

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)

- E-bikes/ scooters on pavements
 - Dirt bikes in green spaces
 - Speeding on COWLEY DRIVE/ WARREN ROAD / FALMER ROAD
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Ward Update – November 2025

Hope this update finds you well.

I continue to conduct patrols in the areas of concern and work with businesses.

As a lot of you may know, there have been a recent series of Burglaries within the WOODINGDEAN area. We are currently investigating this, with the upmost importance. I urge anyone with any information surrounding this incident to come forward if you do have information which could support our investigation.

****Same information from last month's update****

As part of the neighbourhood policing guarantee, the government is allocating more time to ward officers to be actively visible in their ward including meetings. As such I plan to now do monthly community meetings 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:

2025

- 25th of November **0730pm** - 1 hour
- 30th of December at **0730pm** - 1hour

2026

- 6th January at **1130am** – 1 hour

I will continue to monitor reports that come into WOODINGDEAN and ensure the public receive the necessary support.

WOODINGDEAN Patrols

Patrols have been completed across various areas of WOODINGDEAN. These patrols are directed with information/ intelligence we receive.

The central park has been patrolled regularly, with foot patrols near and around the playground. In recent weeks more patrols are being completed in the evening period whereby suspicious activity is being reported.

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.

Educational awareness

This month is around Phishing (Scam)

“'Phishing' is when criminals use scam emails, text messages or phone calls to trick their victims. The aim is often to make you visit a website, which may download a virus onto your computer, or steal bank details or other personal information.”

How to spot a scam

1. Authority

Is the message claiming to be from someone official? For example, your bank, doctor, a solicitor, or a government department. Criminals often pretend to be important people or organisations to trick you into doing what they want.

2. Urgency

Are you told you have a limited time to respond (such as 'within 24 hours' or 'immediately')? Criminals often threaten you with fines or other negative consequences.

3. Emotion

Does the message make you panic, fearful, hopeful or curious? Criminals often use threatening language, make false claims of support, or tease you into wanting to find out more.

4. Scarcity

Is the message offering something in short supply, like concert tickets, money or a cure for medical conditions? Fear of missing out on a good deal or opportunity can make you respond quickly.

5. Current events

Are you expecting to see a message like this? Criminals often exploit current news stories, big events or specific times of year (like tax reporting) to make their scam seem more relevant to you.

More information can be seen below with the link attached.

Source of information: [Phishing: Spot and report scam emails, texts, websites and... - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

Visits attended

This month, a colleague of mine and I attended DOWNS VIEW SCHOOL. We had the opportunity to speak to youths who had questions and provide assurance to police being approachable. This will be something I also do next month. I welcome school visits, as it allows children to see that police are in fact there not just for the wrong reasons/ change the perception of bad connotations with police.

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!