

Warden Monthly Report

STEYNING, BRAMBER AND UPPER BEEDING

MAY

Hi vis Patrol hours TOTAL:	82.25	ASB incidents TOTAL:	0
Foot - Steyning/Bramber/Upper Beeding	67	Noise	0
Vehicle - Steyning/Bramber/Upper Beeding	15.25	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	3	Driving/vehicles	0
Verbal warning	1	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	2	E-scooters	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Alcohol	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	3
Reports into Police TOTAL:	3	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	1
Online	1	Dog fouling	1
Intelligence report	1	Litter	0
Verbal	1	Drug litter	0
		Hazards	0
Media Reports TOTAL:	5		
Press release/Community magazines	1		
Social media posts	4	Community events attended	18
Admin	14	School contact	1
Vulnerable people welfare checks	8	Youth engagement	0
Signposting	3	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	1

ASB crime

Steyning:

- We were called to visit a barbers shop in Steyning High Street. The barber was concerned that for the past few months he has been visited by different gentlemen on a regular basis asking to buy his shop. The person we spoke to does not own the shop and told them this. They become very intimidating, persistently asking the barber for the landlord's details and refusing to believe he does not own the shop. They have behaved like this in front of customers. The barber now locks the door when he has customers. He has a lot of support from the other business owners. We have advised him to report this to the Police; he is reluctant to for fear of repercussions. We have offered to do this with him. We believe he will. We are going to speak to our PCSO (Tracy) to make her aware and to see if this intimidation is happening anywhere else. We will continue to support this person.
UPDATE: We visited the barber with the PCSO, he had made a police report. We gave him a CCTV poster to put on a display as a visual deterrent. The PCSO encouraged him to call the police if they visit again and we made enquiries in other shops to see if they had also been visited. We will continue to visit for reassurance.
- While on a joint patrol with the PCSO we visited the Co-op. They were able to show images of people that are shoplifting on a regular basis. We were not able to identify them on this occasion, but the PCSO will follow leads to try and find out their names.
- We were informed that there would be a party at the rifle range for year 9 and 10 students. We passed the information onto the PCSO as it was on a day we were not on shift.
- Drug paraphernalia was reported to us from a trustee of the Steyning Festival. We have reported this to the Police, we will also keep an eye on the festival as much as we can.

Bramber: Nothing to report.

Upper Beeding:

- We have identified two youths who are displaying signs of ASB. Knocking on doors and running away. This is having a negative impact, especially on older residents. One attends Upper Beeding Primary School, the other attends The Towers. Both Schools have invited their parents in to discuss their behaviour.
- We were contacted regarding damage being caused to a fence. We advised the police should be contacted. We arranged to visit the property as it has been happening repeatedly over the last few months.

UPDATES FROM APRIL:

- **Vulnerable person. We have attached this paragraph from last month's report for reference.** *The Steyning Parish administrator received a call from Liz Trundle (Bramber Clerk) of a vulnerable person screaming in Clay Fields. We made our way there and searched the area. We did see someone, who we believed was a Police Officer running through the fields. We met up with the father of the distressed woman who the call was about. We have had the same call before so knew her condition. This young lady suffers with Autism and Post traumatic stress disorder. She goes to t Clay Fields to "Let off Steam." Unfortunately, her condition worsened and was being detained by the Police near Bramber Castle. They were concerned she was a danger to herself E.G: Running in the road and becoming quite aggressive. This is sadly due to her condition. We spoke to her father and have offered to meet up his daughter on a good day, so she is aware who we are, that we are friendly and can be supportive should this ever happen again. An ambulance turned up and eventually took this young lady to Hospital. We have spoken to both parents now; they are away on holiday but want us to meet with them when they are back.*

Update: We finally had the opportunity to meet this young lady with her parents present at their home address. She has experienced some tough times in her life but is taking steps to manage her mental health. The family has asked us to try and find hobbies that this lady is interested in doing. The main reason for visiting the family was for the young lady to meet us and recognise us as people who are around to help her, understand her condition and relay this back to the Police. We gave her information to assist her and a Sunflower lanyard together with a leaflet about how to apply for a Pegasus card. This is recognised by local authorities and the Police that a person has speech or communication difficulties, should they come into contact with them. We will be staying in touch with this family and have signposted our PCSO about her. The family believe a visit from the PCSO will really help which we have managed to arrange.

