

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report January 2025

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 above 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.

CrimeStoppers.

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](http://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.

Horsham District Community Safety Partnership

Horsham District Council

Patrol hours TOTAL:	117.75	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	33.00
Foot (high visibility)	28.50	Noise	0
Vehicle	89.25	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	35.00	Driving/vehicles	32
Verbal Warning	21	Bicycles	1
Parking Alert	14	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	0
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	17.00
Police reports TOTAL:	7.00	Fly tipping / flyposting	2/0
In person	1	Graffiti	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	5	Dog fouling	4
Email	1	Litter	9
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	0
Intelligence report	0	Hazards	2
Media reports TOTAL:	3.00	Community events attended	5
Press release / Community magazines	1	School contact	4
Social Media Posts	2	Youth engagement	53
Vulnerable People Welfare Checks	3	Reports to DVLA	0
Signposting	8	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Admin	35

Anti-Social Behaviour

Through our partnership working, in particular with Sussex Police and 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.

14/01 – We made CCTV enquiries in relation to vehicles being damaged whilst driving on Cripplegate Lane.

14/01 – We made follow up enquiries regarding the anti-social use of an electric motorbike.

23/01 – We spoke to two people on e-scooters who were riding on the footpath. Words of advice were given.

For more information on e-scooters, please visit:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>

Parking/vehicles

We conduct regular parking patrols at key times around our schools and there are a small number of drivers who require encouragement to park appropriately.

08/01 – We liaised with PCSO Cecil regarding a severely damaged vehicle parked on College Road and the vehicle has since been removed.

09/01 – We attended to 2 vehicles with trailers causing an obstruction on Cripplegate Lane.

23/01 – The grass verge on Foxfield Cottages has been damaged and the double yellow lines on the junction Andrews Road with Foxfield Cottages have faded. Both have been reported to West Sussex County Council for their attention.

Please use the following website to report any issues to West Sussex County Council:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>

We are frequently asked about what can be done about vehicles being driven with no Road Tax or a valid MOT.

These can be reported using the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-no-mot>

<https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

For anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles, please report to Operation Crackdown at:

<https://reports.operationcrackdown.org/asdprs/default.aspx>

Fly tipping, littering & graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

09/01 – We located a number of lorry tyres and 2 large metal boxes dumped in the road on Fulfords Hill. Due to the increased danger to road users because of poor lighting, this was reported to Sussex Police and West Sussex County Council for it to be made safe before Horsham District Council could arrange clearance.

18/01 – We located a number of bags full of rubble and building waste on Southwater Street.



- **Fly Posting**

Nothing to report

- **Graffiti**

Nothing to report

- **Litter**

In support of the excellent work done by our Parish Litter Picker, we undertook a number of litter patrols particularly around the skate parks and the Country Park car parks ensuring that together we keep Southwater clean and tidy.

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**

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.

Community engagement/events/meetings

10/01 – We are currently working on a **project to bring residents together** who feel isolated in an area which is located further away from the village centre. In order to get residents involved, we conducted a leaflet drop asking residents to get in touch with us if they are interested. We have had a good response and are hoping to get all those interested together very soon to tackle isolation in that part of Southwater.

22/01 – We attended the **Welcome Club** and were able to speak to some residents about their concerns.

23/01 – We held our third SEN Journey session in the Council Chamber of Beeson House thanks to Southwater Parish Council. These sessions are designed for **parents and carers of Autistic and SEN children** to come together in a supportive, non-judgemental environment and swap experiences and strategies for the benefit of all. This was our busiest session so far and there were some amazing contributions and open conversations.

Our next session is on 20 February 2025 at 1030 hours so please come along.



29/01 – We attended the Games Club held on alternate Wednesdays at the Village Hall.

Patrols

- We continue 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 in order to act as a deterrent. Throughout the month, we regularly visited the Southwater Youth Project and engaged with many young people.

10/01 – We visited a vulnerable person and checked on their welfare

17/01 – We met with a homeless person and offered numerous support services which were declined.

28/01 – We visited a vulnerable person and checked on their welfare

Dog related issues

Nothing to Report

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.

Cycling

Nothing to Report

Parish specific/other

Public Enquiries

This month we responded to 15 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included concerns raised about e-bikes being ridden in an antisocial manner, criminal damage caused to a vehicle and cause for concern for a number of vulnerable residents.

Hazards

22/01 – Whilst out on patrol, we found a badly damaged gate located on Christ's Hospital Road with debris in the area of the gate following what appears to have been a car crash. Sussex Police have been advised.

22/01 – We came across two escaped dogs running on a country road near Christs Hospital. The owner was located and the dogs were secured.

29/01 – We identified a developing trip hazard at the rear of Beeson House which has been reported to HDC.

29/01 – We located a damaged drain cover on Castlewood Road which was reported to WSCC Highways for repair.

29/01 – We reported a damaged pavement outside Budgens again to WSCC as the repair has failed.



Meetings

07/01 – We attended a Horsham District Council Staff Meeting.

09/01 – We attended a meeting with West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service.

15/01 – Bettina attended a meeting with Neighbourhood Warden Supervisor, Carol Boniface.

22/01 – Dom attended a meeting with Neighbourhood Warden Supervisor, Carol Boniface.

Training

09/01 – We attended Rest Centre training presented by Horsham District Council. A Rest Centre is set up to provide short term temporary emergency welfare and shelter following an evacuation.

Please check out the following link for more information:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/safety-and-emergencies/emergency-planning-and-extreme-weather>

Social Media/Press

We regularly post items on the Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens' Twitter and Facebook Page

<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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NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS



Your Neighbourhood Wardens

- We meet the needs of the community to improve the quality of life for the residents through engagement, promotion and support.
- We develop projects that benefit the local residents to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- We promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.
- We support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- We engage with residents daily to get to know our community to become a trusted friend to offer advice, guidance and educate.
- We offer education and advice when required before taking enforcement action (Fixed Penalty Notices for Public Space Protection order and Environmental Crime offences)
- We contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership by working with other agencies to provide a highly visible and reassuring uniform patrolling presence.
- We provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- We submit reports to the police to reduce incidents of drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour (101 in non-emergencies and 999 in emergencies) and work alongside them to tackle anti-social behaviour.



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**IN AN
EMERGENCY
ALWAYS DIAL 999**

If you wish to speak to us in confidence, please give us a call or email southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

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KEY:

ASB: Anti-social behaviour.

HDC: Horsham District Council

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

PCSO: Police Community Support Officer

SPC: Southwater Parish Council

WSCC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue