

PCSO Monthly Ward Update: Woodingdean

Brought to you by your Ward PCSO Podesta

Introduction

My name is Leo **Podesta**, and I have been serving as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for over 2 years now. During this time, I have developed my skills and knowledge to provide the best possible service to the community.

Prior to my current role, I briefly served as a Police Constable, though I later realized that the PCSO position was a better fit for me. Additionally, I was a Police Cadet during my youth years, which started my passion for helping the community. My experience across these various roles has given me valuable insights into policing, enabling me to approach situations effectively and with a well-rounded perspective.

(3 main ward Priorities)

- ASB from E-bikes/ scooters

This is most prevalent in summer however any ASB driving will be met with S.59 warning or seizure of the vehicle if appropriate.

- Dirt bikes in green spaces

If you do notice people riding on dirt bikes/ motorbikes in green spaces, causing ASB or distress then please put in a report.

- Speeding on COWLEY DRIVE/ WARREN ROAD / FALMER ROAD

Regular patrols to be completed to deter/ detect speeding. Those caught speeding, will have action taken against with Traffic offence reports (TORS). This can be issued both by my PC's and PCSOs (Myself). I will be later this month receiving specialist training on speed recording devices which can aid my policing approach around speeding.

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Monthly community meetings

As part of the neighbourhood policing guarantee, the government has allocated more time to ward officers to be actively visible in their wards, this includes the use of community meetings. With this important news, monthly community meetings will now be held at the WOODINGDEAN COMMUNITY CENTRE. I will be at the community centre to have any 1:1 / provide information within the local ward. Please see below the dates for these meetings:

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- 13th May **1500hrs** – 45 minutes

I continue to monitor reports that come into WOODINGDEAN and ensure the public receive the necessary support. I will also check trends and rising issues and ensure proactive policing is taken.

WOODINGDEAN Patrols

Patrols have been completed across various areas of WOODINGDEAN. These patrols are directed with information/ intelligence we receive.

Earlier this month a vehicle was seized for having no road tax/ being abandoned. I encourage residents to first contact the DVLA however if this is unsuccessful then contact can be made for the local ward officer to access the situation and consider removal.



There is activity in Woodingdean whereby some properties have had access attempted/ gained. With this information, I would encourage residents to consider CCTV installation/ flood lights or other house security devices. A lot of these can be found on Amazon/ local stores for a reasonable price. From speaking to the local SALTDEAN officer, this is a similar issue in ROTTINGDEAN/ SALTDEAN and so staying vigilant/ reporting any suspicious behaviour is the best approach to apprehend/ question those involved.

I encourage those within information around a particular concern, to please make a report. As this could help me patrol more particular areas of concern. This can be done via 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Visits attended

I always welcome those to attend the monthly community meetings.

If you would like me to attend any other community meetings or events, please submit a request through the Sussex Police website using my collar number 43598.

I hope you found this month's ward update to be informative and look forward to giving out the next monthly update!