

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report for June 2026

If you witness acts of violence, verbal abuse, drug taking, irresponsible alcohol use or damage to property please report it to Sussex Police via the methods below or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit their website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

999

- 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.

101

or report online www.sussex.police.uk

- All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.

Crime Stoppers.

0800 555 111

crimestoppers-uk.org

- 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.

British Transport Police

0800 40 50 40

Text 61016

- 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.

Horsham District Council

communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk

- 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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Patrol hours TOTAL:	119.75	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	6
Foot (high visibility)	46.75	Noise	0
Vehicle	73.00	Neighbours	1
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	2.00	Driving/vehicles	2
Verbal Warning	1	Bicycles/E-scooters	1
Parking Alert	1	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	2
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	44.00
Police reports TOTAL:	26.00	Fly tipping / flyposting	1/23
In person	15	Graffiti	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	8	Dog fouling	6
Email	2	Litter	3
Intelligence report	1	Drug litter	0
		Hazards	9
Media reports TOTAL:	5.00	Community events attended	11
Press release / Community magazines	2	School contact	8
Social Media Posts	3	Youth engagement	80
Vulnerable People Welfare Checks	12	Reports to DVLA	0
Signposting	5	Reports to Operation Crackdown/Sussex Police	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Admin	35

Anti-Social Behaviour

Through our partnership working, with Sussex Police and the Neighbourhood Watch Association plus routine monitoring of crime reporting websites for information about suspicious activity, people and vehicles, we are able to understand and respond to emerging trends.

Anti-Social Behaviour

We continue to receive calls from residents in relation to illegal fishing in the Southwater Country Park. We have attended on numerous occasions and moved people on. We have also made several reports to the Environment Agency under Operation Traverse (0800 80 70 60) and to the Police (101) who have also obtained details of some offenders.



05/06 – We were alerted to a burnt-out motorbike in the Country Park. We attended, located the vehicle and reported the details to HDC and Sussex Police.

Crime

04/06 – We received a report of an aggressive customer demanding a refund from one of our food outlets. The matter has been referred to Sussex Police as it was a fraudulent claim. The suspect is known to the police for multiple similar offences.

10/06 – We were contacted in relation to an incident where a dog was attacked by another dog resulting in the victim dog being put to sleep due to their injuries. We have tried to support the family by providing guidance and signposting to specialist agencies and, for the time being, this matter sits with Sussex Police.

Parking/vehicles

We continue to receive reports relating to the **anti-social use of vehicles** particularly at school pick-up and drop-off times presenting a risk to children. We regularly patrol at these times and routinely try to gain the cooperation of parents some of whom positively engage having genuinely not seen the problems they are causing.

05/06 – Whilst on patrol we were stopped by a resident who reported that they had nearly collided with an off-road electric motorbike doing a wheelie in the middle of Worthing Road. We searched the area and found the bike but upon seeing us, the rider drove off at high speed almost colliding with other vehicles. We are not authorised to exceed the speed limit or pursue vehicles, so we contacted the police to report the incident.

10/06 – We were on patrol when we saw two vehicles had been involved in a road traffic collision (RTC) on the Worthing Road outside the Southwater Infant Academy. We stopped to offer support and to ensure everyone was safe and did not require medical attention. The rider of the moped who had driven into the back of a car which was stationary at the pedestrian crossing, made off without providing their details. We called the police and gave them the vehicle details and rider's description.

11/06 – We were alerted to a broken-down vehicle on the A24 at Hop Oast roundabout. In heavy rain and poor visibility, it was unsafe for the driver as their vehicle was still partially in the live lane. We put out cones, managed traffic flow and called the Police. Recovery finally arrived and towed the vehicle to a safe location.

Obstructions of pavements can be reported to Sussex Police by visiting:
<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

For anti-social driving, please report to Operation Crackdown at:
<https://operationcrackdown.org/>

If you suspect a car without MOT or tax is being driven or is parked on the public highway, you can report it at:
<https://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/>

A vehicle without MOT can be reported to Sussex Police using their website:
<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/no-mot/road-tax-and-mot-certificates/report-a-vehicle-without-an-mot-certificate/>

An untaxed vehicle can be reported to the DVLA using the following website:
<https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

To report abandoned vehicles please use the link below:
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/abandoned-vehicles>

If you need to contact Horsham District Council for parking related issues, please check the website
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/parking/report-a-parking-problem> or call the Customer Services on 01403 215100.

