## Ward Update April '25, Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Ward

# **Warning Notice Issued**

The persistent beggar who drinks and causes anti-social behaviour outside ALDI, Pavilion Retail Park has been served with a Community Protection Warning. This means that if he continues in his unwanted actions he will be served with a Community Protection Notice for which he can be prosecuted and fined. His dog has also bitten another dog, and this is under a separate investigation.

#### **Motorbikes**

The continuing nuisance of anti-social motorbike riding is causing considerable distress to residents of Bevendean in particular but other parts of Brighton too. Motorbikes are racing up and down and often without registration plates to make it difficult for police track down or pursue.

Residents have reported this to us and yes it seems to be getting more frequent. We respond according to threat harm, risk and resources but the bikes often find it easy to get away from us and we usually cannot pursue especially if the riders do not have helmets. One police officer in West Sussex lost his job for 'ramming' -tactical contact - a bike rider

However there was an incident with 7 motorbikes in Wild Park. On this occasion we were able to respond with multiple units from Division, Roads Policing, a drone and even the police helicopter was requested (although unavailable). Some bikes were traced to a particular house. Further investigations and consideration of tactics are in hand.

Further action may be taken where possible. Regular patrols will be stepped up.

#### **School Visit**

PCSOs conducted a visit to Moulsecoomb Primary School where they met reception and Year 1 pupils to talk to them about how the police and other emergency services can help them in time of need. They asked many interesting questions and got to try on some police uniform and also see a police car with lights and sirens blazing. A fun time was had by all!

## **Doorstop Crime**

There has been an increase of doorstop crime and Rogue traders in Sussex. Criminals will use excuses to enter your home to steal or charge inflated prices for 'repairs'. They will instil a sense of urgency and even offer to take you to the cashpoint to get their payment. If you feel uncomfortable or unsure about a cold caller or rogue trader, contact the police om 999, 101 on online at sussex.police.uk. All types of Fraud and scam advice can be found on the Sussex Police or Action Fraud website.

## Recruitment

Brighton & Hove Division are currently short of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

If you are interested in a interesting and rewarding career helping a local community and vulnerable people, please visit the Sussex Police website for further information