



**NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WARDENS**

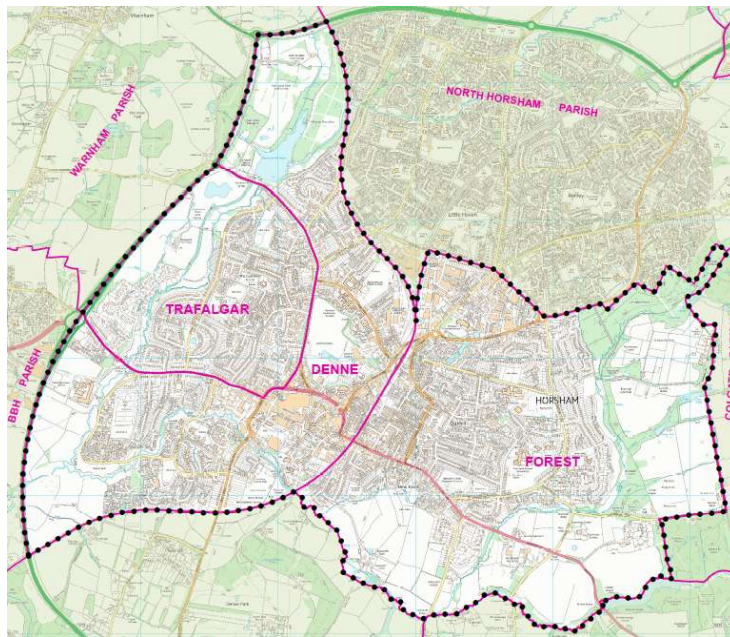


Horsham  
District  
Council

**Neighbourhood Warden Report  
April 2026**

## Patrols

During the month of April, we were on patrol in the community for a total of 112 hours 15 minutes.



## Introducing a new Parish Council for Horsham

At meetings during November 2025, Horsham councillors approved the creation of a new Horsham Parish Council. This new Parish Council will come into being on 1 April 2026, with elections for the 18 new parish councillors taking place on 7 May 2026. It is then expected the new councillors will name the council Horsham Town Council.

The new council has operated in a 'shadow' capacity from January until March 2026. During this period, the Shadow Council has begun to set up the structures, policies, and priorities that will allow the new Council to begin its work effectively once the new councillors take office.

The new council will serve over 22,000 residents, and will be responsible for representing the community, supporting local services, and taking decisions on issues that matter directly to the town. The new council will build on the work of the Neighbourhood Councils, who have provided a community voice for local residents for over 50 years.



## Community engagement/events/meetings

### Pop up in the Park:

This month we joined the Parks and Countryside team at the park. There were a series of sports events set up, including; football, hockey, archery, and some events for younger children such as bean bag throwing. We were joined by WSCC's Early Help Team and it was great to run such a fun event free of charge for the community.



### Phoenix Stroke Club:

We visited the Phoenix Stroke Club this month and spoke with their members about personal safety, scams and fire safety. We also spoke about local issues and places. It was really lovely to speak with the members, and we cannot wait to return.

### Dungeons & Dragons Club:

Our Dungeons & Dragons Club evenings, in partnership with 4TheYouth, is continuing. We have seen new young people joining each week and regulars returning. There is still space available for more young people to join this club. We have had a large increase of players recently and the club is successfully expanding.

Should you know a young person who wishes to attend this club, then please feel free to sign them up using the link below. We expect this to fill up fast, so please do not hesitate in getting your young person signed up! <https://bookwhen.com/4theyouthltd>



## **Horsham Market:**

We continue to stay in close contact with Horsham Market and speak with the market stall holders. Horsham Market is a wonderful hub of the community, and I would encourage anyone to attend on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.



## **West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Safety Meeting:**

We held our WSFRS Safety Meeting in Albery House this month. This gives us an opportunity to talk about buildings and places that potentially could be of concern. A series of locations were raised, including locations that will be investigated by environmental health, community safety and property. This meeting is essential for sharing information with each other.

WSFRS complete 'Safe and Well' visits to vulnerable people. If you know anyone who may benefit from this then please get in touch. More information on 'Safe and Well' visits can be found here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/home-fire-safety/safe-and-well-visit/>

## **Sussex Police and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

### **Sussex Police:**

As Neighbourhood Wardens we have regularly patrolled with our Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) and continue to share Information with them. We have a dedicated 'Town Team' of three PCSO's. During April, we had approximately 38 calls with the PCSO Town Team, and we completed 17 joint patrols.

If there any community events you believe would benefit from a visit from the Neighbourhood Wardens and / or PCSO's then please get in touch, and this can be arranged.

### **Anti-social behaviour:**

We completed a door-knock at The Forum building this month. We attended with our Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and two PCSOs from Sussex Police's Neighbourhood Policing team. We spoke with residents about their experiences in the building and if anything can be done to alleviate any issues.

## Cycling

This month we have asked 10 cyclists to dismount on West Street, 9 of these dismounted. 1 cyclist chose to continue to cycle.

Bike thefts are still prevalent, and members of the public can order their own anti-theft stickers from The Bike Register <https://www.bikeregister.com/>

Sussex Police have also shared information on how to secure your bike appropriately: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/how-safe-is-your-bike/>



## Older residents, vulnerable people, and youth engagement

### **Youth engagement:**

We have done some work this month, in conjunction with 4theYouth, to access some of the young people who may be struggling and for them to get to know us. It has been a great opportunity to get to know some of these young people.

### **Vulnerable residents:**

In March, we have been in contact with twelve members of our community who are potentially vulnerable. We continue to signpost to support and ensure that services are working with these residents.

### **Signposting:**

We had 72 conversations described as 'Signposting' this month. This can be anything from our local foodbanks and community fridge to reporting abandoned trolleys. During our foot patrols we spend a lot of time discussing with residents the support and resources available to them. Please see our resource page for the services we regularly signpost to.

### **Safeguarding:**

We worked with the Emergency Mental Health team this month and supported with a vulnerable resident. They sent us their thanks for our support which was really appreciated. It was also great to hear the individual had got the help they required.