Fly tipping, littering & graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**
04/06 – Two pallets reported for removal from Fairbank Road



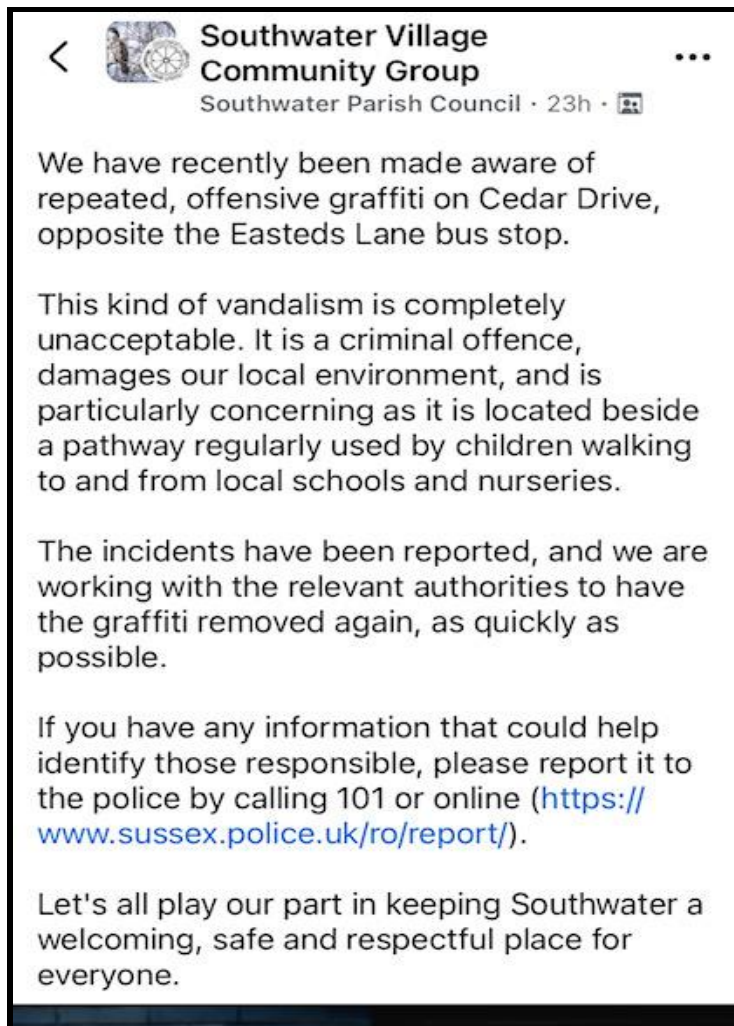
- **Fly Posting**
03/06 – Two commercial advertising signs removed from council land
04/06 – Three commercial advertising signs removed from council land
20/06 – Five commercial signs attached to street signs reported to HDC for removal
23/06 – Ten commercial advertising signs removed from council land
25/06 – Three commercial advertising signs attached to street furniture reported to HDC for removal
- **Litter**
If you would like to collect litter in your local area at a time which suits you, Horsham District Council will support you with appropriate equipment through the **Adopt a Street** Scheme:
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/adopt-a-street>
- **Drugs Litter**
We continue to monitor key areas within the parish to identify any 'hotspots'. Incidents of drugs litter or paraphernalia remain at a consistently low level.

If you know about someone you care about being involved in drugs, please check out <https://www.talktofrank.com/> where you will find useful information about different types of drugs, their effects and associated risks.

- **Graffiti**

04/06 – Offensive graffiti on Worthing Road reported for priority removal – completed.

20/06 – Offensive graffiti on Cedar Drive again - reported for priority removal.



Community engagement & events

We maintain a regular presence at local events, including the Welcome Club, Games Afternoon, Computer Club and activities at Charmans Lodge. These sessions provide residents with an informal environment to engage with us directly.

03/06 – We attended the Games Club at the Village Hall

05/06 – We attended the Charmans Lodge coffee and chat

13/06 – We attended the Southwater Parish Councillor Surgery

13/06 – We teamed up with PCSO Cecil at the Southwater Infant & Junior Academies Summer Fair

16/06 – We attended the Computer Club held at the Laurie Apted Building

17/06 – We teamed up with West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service for a drop-in session at Roundstone Park

17/06 – We attended the Games Club at the Village Hall

19/06 – We joined in at the Coffee afternoon at Charmans Lodge

19/06 – We visited Southwater Youth Project

24/06 – Drop-in Session with representative from Waste Reduction Team from WSCC

26/06 – We teamed up with PCSO Cecil for an interactive session for the Beavers of 1st Southwater Sea Scouts



Patrols

- We continue the patrols of local businesses, designed to disrupt shoplifting, ASB and improve engagement.
- We continue to provide high visibility patrols both on foot and in a liveried vehicle throughout the Parish.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

We routinely conduct high visibility patrols at times and in areas often used by older residents to offer a reassuring presence plus cover areas previously connected with ASB to act as a deterrent. By undertaking home visits to vulnerable residents, we were able to sign post support services.



