



Storrington and Sullington Warden Monthly Report July 2025



**NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS**



**Horsham
District
Council**

ASB/Referrals.

Police Report (Phone, 101):

- See under ASB.

Intelligence report:

- Verbal reports given to our PCSO, eg Street drinkers, shoplifting.

ASB:

- Reports submitted to Police from resident regarding alcohol/drug use on Sullington Rec. Broken bottles and litter also a problem.

Verbal Warning:

- None to report.

Signposting:

- We signposted a gentleman to the Police. He had witnessed youths drinking alcohol and smoking Cannabis in New Town Road.
- We signposted a resident to contact the Police regarding an issue she had with the Street Drinkers at the Mill Pond. She was concerned for the children who were fishing. We spoke to the children who were fishing and to the street drinkers. The children were ok and not bothered by the street drinkers. The street drinkers were not causing any problems, they were asked to clean up after themselves.

Safeguarding:

- Assisted colleague with a Safeguarding referral. This has now been referred to the Police to lead on.

Parking/vehicles

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

- We referred a car parked in a Private Road to Operation Crackdown. This has since been referred back to the Local Authority as it didn't meet the criteria as a nuisance vehicle.

DVLA Reports:

- We received a complaint regarding a SORN vehicle parked in a private road. We have spoken to the DVLA and have since referred this to the Police.

Yellow Parking alerts:

- 2 x parking alerts for vehicles parked overnight in Parish Hall Car Park.

Drivers spoken to for parking issues:

- 33 x vehicles parked on double yellow kerb stripes in North Street.
- 7 x vehicles parked in High Street loading bay.
- 2 x Spierbridge Road, outside School. Parked on double yellow lines.
- 2 x Church Street.

Speedwatch:

- Assisted the Speedwatch team on Amberley Road.
- Assisted the Speedwatch team along Pulborough Road.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti.

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

- None to report.

Litter:

- After receiving a complaint from a local resident, we cleaned up the litter and broken glass on Sullington Recreation Ground. We are looking into a way of resolving this.

Fly tipping:

- None to report.

Graffiti:

- Graffiti removed from electricity box in Leisure Centre grounds.

Flyposting:

- None to report.

Community engagement/events/meetings.

PCSO (Police Community Support Officer):

- Our PCSO came down to the Parish Hall. She kindly assisted with our Dungeons & Dragons event, engaged with our players and their parents. We discussed some issues we are having with street drinkers, in particular at the Mill Pond and Place Villerest. We will be carrying out more joint patrols in the future.
- We met with our PCSO and her colleague to share intelligence. They joined us at the Five Loaves Chapel for a meet and greet with some of our residents which went down very well with them.
- We met up with our PCSO again. We visited St. Mary's Church together. Our PCSO will be supporting us at our SEN/Autism Fun Day on 1 August.

Community Life Church Week of Action:

- We supported the Church at the Hub who were putting on events across the week. The Church have been very generous and it was good to see so many residents enjoy themselves.

Youth Worker Meeting:

- We met with a lovely Youth Worker to discuss our Journey Group and how we can relaunch it. The Youth Worker produced lots of good ideas and will work with us to help to spread the word, get additional support and increase numbers that attend.

Hanover Walk Bingo Club:

- We hosted the first of the fortnightly Bingo sessions held at Hanover Walk. It was the best attended session to date. We are discussing taking the group out on a trip using the minibus in the future. We are really pleased with how this project is shaping up.
- We hosted the second Bingo session of the month. We had the best attendance to date. The sessions have been well received and see them as a regular event.

Whitehorse Court:

- We paid a visit to the residents of Whitehorse Court during their afternoon quiz.

St. Mary's Church Café:

- We visited St. Mary's Church along with our PCSO. It's always lovely to see everyone fit and well. Our PCSO even won a box of biscuits from the Raffle!!

Mother and Toddler Group:

- We visited the Mother & Toddler group. A very busy session, one new Mum attended the group.

Village Market:

- We attended the Village Market three times this month. The Market is very busy which is great for the stallholders.

Journey, Autism and SEN (Special educational needs) Group:

- We held our monthly Journey group at the library. Not as busy as usual but still worthwhile.

Autism and SEN Stay & Play Event.

- First Stay & Play event of the month. The sessions are still very popular and a great support to parents of Autistic & SEN children. The kids are getting so much from the sessions which is great for us to see.
- We were able to change the format on the second session of the month as we had use of the whole hall. We set up some running tracks and arranged Basketball games.

Community Café: (previously Dementia café)

- We held the first Community Café of the month at Storrington Library. The Café is building up momentum. A family support worker attended to speak to the group. Two new residents came along, we shared information with them and hope to see them at future events we host around the Parish.

Five Loaves:

- Two of our local PCSOs joined at the Café this month. The organisers and residents were very happy to see them. They were able to ask them questions and get a good idea of what they are working in in the Village.

Cuppa and a Chat:

- We held our monthly Cuppa and a Chat event at the Leisure Centre. Lovely to see three new faces in attendance. The roadworks on the day made it really difficult but we still had over twenty residents attend.

Dungeons and Dragons Gaming Club:

- We hosted the first Dungeons & Dragons session of the month at the Parish Hall. A great turnout, the kids are still keen to play.

- We had a full house for our second Dungeons & Dragons session of the month. We will be having a break now and will resume at the end of August.

Life Church:

- We had a meeting to discuss their future events for the Summer and Christmas. We also discussed how they could help us with our events.

The Glebe Surgery:

- We met with staff at the Glebe Surgery to discuss our Autism/SEN events and Journey group. We are looking for support and to work more closely with them in the future.

Patrols (foot/visible, and car)

Kithurst and Chantry:

- We patrolled both Kithurst and Chantry Car Parks three times this month. No sign of any fly tipping in both areas.

Youth engagement:

- Whilst on patrol of Sullington Recreation Ground we spoke to a few young people in the Rec. They were looking forward to the Summer holidays coming up. All were in good spirits. We have been checking the Rec. for any ASB, all very clean and quiet.
- We met up with quite a few youths over in Chanctonbury Leisure Centre playing football. We had good engagement with them as some were about to finish High School. The Leisure Centre is getting very busy, they are working on initiatives to attract more young people throughout the Summer.
- We met up with some youths at the Parish Hall to offer advice on their upcoming driving lessons.
- We met with some youths at the Mill Pond, we warned them of the dangers of being too close to the edge of the pond as the silt is a real hazard should they get too close.
- We informed youths on the Leisure Centre grounds of an initiative the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre has introduced over the Summer holidays. Youths can go online and book out the 3G pitch at a reduced rate.

Vulnerable residents' welfare checks:

- We visited one of our residents who we know well. Having lost his wife this year we want to make sure he is doing well, which he is. We will be meeting up with him for a cuppa and a chat this month.
- We paid a visit to one of our residents who has had Internet problems. She recently had a visit from an engineer which confused her. Hopefully, we simplified things for her.
- We met up with one of our residents in the village for a cuppa. He is doing well and continues to go to local hospitals with his Pets as Therapy (P.A.T) dog, Maisie. This is to support the patients at the hospitals.
- We paid three visits to our regular Cuppa and a Chat regulars to see how they are and confirm times for us to collect them in the minibus.
- We met up with a couple of our residents in the village. We informed them of upcoming events that they would be welcome to attend.
- We paid visits to two of our socially isolated residents in the Parish. We informed them of the time we would be collecting them in the minibus to take them to our Cuppa and a Chat event.
- We received a call from a local resident who is moving away from the village. She was having trouble making contact with Horsham District Council to inform them of her change of address. This has now been completed.
- We visited two elderly residents who we hadn't seen for a couple of weeks. Both are well and have been given information for upcoming events.

School Engagement:

- We were invited to the Thakeham Primary Tea Party. The event was to celebrate the 150-year anniversary of the school. We were entertained by the cast of the Summer play singing two songs from the show. We also heard the school choir singing. The school hosted Bingo for all the guests, we won!!!
- We visited Rock Road Campus. We met with the teachers to discuss any concerns and then patrolled around the school talking to the students. We visited the quiet area garden which is looking fantastic. The kids have done a wonderful job with the herb garden there.
- Engaged with parents collecting their children at the end of the school day. Parking is a real issue; we are asking parents to park considerately.

Parish specific/other

Councillor Meetings:

- We met with one of our Councillors and a Facilities Officer at the Memorial Pond to discuss ideas on how to improve the pond. Problems discussed were build-up of silt, cutting back of reeds and trees, repairing boundary walls. Our Councillor will look at various options, including budget, to carry out any works.
- The Parish Council wanted to recognise one of our residents who will reach one hundred years of age at the end of the month. We delivered flowers and a card on behalf of the Parish Council. This lady was over the moon when we arrived and asked us to pass on her thanks to the Parish Council. 😊



- We met with one of our Councillors and a member of the Leisure Centre staff to discuss plans for a Community Garden to be created at the front of the leisure centre. We are waiting on a design from a member of the public for the garden and hope to have more news soon.
- Met with Parish Facilities Manager to discuss the work required to repair the pond and other concerns on the footpath. Have proposed a plan of works.
- We were asked to check all litter bins for any damage in the High Street. All bins in good condition. No damage found.