- **We have been patrolling Bramber Castle and have not come across any further unwanted behaviours by visitors.**

Parking/vehicles

Steyning:

- When driving back from Horsham we witnessed two young people riding their motorbikes towards Steyning. When we first saw them, the one on the red bike had both their feet on the handlebars as they were driving. A short time later we saw the one on the black bike using their phone while driving. Annoyingly, the footage on the dash cam is not clear enough to get both number plates. We have reported both to Operation Crackdown and informed Tracy (PCSO). **See picture attached.**



Bramber and Upper Beeding: Nothing to report.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Steyping:

- We have been informed of childlike graffiti appearing in a few locations across Steyping. We will submit reports when we come across the graffiti to arrange to have it removed.

Bramber:

- We reported four tyres that had been left at the top of Bostal Road as fly tipping.



Upper Beeding: Nothing to report.

Community engagement/events/meetings

Steyping:

- We supported the Steyping Festival. We hosted the “try something new day” which ran from 10 -4pm on Fletchers Croft. We had a range of free activities which included;
 - DJ workshop by Tons of Sound
 - Archery, fencing and an assault course provided by Horsham Sports Services
 - SBUB Youth Service had fun games
 - Steyping Leisure Centre tested visitors with a fitness challenge
 - Early Help provided arts and crafts
 - First Responders gave demonstrations

- Fire Service and Sussex Police had interactive stations and vehicles
- Horsham Police Cadets attended and helped out on some of the other stands as well
- Bouncy Castles provided by Boogie Bouncers

It was a very well attended day; it was great to see so many people out enjoying the activities and was a fantastic chance for engagement. The volunteers that run the Steyning Festival work so hard for the full 10-day programme, which is reflected in how good an event the festival is. Thank you to the organisers for inviting us to be involved.



- We attended the Farmers Market this month. A lovely day bought out many shoppers. The stallholders were all in good spirits. We spent time engaging with the public.
- We have met up with the WalkFit group this month. The group is growing due to the good weather. Our PCSO joined us on one of the walks from Steyning to the rifle range. The group appreciated her giving up her time and to got to ask questions about what is happening in SBUB.
- We held our monthly drop-in session at Steyning leisure centre. We are pleased with the number of residents that are stopping to have a chat. We are encouraging them to attend the many events that take place across the parishes.
- We assisted at the Friday lates Youth Club. We had a good catch up with the team who run it and engaged with the young people. This is great for the young people to have somewhere to go and have some fun.
- We took the residents of Dingemans Court out for an afternoon at Camelia Botnar Garden Centre (Near Cowfold). We had a full minibus. The group enjoy the opportunity of getting out, they had lunch and a look around the charity shop there. Some of these residents are socially isolated and do not get out at all. A trip like this means the world to them. We have great support from the minibus association; without this we would not be able to arrange trips like this.



- We held our monthly Board Games Café at the Penfold Hall. We invited Megan from AgeUK to attend. She spoke to many of our players and we felt having Megan there was beneficial for the group. It's always a good afternoon, lots of laughs and fun had by all.
- We popped into Dingemans Court at the end of the month. We are looking at booking another trip out, probably in July. We also carried out a welfare visit to a resident who is living with Multiple Sclerosis. She was in good spirits and appreciated the chat with us.

Bramber:

- We were joined by Tracy (PCSO) for a patrol around Bramber and Upper Beeding. We have been concentrating patrols along the river path walk due to complaints of dog fouling.
- We partnered up with Julie and Carol from Speedwatch. 10% of vehicles were captured exceeding the 20 mph speed limit along The Street, Bramber. Really good to meet them and have been asked if we would attend a residents meeting in the future.
- We joined the WalkFit group again this month. The walk took in Bramber Castle (this was mainly for me to check the area for any litter left by visitors) and the river path. The area was clear at the time of our walk.
- Please see below Re: Meeting at The Hub regarding mental health support.

