

Ward Update for Whitehawk, East Brighton & Brighton Marina Ward – March 2026.

Hello all and welcome to the Whitehawk, East Brighton and Marina ward update for March 2026 - completed by PCSO Ridley.

During the month of March / April, our policing area has been unfortunately very active for a few drug related matters along with several machete and knife matters. This will be touched upon within this report alongside a general area update.

Ward Patrols:

Ward patrols have been completed throughout the month but as both Tom and I are tutoring new officers, this access has been limited. Throughout this time, patrols have been regularly completed, managing your concerns and dealing with matters when discovered. Please bear with us as we are working under a large workload at this time, and we will get to you as soon as we possibly can.

Recent Community Meetings:

We have recently attended local meetings with partner agencies and stakeholders within the community. These meetings serve as an opportunity for information sharing and joint work to solve the problems important to you. We are also arranging further meetings with various groups that request police attendance. If there are any groups reading this that would like a visit, please contact Sussex Police and request contact from either Tom, or I and we will see what we can arrange.

Recent incidents of Note within the Ward.

Stolen electrical bikes:

As highlighted last month, Sussex police are regularly receiving reports of stolen E-bikes within the ward, mainly shopping hotspot areas and the Hospital. We strongly recommend that cyclists use good quality bike locks (even considering to double lock the bike) and to register your bike through a scheme such as "Immobilise" however there are many others to choose from which will make it easier to identify as stolen by police.

If your bike is of high value, then further recommendations are made for you to look at potentially covering this via insurance and should consider attaching some form of GPS tracker to this bike which updates you regularly which will assist Sussex Police in locating and retrieving this item(s).

Other business:

The weather has again recently been nice and sunny which is a lovely change for the UK and is a good thing for most people. However, as the weather is starting to improve, the days are becoming longer resulting in a longer period of light and this is allowing our youth within the area to be "out and about" for a longer duration of time.

Sussex Police are seeing a spike of things such as youth related anti-social behaviour, Criminal Damage being caused to residential addresses and Illegal motorbike usage in and around the estate area. This is all being targeted by Officers and as such, please be on the lookout for this behaviour.

If this is identified, please report this to the police so we can tackle these matters and improve safety and personal satisfaction within the community. This includes the use of off-road motorbikes, which as many of the area know is a constant issue we are dealing with as a division.

The illegal use of these bikes is a country wide issue, but we are aware there is a high number of these bikes operating within the Whitehawk Estate. If officers locate these being ridden, we must be very careful when dealing with these individuals due to the risks involved to the rider which often limit our options in how to progress this. However, if we locate these riders, we will take action against the offender(s).

Brighton Marina ASB.

There has been a sudden spike of Anti-Social Behaviour occurring within the Marina which is being managed by either the legal team of the Marina itself or under investigation by Sussex Police. Unfortunately, several minors who reside in our ward area have been identified and Brighton Marina are looking to proceed with Civil legal banning orders which will result in these minors being banned from the Marina for 5 years.

For clarity, this is being led by the Marina, and this is not ordinarily a Police matter however, for the awareness of the public, the Marina is a PRIVATELY owned area and access to these facilities are not a 'Given'. There are bylaws in place within the Marina, one of which states that

“No person shall permit a child under 14 years old to be or remain within the Marina unless accompanied by an adult”

Because of this, I can only advise that parents ensure that their children do not attend this location unless in the company of a legal adult and if over the age of 14, are behaving appropriately to ensure they are not at risk of getting themselves banned by the Marina for their unsuitable behaviour.

Other matters of Interest:

Due to the later nights, Tom and I are starting to notice that youth are congregating in and around the estate, especially the Bird Blocks within the communal access areas, the blocks near Middle stores and further, archways and alleys within the estate. This has vastly increased the amount of ASB reports that we are receiving, and as much as I understand and appreciate that the youth want to congregate and converse, may we please request that you highlight to your children about respect and curtesy to other residents/neighbours of the surrounding community.

I would also like to bring to your attention that there has been a rise in the reports of 'Alcohol and drugs use' by individuals (mainly youth) upon the estate. This has unfortunately at times escalated into various anti-social matters, violence towards others and verbal racial abuse which is completely unacceptable. Please be aware that if your child is located and dealt with by officers for being under the influence of either alcohol/drugs, we are legally obligated to report this incident to child support agencies and further criminal and tenancy action(s) may be taken.

This type of behaviour is being targeted by your ward officers and as such, please be on the lookout for this behaviour. If this is identified, please report this to the police so we can tackle these matters and improve safety and personal satisfaction within the community, this includes the use of off-road motorbikes, which as many of the area know is a constant issue we are dealing with as a division. The illegal use of these bikes is a country wide issue, and we are aware there is a high number of these bikes operating dangerously within the Whitehawk Estate.

Personal Safety:

Finally, as you may be aware there has been a group of individuals who deem it suitable to not only carry a knife(s) in public but are then brazen enough and use these in an attempt to harm others! These incidents are currently under investigation and both Tom and I are appealing to residents of Whitehawk to assist us in knocking this behaviour out of our area – Keeping all residents safe!

Carrying knives in public places increases the risk of accidents, conflicts, or situations escalating into violence. A knife, even when not intended for harm, can cause irreversible damage in moments of tension or misunderstanding. We want our neighbourhood to remain a place where everyone feels safe and secure. When weapons are present, it can create fear and mistrust, undermining the sense of peace we all value.

If you witness someone carrying a knife or engaging in dangerous behaviour, please report it to the Police immediately, keeping our community safe is a shared responsibility.

Our Priorities:

Within April and over the summer months, our approach to Whitehawk will be changing slightly with our targeted activities now be focused on the following:

- ASB within the ward area.
- Tackling the use of drugs/alcohol
- Identifying and targeting Neighbourhood ASB.

We apologise for the cold ending to this report however, it is very important that we do all we can to keep you safe!

Kind regards,

Mark & Tom

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