

Hollingdean and Fiveways Ward Update – April 2026

Key Concerns and Ward Priorities:

Currently some key concerns in the area include:

- Drug usage around Southmount
- An increase in anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, in parks and skateparks near Lynchet Close
- ASB on Edburton Avenue
- Decision made about the future of Hertford Infant School

Ongoing work is continuing with residents and the council to mitigate the problems at Southmount. We have been increasing high-visibility patrols in the area as well deploying plain clothed- officers to intercept activity. Arrangements with adequate services are in place to cut down overgrown trees and bushes, to improve lighting and safety to residents and members of the public passing by. Partnership work with the council is also being carried out to consider installation of door entry and CCTV systems.

In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in anti-social behaviour and small fires being set in green spaces and parks, particularly near Lynchet Close and in the skatepark here. We are closely monitoring these reports, to ensure we can manage these accordingly and adding ad-hoc patrols in the area. We encourage residents to report, if you are seeing any incidents of this nature.

There has been ongoing work, with partner agencies to help manage the ongoing ASB from particular individuals on Edburton Avenue. Housing is managing any tenancy action that is suitable at this time. And the police are utilising Community Protection Warnings/ Notices, and these have been issued to these individuals and are due to be upgraded.

In December 2025, the school was declared surplus by the council's families, children and wellbeing directorate. The site is being considered as a suitable spot to build "affordable" housing by the council's estates regeneration team. The report is expected to recommend that the council's Housing Revenue Account, which is funded mainly by tenants' rents, take over the site.

Community Meetings:

We have been working very closely with contacts within local community centres, to enable us to be more present within the ward and attend community drop-in meetings on a regular monthly basis. As a result of this, we have scheduled in meetings at Hollingdean Community Centre on Thompson Road over the coming months.

The specific details for each of these meetings have been published on the Sussex Police website, which can be accessed here: [Hollingdean | Your area | Sussex Police | Sussex Police](#). If you would like to arrange a meeting or visit at all, please don't hesitate to contact us.

This can be done by calling 101 or using the Sussex Police website and quoting PCSO Kraft 44235 or PCSO Packham 42983.

Incidents of Note/AOB:

You can find updates about the Hollingdean and Fiveways ward on the Sussex Police websites below. Crime statistics for the area can also be found here...

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