiting the idea of a TRO in the village but will liaise with the parish to make sure we have discussed pros and cons for each area. We will be in contact with the clerk to arrange a walk about. We are particularly keen to have double yellow lines round the bends from the church to the school. We know that is unlikely to be accepted on a TRO on its own. We have had other residents come forward to complain about other parking issues so we can look at these and hopefully apply for all the agreed areas on one TRO. We are hoping to get this done as soon as possible because the parking on the bends round by the church to the school can be very dangerous.

Parish specific/other

We have been supporting a business in the village who are suffering with people smoking cannabis by their business. We are in conversations with the police to look at the impact and what can be achieved to improve this for the business.

We have our dog event coming up on the recreation ground on Wednesday 13th May 4pm-6pm. We have arranged this in response to dog jobs we have coming in. This is a free event and an opportunity to talk all things dog with Bone Canis who have kindly agreed to come along and share tips for owners about anything dog behaviour related. We also invited the lovely South Downs Raw to come along and share all things raw feeding with residents or just general feeding advice. We have another event booked for later this year as well.

Social media/press

We continue to write monthly articles in Sussex Local. It's really positive to hear residents tell you they read your article and have found it useful.

We are also still posting on social media and focussing on advertising what we are doing with events.

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