



NEIGHBOURHOOD  
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# **Denne, Trafalgar, and Forest Neighbourhood Councils**

## **Neighbourhood Warden Report August 2025**

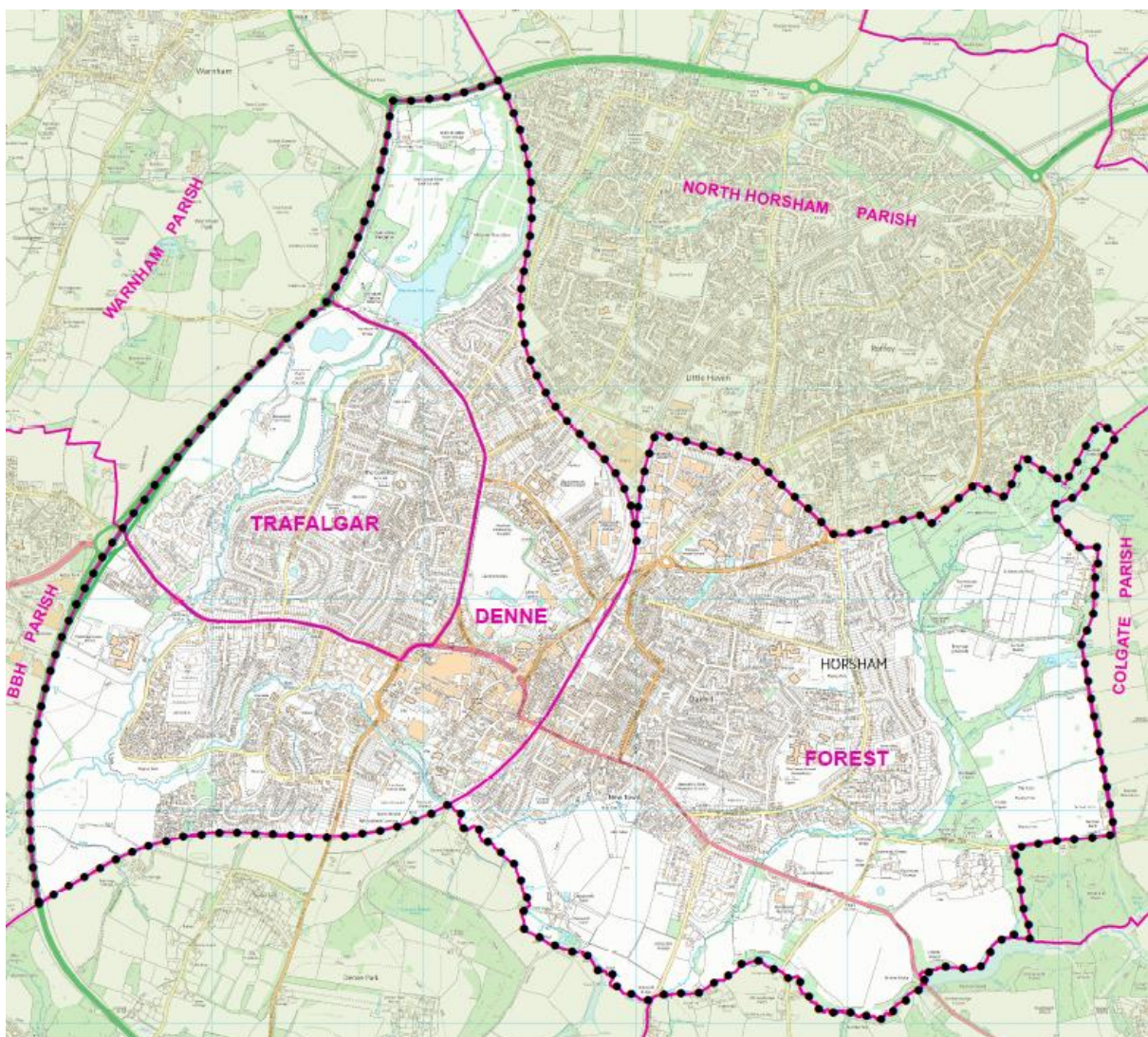
# Patrols

During August, we were on patrol in the community for a total of 95 hours 15 minutes. This figure is lower than average due to an unfortunate overlapping of annual leave and sickness.

Patrol time included 54 hours in Denne. We completed numerous joint patrols with the Police's Horsham Neighbourhood Town Team (team of six local PCSOs) and attended events such as the Friday Night Lates.

We spent 21 hours 15 mins in Forest which included covering areas such as New Street and Bennetts Field.

We spent 20 hours in Trafalgar this month. We attended the Silver Bullet Club and hosted a Scam Talk at George Pinion Court with PCSO Kyle Berriman.





# Community engagement/events/meetings.

## Friday Night Lates:

This month we attended the final 'Friday Night Late' of the year at Horsham Carfax bandstand. These events have been extremely popular. The final event of the year was Fusion Night, everyone was in high spirits as always and it was an amazing turnout. Over the past few weeks, we have been joined by our colleagues from Sussex Police. These events have given us the opportunity to interact and speak with members of the community along with allowing us to show a highly visible presence. We are already looking forward to next year!



## 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, as always, we would encourage anyone to attend on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday.



### Silver Bullet Club with PCSO Kyle Berriman:

In August, we attended the Silver Bullet Club. We were joined this month by PCSO Kyle Berriman. This gave residents a great opportunity to speak with us. This month, Age UK arranged for a spokesperson from Southern Water to attend and advise attendees on any special discounts they may be entitled to. It was great to hear the support available through Southern Water's services.



### Scam Talk at George Pinion Court with PCSO Kyle Berriman:

In August, we hosted a scam talk at George Pinion Court Retirement Living with PCSO Kyle Berriman. This gave us an opportunity to speak with residents of the Trafalgar community and offer advice and guidance regarding different types of scams. As Neighbourhood Wardens, we keep up to date with the most recent scams, types of fraud and how to prevent them. We regularly attend training courses and complete research, to keep our knowledge up to date. If you feel an organisation or group in your area would benefit from a talk, then please do get in touch with us to arrange this.

If you wish to report a Scam or Fraud, you can do so via the Action Fraud website: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>, or by calling Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** (Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm).

**'Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime.'**

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## West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service:

This month, we have discovered two fires that required the attendance of the West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (WSFRS). The first, was a bin fire on West Street. This was likely caused by a cigarette that was incorrectly disposed of. We emptied a bottle of water into the bin in an attempt to prevent further spread, and the fire was extinguished fully by West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service upon their arrival. The second, we discovered with Sussex Police during a welfare check in a wooded area near to Denne Hill (images below). On this occasion, the fire was of a scale where it was unable to be extinguished or kept under control without the support of WSFRS. West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service were called, and the fire was subsequently brought under control and extinguished. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight the dangers and how quickly a fire can develop and thank WSFRS for their constant and rapid support in our District.



Please see the below statement from West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service.

*‘During the summer and autumn seasons, there is an increased risk of fires being started outside. By following our advice, you can help keep the countryside and yourself safe from fire.’*

- Make sure cigarettes are put out properly and never throw them out of car windows.
- Don't be tempted to light a fire in the countryside.
- Don't leave glass bottles outside - not only can they hurt people and animals, they can also magnify the sun's rays and start a fire.
- Make sure fires are fully extinguished after use.



# Sussex Police and Anti-Social Behaviour

## Sussex Police:

As Neighbourhood Wardens we have been in contact with our Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) this month and continue to share information with them. We have a dedicated 'Town Team' of six PCSOs. During August, we had approximately 11 calls with the PCSO Town Team, and we completed 14 joint patrols. Your Town Team consists of PCSO Bell, PCSO De Barros, PCSO Fitzpatrick, PCSO Mill and PCSO Ross. We will be joining the Town Team over the coming months to host street briefings in the town centre.

In Forest Neighbourhood, PCSO Christina Laws is the local PCSO. We will be continuing to join PCSO Laws over the coming months to host street briefings in the Forest Neighbourhood.

In Trafalgar Neighbourhood, PCSO Kyle Berriman is the local PCSO. We meet with PCSO Berriman frequently to discuss the Trafalgar Neighbourhood and attend community events together. We will be joining PCSO Berriman in the Trafalgar Neighbourhood for a street briefing soon.

If there are any community events that you believe would benefit from a visit from the Neighbourhood Wardens and / or PCSOs, then please get in touch with us and this can be arranged.

## Anti-Social Behaviour:

This month, we teamed up with our colleagues at Sussex Police for the 'Safer Streets' summer town centre initiative, arranged by the Home Office. The focus is visibility, prevention and enforcement. We have completed numerous joint patrols over July and August. We have completed a total of approximately 26 joint patrols and a total of 122 hours 35 mins of high visibility patrol within the Denne and Town area during both July and August.



## Cycling

This month, we have seen a slight decrease in cycling on West Street. We have asked 15 cyclists to dismount. There was an occasion, which involved seven young people who refused to dismount. This was during a joint patrol and was resolved with our colleagues in Sussex Police.

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 spoken with several of our 'known' young people this month. We have engaged with them 15 times this month. We continue to focus on building these relationships as this is the foundation for so much of our work.

## Vulnerable Residents:

This month we have been in contact with seven members of our community who are potentially vulnerable. We continue to signpost to support and ensure that services working with these residents are kept up to date.

We encourage members of the public to support local charities such as Horsham Matters <https://www.horsham-matters.org.uk/> and Turning Tides <https://www.turning-tides.org.uk/> should they wish to donate to support anyone they believe to be homeless.

## Signposting:

We've had 64 conversations described as 'signposting' this month. This can be anything from our local foodbanks and community fridge to advising on the best way to report crime. During our foot patrols, we spend a lot of time discussing with residents the support and resources available to them. Please see our resources page (attached in the email you received with this report) for the services we regularly signpost to.



## Safeguarding:

Our approach to safeguarding has changed at Horsham District Council. Now, we have Safeguarding Champions who are trained within the Council. This is in response to WSCC having an incredibly high demand of safeguarding referrals. This will ensure we have tried to utilise all resources and services available before we complete an official safeguarding referral.

This month, we contacted the 'Integrated Front Door' at WSCC and were recommended to complete a safeguarding referral. This was completed. For those who do not meet the threshold, we continue to signpost and refer to services of support for those who require help.