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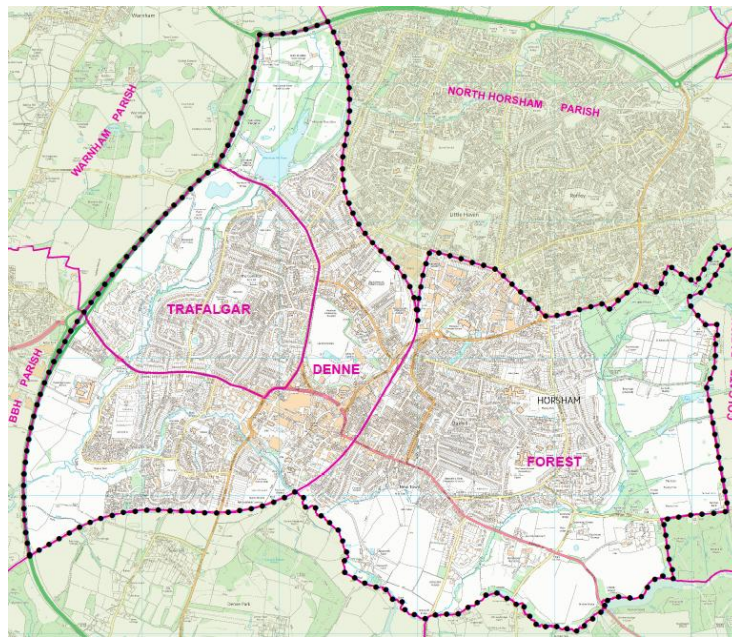


Neighbourhood Warden Report

March 2026

Patrols

During the month of March, we were on patrol in the community for a total of 106 hours 15 minutes.

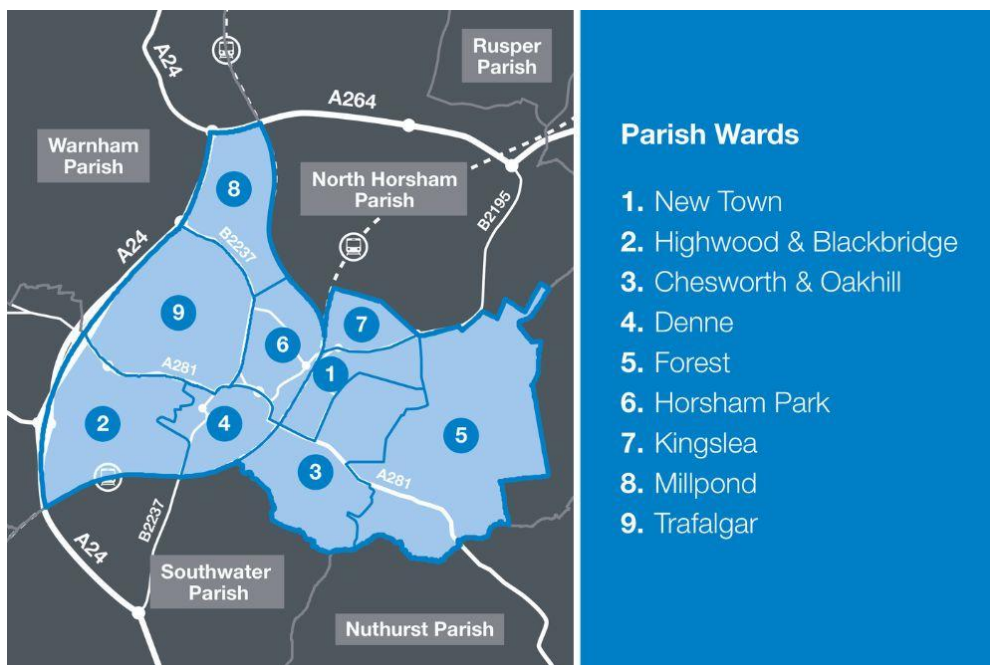


Introducing a new Parish Council for Horsham

At meetings during November 2025, Horsham councillors approved the creation of a new Horsham Parish Council. This new Parish Council will come into being on 1 April 2026, with elections for the 18 new parish councillors taking place on 7 May 2026. It is then expected the new councillors will name the council Horsham Town Council.

The new council has operated in a 'shadow' capacity from January until March 2026. During this period, the Shadow Council has begun to set up the structures, policies, and priorities that will allow the new Council to begin its work effectively once the new councillors take office.

The new council will serve over 22,000 residents, and will be responsible for representing the community, supporting local services, and taking decisions on issues that matter directly to the town. The new council will build on the work of the Neighbourhood Councils, who have provided a community voice for local residents for over 50 years.