Upper Beeding:

- Please see above Re: Patrols of river path walk.
- We held our first of four drop-in sessions of the month at The Hub, Upper Beeding. Good to see many of the local residents. We met up with Jess from Alzheimer's Society, Alison from Sussex Health & Care (Formerly Mind). Alison deals with offering mental health support to people that need it. One of our Councillors attended. He has always been very supportive around mental health issues and more importantly how we can support our community, and what safety measures we can put in place for people with mental health concerns and just as importantly their family/carers. We will be working together to try and come up with some solutions to make life a little bit better for those concerned.
- We met with Julia and Lyndsey (Steyning Festival organisers) to sign off on the Neighbourhood Wardens Day on the 29th of May. The day is called "Try something new." Everything is in place for a great day hopefully. We have agreed on all the activities and what we need from the organisers.
- Churchside Café. The Board Games Café is going well. We are getting a mixture of young and older people attending, which is the whole idea. We hope this will become a regular event in Upper Beeding.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

Steyning

High Street
 Bus Shelter
 MPF
 Fletchers Croft

Schools
Mouse Lane

Bramber

Bramber Castle and nearby footpath/train line signs
Botolph's Church

Upper Beeding

Smugglers Lane
Playing field
Small Dole skate park
Beeding Hill/Truleigh Hill
Adur Valley Court
After school patrols

Older, vulnerable people and youth

Steyning:

- We were called by a resident who lives in Steyning. This resident had a car drive into her house a few months ago. She has sorted this out with the insurance and works will start to repair her house shortly. Unfortunately, the rear of the property is open to the public. There is a stream at the back and sadly someone has thrown one of her garden chairs into the stream. She has managed to retrieve it. She is concerned that when the building works start she will be living elsewhere. We have reassured her that we will patrol the area regularly and to give our phone numbers to her builders if they come across anything untoward. We will stay in touch with our resident.

Bramber: Nothing to report.

Upper Beeding:

- We received information regarding a resident who is displaying unusual behaviour. She is showing signs of confusion. We are speaking to Saxon Weald who have had dealings with her in the past. We will look at getting this person support if required. A meeting has been arranged for the 20th of May with the scheme manager who is responsible for the accommodation this lady lives at. **Update: We met with the scheme Officer and the Housing Manager for Saxon weald to discuss this resident. We also went to meet the resident. We have concerns and now have the details of her social worker. We will make contact to see if this resident has everything she needs.**
- We paid a visit to one of our older gentlemen in Upper Beeding, He is very lonely and welcomes a chat. We left him in good spirits.

Dog related issues

Bramber/ Upper Beeding:

- We witnessed someone running along river path walk with their dog behind them (Off a lead). Their dog stopped and fouled along a verge. We called the runner back to inform them of what we had seen. She apologised and said she didn't realise her dog had fouled. This person didn't have a pooh bag on her. We gave her one and gave her words of advice as she needs to keep an eye on her dog and secondly, she needs to come prepared with pooh bags so she can clear up any mess. She was apologetic and said she would do so in future.
- One of our Councillors reported witnessing dog fouling at the junction of Downlands/Newland Road. The owner of the dog is in a mobility scooter. We will try to talk to this person and find out the level of their disability. Some disabilities do give exemptions for people not to have to pick up dog faeces, only in extreme cases.

Cycling

Steyning:

- We have been patrolling along the river following reports of cyclists riding along footpaths, we have spoken to one group of cyclists and gave words of advice.

Bramber and Upper Beeding: Nothing to report.

Parish specific/other

Steining:

- We held our Steering group meeting covering Steining, Bramber and Upper Beeding. Good positive feedback and actions that we need to take forward.

Bramber:

- Steering Group (As above).

Upper Beeding:

- Steering Group (As above).
- We have been invited to attend Upper Beeding Primary Schools Fete. This is on 27th June. It's really kind of them to think of us.
- We received a call to attend High Trees car park to talk to a trader who was selling produce from a van. This trader did not have a licence to do so. We informed him of this and explained to him how to obtain a Licence from Horsham District Council. We gave this gentleman time to pack up and leave the car park, which he did.

You can reach us the following ways:

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How/where to report:

Litter issues can be reported to HDC:

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter **bin**:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

If you witness **fly tipping in action**, please call Sussex Police and, if possible, provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant dashcam footage you may have.

You can also report any fly-tipping you find to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Graffiti can be reported directly to Horsham District Council via their website: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Dog related incidents:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/dog-attacks>

Stray Dogs can be reported to the HDC contractor on **07512 089777** but they must already be contained.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs>