



Storrington and Sullington Warden Monthly Report August 2025



**NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS**



**Horsham
District
Council**

ASB/Referrals.

Police Report (Phone, 101):

- We made a call to the Police via 999 following a call from a resident who claimed that street drinkers were being disruptive and damaging some fencing around the Mill Pond. We were at an event and passed this on to the Police. When we patrolled the pond area later, the street drinkers were no longer there.

Intelligence report:

- Emailed HDC licensing to discuss what can be done to discourage shoplifting from local supermarkets by the street drinkers. Being looked at by the team to help us with a solution.

ASB:

- None to report.

Verbal Warning:

- None to report.

Signposting:

- Signposted resident to mediation with other neighbours to discuss the parking issues caused by another resident.
- Signposted resident to Police. As worried about a possible abuse.
- Signposted resident to Environmental Health.
- Signposted to report incident of dog attack to the Police.
- Signposted resident to call the Police as believes that he has been scammed by a company that called.
- Signposted resident to contact Highways to report spraying of St George cross on roundabout markings.
- Signposted resident to report incident to the Police.

Safeguarding:

- None reported.

Parking/vehicles

Operation Crackdown reports: Joint initiative with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police to report abandoned vehicles or anti-social driving.

- None reported.

DVLA Reports:

- Vehicle checked for MOT and Tax that was parked in parish owned car park. (now removed)

Yellow parking alerts:

- For vehicle parked in leisure centre car park, overnight and SORN and without MOT.
UPDATE: Vehicle has now been removed from leisure centre car park.

Drivers spoken to for parking issues:

- 16 x vehicles parked on double yellow kerb stripes in North Street.
- 3 x vehicles parked in High Street loading bay.
- 1 x Church Street.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti.

Drug litter removed and reported to WSCC (West Sussex County Council):

- None to report.

Litter:

- 2 x cleared some rubbish from the Mill Pond.

Fly tipping:

- None to report.

Graffiti:

- Cleaned graffiti off telephone box at the back of leisure centre.

Flyposting:

- None to report.

Community engagement/events/meetings.

PCSO (Police Community Support Officer):

- We met our PCSO and her colleague at our Autism & SEN summer event at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. She was able to meet some of the parents in the village and got involved with all the activities.
- PCSO attended our Fun Day and joined in, allowing youths to sit in the Police car and work the sirens.
- Patrolled with PCSO and councillor. We visited businesses and introduced the PCSO to them.
- Patrolled with PCSO and discussed what joint patrols we can do in the future.

The Needles (Horsham Family Hub):

- We returned the sensory equipment to the team at The Needles that they had kindly lent us for our Autism & SEN Fun Days. We met with the new manager and had a debrief on how the events went. The staff are so supportive of what we are trying to achieve and are more than happy for us to borrow other equipment in the future.
- The Family Hub attended our Fun Day and provided a lot of activities for over 400 children. They are looking forward to next year's event and have already signed up to attend.

Hanover Walk Bingo Club:

- We held several bingo sessions this month at Hanover Walk community room. The bingo has really taken off, with numbers of players increasing as time goes on. It is rewarding to see our residents having some fun and the community room being used.

Foxmead Court:

- We visited Foxmead Court this month to primarily visit a married couple who support our community café. The husband is in early stages of Dementia and we wanted to pass on some information to them where they can get some support. They were happy to see us and we stayed for the residents' meeting. It was lovely to meet new people and gave us the opportunity to ask them what problems they have in the village. We have been asked to forward on a complaint regarding an area of paving which one lady feels is a hazard. We will pass this on to West Sussex County Council.
- Asked back by residents of Foxmead Court as they had raised £50 and wanted to donate the money towards our summer Fun Day.

St. Mary's Church Café:

- Met with church secretary to discuss the timings of set up and start time of the summer Fun Day.
- Attended Church café. Feedback from the congregation about the Fun Day was great and they have booked themselves in for next year.

Mother and Toddler Group:

- The Mother and Toddler group held a get-together on the grounds outside Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. We assisted them with carrying their equipment for them to set up.
- Met with organisers of the group to discuss the timing of the set up for the summer Fun Day.
- The feedback from the group was positive from the Fun Day and they had a lot of new mums visit them to get details of the group.

Village Market:

- Visited market several times, spoke to residents, and had a conversation about the street drinkers and the upcoming election. It is good to see a traditional village event still being enjoyed by residents.

Community Café: (previously Dementia Café)

- We held the Community Café at the library. One of our regulars and his wife updated us on his health. We will be visiting them later in the week and will drop off some information flyers. We had a good session, lots of laughs and everyone left in good spirits.

Cuppa and a Chat:

- This month's Cuppa and a Chat was the best so far and it is good to see them all chatting amongst themselves. They are looking forward to the brunch trip at the end of September.

Dungeons and Dragons Gaming Club:

- Held a summer D&D club. Good turnout from our regulars – a good event enjoyed by all.

Autism & SEN summer events:

- We held our Autism & SEN events on 1 and 15 August. These were open to all children living with Autism and SEN, and their siblings. We had a bouncy castle, two sensory domes with relevant equipment, table tennis, basketball, football, and a mini-olympics competition. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet, discuss any issues they have and find some positive support. We had 35 young people attend. The event was a great success and well appreciated. A big thanks to the leisure centre, Horsham Family Hub, and the Rotary Club for all their support.



Summer Fun Day:

- The weather and the temperature were just right and everything went to plan on the set up. The day went really well and was enjoyed by all that attended (especially enjoying the toasties). A rough count of numbers was between 500-600 people. A big thank you to everyone that helped and Tesco's for the bread, St Marys for their support, HDC for the DJ, all the stalls, and the Parish Council for all their support. There has been such great feedback from the event. So much so, that due to popular demand planning has already started for 17 August 2026.



Patrols (foot/visible, and car)

Kithurst and Chantry:

- Patrolled both areas nothing to report.

Youth engagement:

- We spent time with youths who were fishing at the Mill Pond. We gave advice on fishing techniques. No street drinkers at the location which makes the young people feel safe.
- Group of youths asked where they can join a local fishing club.
- Spoke to mother of youths who asked if they could have a stall at our Fun Day. After explaining what the event was it was felt that it would not be suitable.
- Spoke with some youths that were at the skate park, who mentioned that one of the ramps needed fixing. Reported to facilities and has now been repaired.
- Spoke to youths at bus stop. They were on their way out on the bus.
- Tried to help some youths get their football. It was well and truly stuck in the reeds. We advised them NOT to go in the reeds as it was dangerous. We said we would meet them Thursday afternoon and try again.
- Spoke to some youths by the Mill Pond and talked about them going to Steyning Shooting Fields.
- Spoke to some youths and, as they didn't have much to do, suggested the classic car show being held on the Horemare Recreation ground.
- Spoke to a youth that we know from our visits to the school. He was telling us about what he wants to do when he leaves school. Very impressed with his career choice.
- Spoke to youth and advised that where he was fishing was not safe.
- Showed youth how to tie a hook onto his line, so he can do it next time.

Vulnerable residents' welfare checks:

- We paid a visit to one of our residents who is a regular at our Cuppa and a Chat and Community Café events. She was having some work done on her property. We checked that she was ok and gave her some information (dates/times) of upcoming events.
- Tried to contact resident to see if she wanted to come to our Cuppa and a Chat. We tried several times and no answer. We took the PCSO and managed to call her on the phone. She had been in Hospital and had just returned.
- Visited resident to check on them as has not been seen for a while. She was fine. She had heard about the Fun Day and has kindly gifted us a donation of £200 towards next year's event.
- Spoke to resident about a possible scam, advised the resident not to let them in the house and if unsure to call the Police. UPDATE: Police attended and it was a scam.
- Visited vulnerable resident about a scam. The resident told us about what had happened, including calling the Police and making a payment. We have advised about cold calling and door salesperson scams and are going to drop round and help set up a call blocker the resident has purchased.
- Visited resident who has been fined for parking in a privately run car park. The letter stated she was fined as she did not purchase a ticket. The resident had bought a ticket so copied it and sent it to the company. They dropped the fine but 6 weeks later she was sent another one for the same date. Resident very upset.
- Had a call from resident worried about the dog attacks in their area. Updated them and put their mind at ease and advised them if it did happen again what to do and to report any incident to the Police.
- Visited resident to give them information about Storrington area help scheme, as they have a hospital appointment and no way to get there.
- Visited resident who phoned about information for Community Link Alarms. Left information leaflet explaining the product, which will help with the care of a family member.
- Visited neighbour of resident that went to hospital due to a fall. No information of her whereabouts but believed to be in a nursing home.

Parish specific/other

Hazards and Risks:

- Metal strip loose at skate park. UPDATE: repaired.
- Loose bolt from newly installed swing given in to us. UPDATE: swing repaired.
- Took photos of two damaged areas on Church Street. A resident tripped on them causing an ambulance to be called. Pictures sent to councillor to report to West Sussex Highways.

- Reported a damaged drain by the library that was broken and the cover was moving, leaving a hole. This is on their property so has been reported to West Sussex County Council.
- Spoke to motorist that went round the wrong way round the library car park.

Speed watch:

- Spent some time with speed watch on Pulborough brow. It's a shame that some drivers abuse the volunteers.

Social media/press

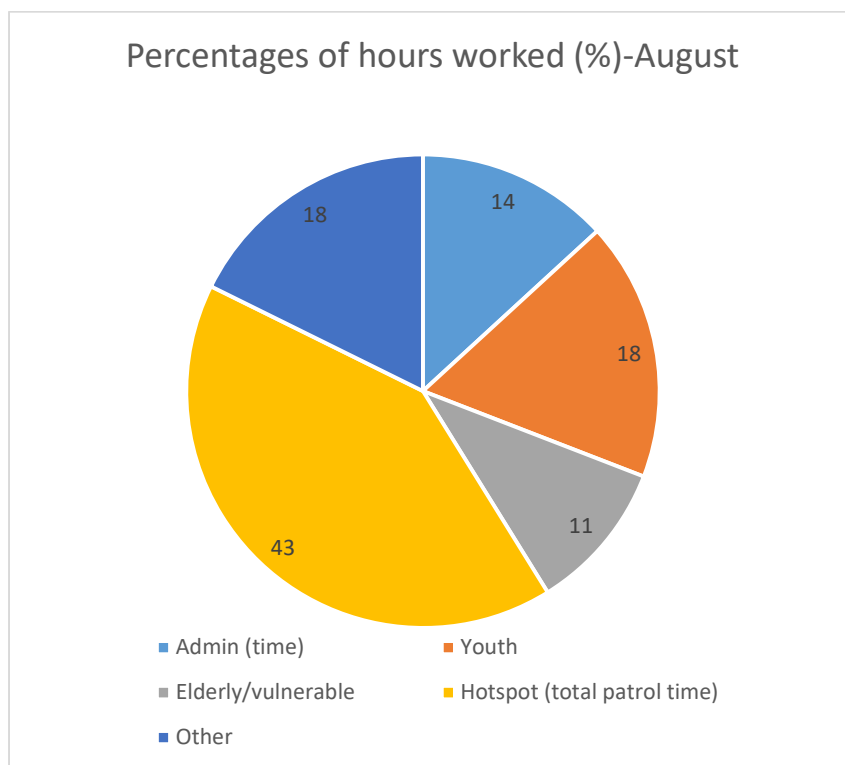
Press Releases

- 1 x Sussex Local monthly press release.
- 1 x 3 Heralds monthly press release
- 72 x Facebook posts.

Breakdown of Time Spent on Parish Priorities

Tasks and priorities	Percentage of time spent
Elderly/vulnerable*	11
Youth*	18
Hotspot areas	43
Admin	14
Other**	18

- *The time spent on elderly/vulnerable, and youth includes planning time for projects as well as face to face interactions.
- **other accounts for meetings, drop ins, community events outside of the priorities, travel time, training etc. when not suitable for the other headings.



RESOURCES

Useful reporting links: -

Litter issues can be reported to HDC:

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter **bin**:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

If you witness **fly tipping in action**, please call Sussex Police and if possible, provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant dash cam footage you may have.

You can also report it directly to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Graffiti can be reported directly to Horsham District Council via their website: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Dog related incidents:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/dog-attacks>

Stray Dogs can be reported to our contractor on 07512 089777 for collection.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs>

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour


<p>📞 999</p> <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.	<p>📞 101</p> <p>or report online www.sussex.police.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.	<p>CrimeStoppers.</p> <p>📞 0800 555 111</p> <p>crime stoppers-uk.org</p> <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.	<p>British Transport Police</p> <p>📞 0800 40 50 40</p> <p>Text 61016</p> <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.	<p>Horsham District Council</p> <p>communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk</p> <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.
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See it. Report it.

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



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