Community engagement/events/meetings

Horsham Fire Station:

This month we joined our Southwater colleagues at Horsham Fire Station. This was a great opportunity for residents and young people of the Horsham District to see what goes on behind the scenes at a fire station. The visitors had an opportunity to see multiple demonstrations carried out by West Sussex Fire and Rescue service, along with a tour of the station and an explanation of the equipment carried in the fire trucks. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the team from West Sussex Fire and Rescue service for hosting this event.



A Bridge too far:

During March, we attended an incident that had occurred at the footpath bridge behind St' Marys Church. A vehicle had collided with the bridge causing damage to the brickwork. We assisted our colleagues at Sussex Police with the Identification of bridge ownership and arranged repairs. The bridge wall has been rebuilt by the team from WSCC and we extend our thanks for their efforts.



Dungeons & Dragons Club:

Our Dungeons & Dragons Club evenings, in partnership with 4TheYouth, is continuing after the half term in April 2026. We have seen new young people joining each week and regulars returning. There is still space available for more young people to join this club. We have had a large increase of players recently and the club is successfully expanding.

Should you know a young person who wishes to attend this club, then please feel free to sign them up using the link below. We expect this to fill up fast, so please do not hesitate in getting your young person signed up! <https://bookwhen.com/4theyouthltd>



Horsham Market:

We continue to stay in close contact with Horsham Market and speak with the market stall holders. Horsham Market is a wonderful hub of the community, and I would encourage anyone to attend on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.



West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Safety Meeting:

We held our WSFRS Safety Meeting in Albery House this month. This gives us an opportunity to talk about buildings and places that potentially could be of concern.

WSFRS complete 'Safe and Well' visits to vulnerable people. If you know anyone who may benefit from this then please get in touch. More information on 'Safe and Well' visits can be found here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/home-fire-safety/safe-and-well-visit/>

Sussex Police and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Sussex Police:

As a Neighbourhood Warden I have regularly patrolled with our Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) and continue to share Information with them. We have a dedicated 'Town Team' of three PCSO's. During March, we had approximately 32 calls with the PCSO Town Team, and we completed 15 joint patrols.

If there any community events you believe would benefit from a visit from the Neighbourhood Wardens and / or PCSO's then please get in touch, and this can be arranged.

Anti-social behaviour:

We have seen an increase in ASB in town over March. We continue to address anti-social behaviour as and when we come across it during our regular patrols and continue to team up with our colleagues at Sussex Police and complete joint patrols in the Denne, Forest, and Trafalgar Neighbourhoods.

We have share relevant information with partner agencies to aid in the prevention and reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) related incidents within the town centre. We continue to support residents with advice and guidance for those having difficulties with their neighbours and community around them. We continue to encourage members of the public to report all incidents to Sussex Police's website: - <https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/>

For more information on how to report anti-social behaviour and the council's role regarding anti-social behaviour, please visit the link below:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/safety-and-emergencies/anti-social-behaviour>

Cycling

This month we have asked 12 cyclists to dismount on West Street, 11 of these dismounted. 1 cyclist chose to continue to cycle.

Bike thefts are still prevalent, and members of the public can order their own anti-theft stickers from The Bike Register <https://www.bikeregister.com/>

Sussex Police have also shared information on how to secure your bike appropriately: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/how-safe-is-your-bike/>



Older residents, vulnerable people, and youth engagement

Youth engagement:

We often see the same young people and have slowly built a relationship with our known faces. They usually respond well to guidance and advice when it is needed, and we regularly link in with Sussex Police who can complete home-visits and meet parents when it is required.

Vulnerable residents:

In March, we have been in contact with ten members of our community who are potentially vulnerable. We continue to signpost to support and ensure that services are working with these residents.

Signposting:

We had 67 conversations described as 'Signposting' this month. This can be anything from our local foodbanks and community fridge to reporting abandoned trolleys. During our foot patrols we spend a lot of time discussing with residents the support and resources available to them. Please see our resource page for the services we regularly signpost to.

Safeguarding:

This month we didn't complete any safeguarding referrals this month. We will continue to make referrals, as and when required.

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

999	101	CrimeStoppers. 0800 555 111	British Transport Police 0800 40 50 40 Text 61016	Horsham District Council communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A crime is happening now.Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.Property is in danger of being seriously damaged.A serious disruption to the public is likely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To report crime 100% anonymously.Crimestoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities.Information given will be shared anonymously with the police.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-emergency incidents on a train or at a station can be reported direct to the British Transport Police online: www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime.There is also a Railway Guardian app.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council.You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: www.horsham.gov.uk/report

See it. Report it.
Reporting crime and ASB means we can work together to reduce it.

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