Free Mobility Scooter Training in Southwater

Did you know that free, expert mobility scooter training is available right here in Southwater?

We are fortunate to be supported by **Mobility Scooter Safety**, a dedicated team of volunteers passionate about helping mobility scooter and powered wheelchair users drive with confidence. Their mission is simple: to ensure that every rider feels safe, capable, and secure while navigating our local pavements and shops.



What is a safety session?

A safety session will help you understand the correct use and limitations of your scooter or powered wheelchair to become a safer driver. These sessions are free and take less than 2 hours of your time.

You can book your session with one of their friendly Scooter Tutors who will meet you and your 'chaperone' (a relative, neighbour or friend) at your home or another suitable place.

- They will have a brief chat about your scooter, your experience and requirements.
- They will check your eyesight - you will be asked to read a car's registration number from a 40 feet (12.3 m) distance, about 3 car lengths.
- Accompanied by the Scooter Tutor, you will drive your scooter on a tour of your local area. The tutor will explain the best and safest way to drive and to deal with any hazards.
- You will have the opportunity to practise to cross the roads safely, navigate pavements and, where possible, drive safely in shops.

This is not a test but an opportunity to build up your confidence to use your scooter and to be a safe driver. You can also rebook for a second appointment, free of charge.

If you currently do not have your own scooter but are considering getting a one, Mobility Scooter Safety will be able to make a scooter available for you to use during the training session.

Why not give them a ring on **07906 211030** or **07729 376345** to find out more and to book your appointment. You can also email them on mobilityscootersafety@gmail.com or check out their website:

<https://mobilityscootersafety.org.uk/>

Dog related issues

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, please report it to our kennels on **07512 089777**.

If you have lost your dog, please report it to Horsham District Council on 01403 215641 (office hours) or email ehl@horsham.gov.uk

For further information, please refer to <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs>

As with any other incident involving an immediate threat to human or animal life, please call 999.

19/06 – We found a dog left unattended in car parked in Lintot Square during the heatwave



We responded to a report of a dog left alone in a vehicle in Lintot Square for more than 30 minutes. The car windows were open a crack but the dog was already panting from the heat. We contacted Sussex Police straight away to report the emergency. At the same time, a member of staff from The Little Tea House and a Volunteer from the Police Office assisted in searching for the owner. The owners were located and instructed to return to their vehicle immediately to care for their dog. Strong words of advice were given regarding the severe dangers of leaving unattended pets in warm vehicles.

It is a common misconception that leaving the windows open a bit or parking in the shade makes a vehicle safe for a dog. In reality, cars trap heat rapidly and function like an oven, even during mild weather. On a relatively cool 22°C day, the temperature inside a stationary vehicle can spike to a deadly 47°C within an hour. Leaving a pet unattended in these conditions is a severe hazard that inflicts extreme physical suffering and can easily result in the animal's death.

Parish specific/other

Public Enquiries

This month we responded to **35** enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included topics such as trespassing, inconsiderate driving, lost property, Scam advice, disposal of a catapult and SEND provision.

Hazards

03/06 – removed a fallen branch blocking pavement on Cedar Drive

03/06 – removed a fallen branch blocking pavement outside Southwater Infant Academy

Before....

After....

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11/06 – removed a fallen branch blocking pavement outside Castlewood School

30/06 – secured 2 unsupervised dogs running into traffic whilst in a rural part of the Parish. The owner was located.

Meetings:

03/06 – Regular catch up with Councillors Chris Pearce and Jeff Willis

04/06 – ASB Case Review with HDC Safety Team

10/06 – HDC Neighbourhood Warden Team meeting

24/06 – Meeting with potential volunteer for planned D&D gaming club

25/06 – Meeting with West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

Social Media/Press

<https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens> and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>

Our monthly reports are available on the Southwater Parish Council website:

<https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-wardens>

If you know of someone who would be interested in reading our monthly report, but they do not have access to the internet, please contact us and we will be happy to deliver a printed copy to them:

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THE WORK WE DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Based within the community, your Neighbourhood Wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone and promote community cohesion and resilience. The Wardens undertake a number of activities, ranging from enforcement to community development.

Neighbourhood Wardens can help the community in the following ways:

- Meet the needs of the community and improve the quality of life for the residents, through engagement, promotion and support.
- Develop projects that benefit the local residents, to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- Promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.
- Support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- Engage with residents daily to get to know their local community and become a trusted friend to offer advice and guidance.
- Offer education and advice when required, before taking enforcement action.
- Contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership plan by working with other agencies.
- Provide a highly visible and reassuring uniformed patrolling presence.
- Provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- Work alongside the Police and submit reports regarding drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

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In an emergency always dial 999