Hazards and Risks:

- We noticed there's a lot of overgrown vegetation along Thakeham Road. We have photographed the areas concerned and sent these on to our Councillor.
- A car caught fire in the North Street Car Park on 9 July. The fire was extinguished quickly by the Fire Service and removed later that day. We checked the next day and there was still debris and shattered glass left behind. We have reported this to Parking Services to be cleaned up.
- We checked the paving in and around Place Villerest for HDC for works to be carried out in the future.
- A resident had reported two bins (Read Close/Memorial Pond). Which had been damaged. We managed to fix the covers back on to the bins. We will keep checking the area in case this behaviour continues.
- We fished out one of the litter bins from the Memorial Pond. We have reported to Hop Oast for the bins to be securely locked after bins have been emptied.

Full Council Meeting:

- We attended the Full Parish Council meeting. We were asked to update the Council on projects and work we are carrying out. Positive feedback from our Councillors.

Sullington Recreation Ground:

- We carried out routine patrols of Sullington Recreation Ground. This was due to reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the Park. We spoke to some young people enjoying the park, no problems and there has been no further reports of ASB since regular patrols started.

Social media/press

Press Releases

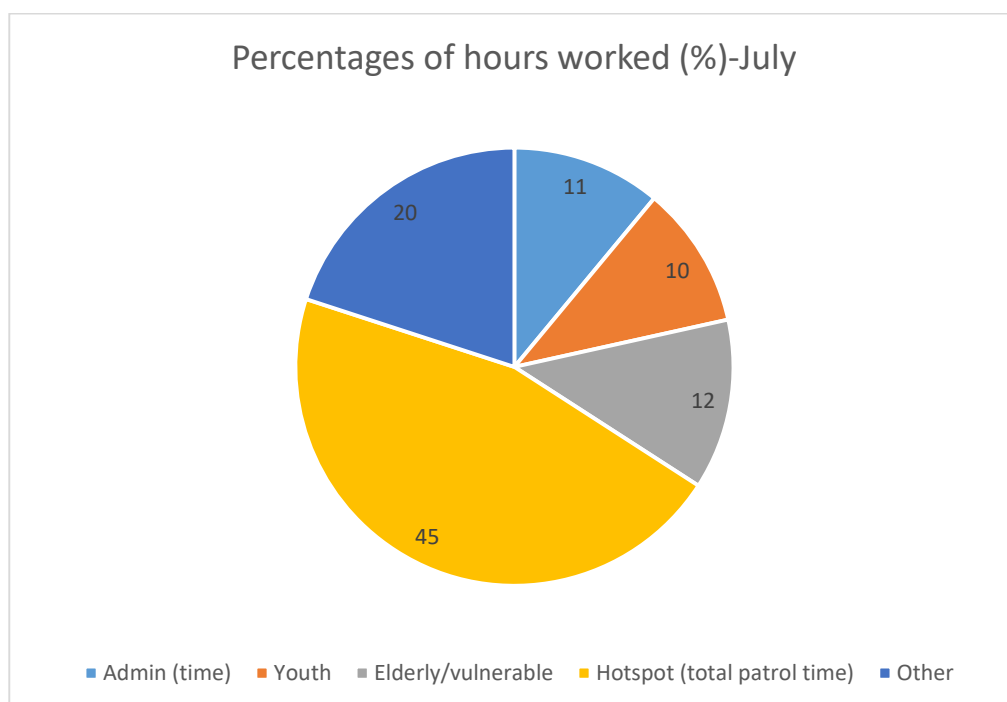
- 1 x Sussex Local monthly press release.
- 1 x 3 Heralds monthly press release.
- 64 x Twitter and Facebook releases.

Breakdown of Time Spent on Parish Priorities

Tasks and priorities	Percentage of time spent
Elderly/vulnerable*	12
Youth*	10
Hotspot areas	45
Admin	11
Other**	20

*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> <p>• A crime is happening now.</p> <p>• Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.</p> <p>• Property is in danger of being seriously damaged.</p> <p>• A serious disruption to the public is likely.</p>	<p>📞 101</p> <p>or report online www.sussex.police.uk</p> <p>• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.</p>	<p>CrimeStoppers.</p> <p>📞 0800 555 111</p> <p>crime-stoppers-uk.org</p> <p>• To report crime 100% anonymously.</p> <p>• CrimeStoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities.</p> <p>• Information given will be shared anonymously with the police.</p>	<p>British Transport Police</p> <p>📞 0800 40 50 40</p> <p>Text 61016</p> <p>• 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.</p> <p>• There is also a Railway Guardian app.</p>	<p>Horsham District Council</p> <p>communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk</p> <p>• Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council.</p> <p>• You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: www.horsham.gov.uk/report.</p>
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See it. Report it.

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



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