

PCSO Monthly Ward Update: Woodingdean

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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.

Ward Update – April 2026

I hope this update finds you well. This month's activity has been minimal, with no patterns of concerning behaviour or criminal activity. I continue to monitor any new updates, and I will provide the most up to date information. With the summer period now in full swing, there is going to be increased E scooters/ dirt bikes riding around in WOODINGDEAN and so further patrols will be done in the green spaces. If you do see a dirt bike riding in an anti-social manner or illegally, please call it in on 999. If this has occurred and they are no longer present/ on scene, then please call it in via 101.

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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- July the 17th, at 1800-1900hrs

- August the 21st, at 1800-1900hrs
- September the 26th, at 2000- 2100hrs

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.

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

A school visit was completed later this month to engage with the youths at WOODINGDEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL. During this visit, the youths were shown around the police car and what equipment we use daily. They were also educated on road safety and who to call in an emergency.

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!