

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report for August 2026

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 below or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit their website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

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- 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.

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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

crime-stoppers-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.
- 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:	131.75	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	17.00
Foot (high visibility)	41.50	Noise	1
Vehicle	90.25	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	8.00	Driving/vehicles	11
Verbal Warning	6	Bicycles/E-scooters	4
Parking Alert	2	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	19.00
Police reports TOTAL:	22.00	Fly tipping / flyposting	3/1
In person	10	Graffiti	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	9	Dog fouling	4
Email	1	Litter	1
Intelligence report	2	Drug litter	4
		Hazards	6
Media reports TOTAL:	2.00	Community events attended	6
Press release / Community magazines	1	School contact	2
Social Media Posts	1	Youth engagement	24
Vulnerable People Welfare Checks	13	Reports to DVLA	0
Signposting	5	Reports to Operation Crackdown/Sussex Police	0
Safeguarding referral	3	Admin	35

Anti-Social Behaviour

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

Anti-Social Behaviour

05/08 – We undertook a site visit with the Housing Manager for one of Southwater's Registered Social Landlords to discuss adult ASB issues causing stress for other tenants.

07/08 – We reported an E-Scooter, an E-motorbike and an unregistered motorbike to Sussex Police as they were being ridden dangerously on Worthing Road by people wearing balaclavas and no helmets.

13/08 – E-Scooter rider seen on Worthing Road wearing a balaclava who then diverted into the Country Park.

26/08 – Two E-Scooter riders seen on Blakes Farm Road but they used a cut through to avoid speaking to us.

27/08 – Two E-Scooter riders in balaclavas seen riding towards the Downs Link from Christs Hospital.

28/08 – One E-Scooter and one E-motorbike seen on Cedar Drive. The E-motorbike made off from us but we were able to talk to the rider of the E-scooter regarding the use of electric scooters in public.

28/08 – One E-scooter and one E-motorbike seen in Lintot Square but they made off when challenged.

28/08 – We received a complaint about noise coming from a neighbouring property. Neighbour disputes can cause significant distress. We recommend speaking to your neighbour first or leaving a polite note, as they may be unaware of the issue. If the situation remains unresolved, please have a look on Horsham District Council's website to get more advice.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/noisy-neighbours>

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/neighbour-nuisance>

Crime

04/08 – We received a report that a local business, operating near Cedar Drive, had again been subjected to targeted criminal damage. This is an ongoing case of causing harassment, alarm and distress to staff many of whom are young females. This is completely unacceptable. Due to the number of related incidents, this case is to be reviewed by the Horsham District Council Community Safety Officer in conjunction with the Police. If you have any information or DASH Cam/CCTV footage which could support the identification of suspects, please contact us.

11/08 – We attended a meeting organised and hosted by the Parish Council to discuss with the Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Inspector ongoing concerns raised by our local businesses in relation to the amount of thefts and threats to shop staff perpetrated by some adults living in or around Southwater who steal from our local businesses.

One female presenting adult has now stolen from three of our shops on four different occasions. Unfortunately for her, the CCTV imagery is excellent and her distinctive identifying features including her vehicle have been recorded during all incidents. This will enable the Police to link all the incidents together and they can interview her for all offences. She should be expecting a knock on the door soon.

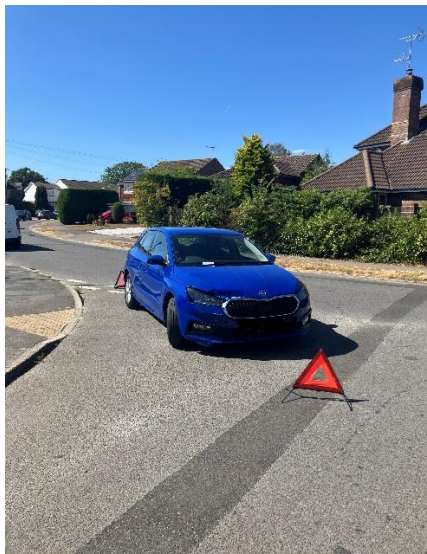
Three male presenting adults filled their vehicles with hundreds of pounds worth of fuel and left without making any attempt to pay. They attempted to hide their identity by altering their vehicle registration plates or covering parts of the plate with dirt or sticky tape and even replacing the plate with a plate from a completely different vehicle. They should also be concerned about getting a visit from the Police for offences including Theft, Fraud by False Representation and Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 which can result in a fine of up to £1000 or even imprisonment. There is more than one way to identify a vehicle!

16/08 – A group of teenagers were acting in an anti-social manner at one of the food outlets in Lintot Square. They were told to leave by the manager but refused. An argument ensued and various allegations were made. The matter has been investigated by the Police, and no further action is being taken. We have since met with members of the group and the relevant manager to reflect on what occurred and establish a more respectful approach for future interactions.

20/08 – We provided support to local businesses in responding to a pattern of repeat offending, helping to prevent further thefts from retail premises.

Parking/vehicles

We continue to receive reports relating to the anti-social use of vehicles particularly at school pick-up and drop-off times presenting a risk to children. We regularly patrol at these times and routinely try to gain the cooperation of parents some of whom positively engage having genuinely not seen the problems they are causing.



Obstructions of pavements can be reported to Sussex Police by visiting:
<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

For anti-social driving, please report to Operation Crackdown at:
<https://operationcrackdown.org/>

If you suspect a car which has no MOT or tax is being driven or is parked on the public highway, you can use the following website to verify its status: <https://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/>

A vehicle without MOT can be reported to Sussex Police using their website:
<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/no-mot/road-tax-and-mot-certificates/report-a-vehicle-without-an-mot-certificate/>

An untaxed vehicle can be reported to the DVLA using the following website:
<https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

To report abandoned vehicles please use the link below:
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/abandoned-vehicles>

If you need to contact Horsham District Council for parking related issues, please check the website
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/parking/report-a-parking-problem> or call the Customer Services on 01403 215100.

Fly tipping, littering & graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**

01/08 – We reported 2 car tyres found dumped at the P&R at Hop Oast to Horsham District Council for removal.

04/08 – We discovered 3 pallets dumped by a bin store on Fairbank Road which have been reported to the relevant companies for collection.

Coloured pallets are owned by specific companies, and you cannot sell, lend or dump them as this may constitute theft and/or fly-tipping. To arrange free collection please contact:

Red pallets are owned by LPR (La Palette Rouge) - <https://www.lpr.eu/contact-us-form/>

Blue pallets are owned by CHEP - <https://www.chep.com/uk/en/forms/contact>

25/08 – We reported a large metal post for collection that was found on the pavement on Fairbank Road.

- **Fly Posting**

26/08 – Reported fly posting on Bakers Close for removal by HDC.

- **Graffiti**

Nothing to report.

- **Litter**

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**

We continue to monitor key areas within the parish to identify any 'hot spots'.

Incidents of drugs litter or paraphernalia remain at a consistently low level.

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

04/08 – Computer Club held at the Laurie Apted Building - <https://southwatercomputerclub.co.uk/>

12/08 – Games Afternoon at the Village Hall

18/08 – Computer Club

25/08 – Computer Club

25/08 – Charman's Lodge Quiz

28/08 – Coffee afternoon

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 to act as a deterrent. By undertaking home visits to vulnerable residents, we were able to sign post support services.

06/08 – We met with a vulnerable adult displaying worrying medical symptoms, alerted medical professionals and ensured they received the appropriate care. The resident was assessed and taken to hospital for monitoring. A care package has been devised in advance of their return home.

12/08 – We supported an older resident in attending a local village event. Going to a community gathering can feel overwhelming if you are unfamiliar with the area or worried about not knowing anyone there. Our goal is to provide that friendly reassurance, helping residents get out, explore their neighbourhood and connect with others.

12/08 – We were contacted by a resident with health issues who urgently needed transport but could not use public services. We were able to make them aware of Southwater Neighbour Network and Community Transport, who provide a vital service for the community.

More information can be found at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/community-transport>

Southwater Neighbour Network can be contacted on 07766 088967 or fill in a form on their website at: <https://southwaterneighbournetwork.org/contact>

Transport can also be arranged via Horsham District Community Transport. Give them a call on 01403 754206 to find out more or go to their website: <https://www.ctsussex.org.uk/locations/horsham/>

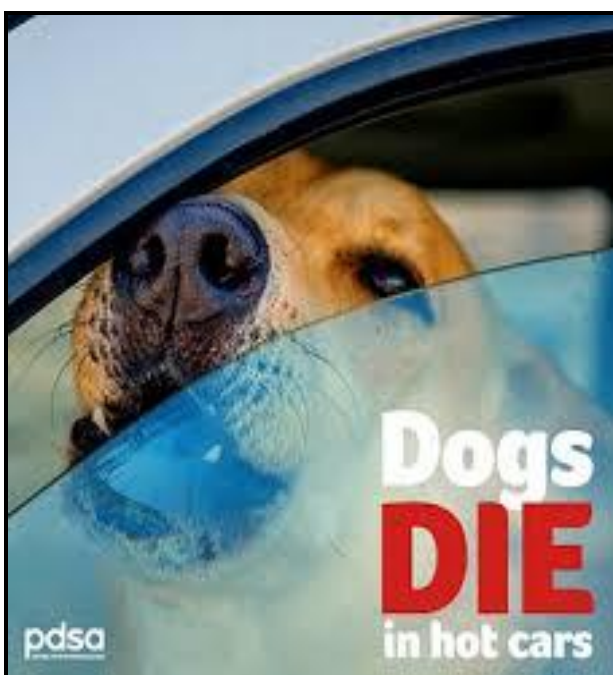
20/08 – We noticed an older resident who had not planned for the sudden downpour so was trying to shelter under a small tree. To avoid them getting drenched, we offered them a lift to Lintot Square which they appreciated.

Dog related issues

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.



Parish specific/other

Public Enquiries

This month we responded to **25** enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included topics such as parking, illegal fishing, welfare concerns, noise nuisance, use of BBQs, arranging a will and how to obtain CCTV for a car park crash.

Hazards

01/08 – We removed raw meat dumped in the road as it posed a danger to both road users and wildlife.
01/08 – We dealt with several drain grates that had been lifted in Lennox Wood, Southwater Business Park.
05/08 – We reported a large, partially lifted, drain cover on a grass verge to West Sussex County Council.
07/08 – We reported a damaged vehicle abandoned in the middle of a road junction to Sussex Police.
14/08 – We reported an overflowing animal water trough to the landowner to avoid further losses during a drought.
18/08 – We cleared up smashed glass which was spread onto both sides of Fairbank Road.
27/08 – We removed a dead badger from the road in Christs Hospital.
29/08 – We located a broken down bus on Cripplegate Lane and liaised with the the owers organising recovery.

Meetings

07/08 – We met the Neighbourhood Services Manger from Moat Housing to discuss local issues.

Social Media/Press

<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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THE WORK WE DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Based within the community, your Neighbourhood Wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone and promote community cohesion and resilience. The Wardens undertake a number of activities, ranging from enforcement to community development.

Neighbourhood Wardens can help the community in the following ways:

- Meet the needs of the community and improve the quality of life for the residents, through engagement, promotion and support.
- Develop projects that benefit the local residents, to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- Promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.

- Support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- Engage with residents daily to get to know their local community and become a trusted friend to offer advice and guidance.
- Offer education and advice when required, before taking enforcement action.
- Contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership plan by working with other agencies.
- Provide a highly visible and reassuring uniformed patrolling presence.
- Provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- Work alongside the Police and submit reports regarding drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

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In an emergency always dial 999

