

Ward Update for May 2026 – Whitehawk, East Brighton & Brighton Marina

Hello all and welcome to the Whitehawk, East Brighton and Marina ward update for June 2026, completed by your ward officers – Mark & Tom.

Both Tom and I have been away on Annual Leave so have not been within the ward as regularly as we like, so I am afraid this update will only be covering the initial part of June. To add to the annual leave situation, both Tom and I are again tutoring new officers so will regularly be extracted into the City itself to manage other emerging issues however, we are attempting to keep our presence seen around the area and manage issues when located.

We are still seeing a lack of views from the community which means that these updates are being missed by the majority of the Ward area. As such, if you are reading this monthly update and you know of others that live within the ward area who have Sussex alerts, could you please spread the word about the monthly ward updates so we can spread our messages further!

Within our community, Sussex Police are noticing things such as youth related anti-social behaviour, Criminal Damage being caused to residential addresses and Illegal bikes / vehicle usage in and around the estate area along with the dangerous use of these vehicles. This is all being targeted by Officers and as such, please be on the lookout for this behaviour.

If this is identified, please report this to the police so we can tackle these matters and improve safety and personal satisfaction within the community, this includes the use of off-road motorbikes, which as many of the area know is a constant issue we are dealing with.

Ward Patrols:

During the period of time we have been on duty, we have been conducting patrols throughout the ward paying particular attention to the areas of Twineham Close, Graffham Close, Manor Green, Manor Hill, Manor Way, Manor Road, Whitehawk Road, Swanborough Drive, Wiston Road, Wiston Way, The Marina, The multi storey carpark in the Marina, Marine drive, The Bristol Estate, East Brighton Park and Whitehawk FC.

Recent Community Meetings:

We have recently attended local meetings with partner agencies and stakeholders within the community. These meetings serve as an opportunity for information sharing and joint work to solve the problems important to you. We are also arranging further meetings with various groups that request police attendance.

If there are any groups reading this that would like a visit, please contact Sussex Police and request contact from either Tom, or I and we will see what we can arrange.

Brighton Marina ASB:

I think due to the recent weather and World Cup area at black rock, there has been a sudden spike of Anti-Social Behaviour occurring within the Marina which is being managed by either the legal team of the Marina itself or under investigation by Sussex Police. Unfortunately, several individuals who reside in our ward area have been identified and Brighton Marina are looking to proceed with Civil legal banning orders which will result in these persons being banned from the Marina for 5 years.

For clarity, this is being led by the Marina, and this is not ordinarily a Police matter however, for the awareness of the public, the Marina is a PRIVATELY owned area and access to these facilities are not a 'Given'. There are bylaws in place within the Marina, one of which states that

“No person shall permit a child under 14 years old to be or remain within the Marina unless accompanied by an adult”

Because of this, I can only advise that parents ensure that their children do not attend this location unless in the company of a legal adult and if over the age of 14, are behaving appropriately to ensure they are not at risk of getting themselves banned by the Marina for their unsuitable behaviour.

Other Matters of Attention:

We would also like to bring to your attention that there has been a rise in the reports of ‘Alcohol and drugs use’ by individuals (mainly youth) upon the estate. This has unfortunately at times escalated into various anti-social matters, violence towards others and verbal racial abuse which is completely unacceptable. Please be aware that if your child is located and dealt with by officers for being under the influence of either alcohol/drugs, we are legally obligated to report this incident to child support agencies and further criminal and tenancy action(s) may be taken.

This type of behaviour is being targeted by your ward officers and as such, please be on the lookout for this behaviour. If this is identified, please report this to the police so we can tackle these matters and improve safety and personal satisfaction within the community, this includes the use of off-road motorbikes, which as many of the area know is a constant issue we are dealing with as a division. The illegal use of these bikes is a country wide issue, and we are aware there is a high number of these bikes operating dangerously within the Whitehawk Estate.

As the Summer Holidays approach, we are preparing for a higher volume of youth and tourists within the city. This will involve a heavy footfall within the city, along the beach, within the Marina and around the residential areas of the Ward. One priority of Tom and I will be to patrol these areas regularly, deterring and intercepting any Anti-social or dangerous behaviours. The Marina security also have arranged an uplift in staff and will too be patrolling regularly to ensure the safety of public and residents alike.

Our Priorities:

Over the summer months, our approach to the ward will be staying the same with our targeted activities being focused on the following:

- ASB within the ward area.
- Tackling the use of drugs/alcohol
- Identifying and targeting Neighbourhood ASB.

Well, this is all for this update – We look forward to seeing you whilst we are out and about during the month on patrols!

Kind regards,

Mark & Tom

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