

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)

- E-bikes/ scooters on pavements
 - Dirt bikes in green spaces
 - Speeding on COWLEY DRIVE/ WARREN ROAD / FALMER ROAD
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Ward Update – October 2025

Hope this update finds you well.

I continue to conduct patrols in the areas of concern and work with businesses.

There have been two incidents of burglary within the last month, please rest assure this is being investigated diligently. Don't be alarmed if you see an officer knocking on your door as this is most likely us asking for any CCTV to support our investigation into this matter.

As part of the neighbourhood policing guarantee, the government is allocating more time to ward officers to be actively visible in their ward including meetings. As such I plan to now do monthly community meetings 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:

2025

- 25th of November **0730pm** - 1 hour
- 30th of December at **0730pm** - 1hour

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- 6th January at **1130am** – 1 hour

No other big news to provide at this time. I will continue to monitor reports that come into WOODINGDEAN and provide support were possible!

WOODINGDEAN Patrols

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

The central park has been patrolled regularly, with foot patrols near and around the playground.

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.

Educational information

Same as last month's however this month focuses in on how to protect yourself against phone theft.



Please see below a link which takes you to a site, with prevention advice.

[Protect your mobile phone against criminals on bikes and mopeds | Sussex Police](#)

These safety measures can include having find my enabled for (iPhones) and SmartThings Find for (android).

By having this enabled, you can see an accurate location of where your mobile phone is. In the event, your phone did ever get stolen this could be a vital piece of information that can help police locate your phone.

Other measures can include, being aware of your surroundings.

- If you need to call or use your phone on the street, look out for anyone on a bike or a moped near you. Look up, look out
- Make it quick so you don't become distracted
- Don't text while you're walking – you won't notice what's going on around you
- If that's not possible, stand away from the roadside, close to a building or wall, so no one can come up behind you
- Going hands-free can prevent a thief from snatching your phone out of your hand

Hopefully these pieces of advice will help in keeping you safer.

Visits attended

On the 25th of October, a colleague of mine and I attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting to address the current concerns in WOODINGDEAN. It was great to see those who could attend, couldn't have been done without JP and Stephen! Thank you to them!

For those who couldn't attend, not to worry. You can attend any of my monthly community meetings.



A school visit was completed on the 27th of October at Kipling Lions school, it was a great opportunity. We provided information on what number to call in an emergency, as well as how to stay safe. We also showed the children police equipment, with trying on hats and using the lights for the police car! We hope to make police approachable whenever they feel the need to talk to us.

More school visits are scheduled ahead as well with different schools!

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.