

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report for SEPTEMBER 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

999

- 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.

101

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:	134.00	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	18.00
Foot (high visibility)	38.25	Noise	3
Vehicle	95.75	Neighbours	3
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	7.00	Driving/vehicles	7
Verbal Warning	6	Bicycles/E-scooters	4
Parking Alert	1	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	15.00
Police reports TOTAL:	42.00	Fly tipping / flyposting	2/0
In person	15	Graffiti	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	16	Dog fouling	5
Email	3	Litter	2
Intelligence report	8	Drug litter	0
		Hazards	6
Media reports TOTAL:	5.00	Community events attended	12
Press release / Community magazines	1	School contact	3
Social Media Posts	4	Youth engagement	46
Vulnerable People Welfare Checks	9	Reports to DVLA	2
Signposting	8	Reports to Operation Crackdown/Sussex Police	2
Safeguarding referral	3	Admin	35

Anti-Social Behaviour

Through our partnership working, 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.



Deception

It has come to our attention that some well-meaning and generous members of our community have recently given money to a heavily intoxicated, male presenting adult both in or around Lintot Square and at various bus stops. Unfortunately, many of the reasons given by this person for needing the money are not true. On one occasion the police were notified and an ambulance also attended but the person in question refused to engage and left the scene. This person is well known to various support services but finds it difficult to engage with them to address their circumstances.

Please can we ask that if you wish to help people in difficult circumstances that you consider donating to a relevant support charity such as:

Change Grow Live at <https://www.changegrowlive.org/get-in-touch/donate>

Turning Tides at <https://www.turning-tides.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-donate/>

The Samaritans at <https://www.samaritans.org/>

Horsham District Foodbank at <https://horshamdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>

Anti-social behaviour

We have had numerous complaints about adults and young people using E-scooters in and around Lintot Square. E-scooters are illegal, as explained in our previous report, so please report incidents to the Police.

We have received complaints of ASB by an adult resident and their visitors in a residential block managed by a local housing association. We are in contact with the relevant stakeholders and ask that you continue to report all incidents.

01/09 – A bus shelter window was smashed. We attended and made it temporarily safe until the SPC repair team could attend to make a permanent fix.

21/09 – HDC Parks & Countryside Team reported finding a temporary structure/hide in the Quarry Lake area with a lot of litter. This is a restricted area and not open to members of the public. If you are found on site or refuse to leave, the police will be called.

22/09 - We received a call from a member of the public about a group of young people engaging in antisocial behaviour with a shopping trolley in Lintot Square. We spoke with the youths, offered appropriate advice regarding their behaviour and secured the trolley to return it to its owner.

Crime

We have continued to work closely with our local retailers and Sussex Police in relation to thefts from our shops. This month, we have again identified and supplied suspect location information to the police, maintained a visible presence during incidents and provided reassurance to staff.

02/09 – Following a report of a theft at a local shop, we spotted a suspected accomplice outside a nearby business. We secured the individual's full details which were passed to the police to assist with their active investigation.

08/09 – We received reports and CCTV footage of what appears to be two white male presenting adults in their late 20s, stealing parcels off the doorsteps of various homes. Please make arrangements with couriers to use a 'safe place' and check your CCTV footage regularly if you cannot find your delivery.

16/09 – We attended an incident in Lintot Square where two young male presenting adults had a physical altercation resulting in minor cuts and bruises. We would like to thank the members of the public and local retailers for their help at the time. The matter has been referred to Sussex Police for consideration.

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.

02/09 – We received a report of an abandoned vehicle parked on the grass in Heasman Place. Checks revealed that the vehicle was fully taxed with a valid MOT and it has since been confirmed that it was awaiting collection.

03/09 – We observed an E-Scooter and an Electric motorbike travelling on Stakers Lane and Worthing Road. We are currently working with Sussex Police to identify the riders so that home visits can be carried out.

16/09 – A set of car keys handed into the Parish Office has now been successfully returned to its grateful owner. Thank you to the kind resident who found the keys and brought them in for safekeeping.

30/09 – We politely and repeatedly asked a driver, who was parked outside one of our schools, to move as they had their engine running, were parked on double yellow lines and were obstructing the dropped kerb. Unfortunately, instead of being concerned for the welfare of our students, they felt that their time was better spent asking what authority we had to ask them to move, debating the impact of blocking a dropped kerb used by several students with additional needs to cross the road safely and getting argumentative when we secured photographic evidence of the offence. Please try to consider other people and park appropriately.

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>

Although there is no restriction on how long a vehicle can be parked on a highway without being moved (if no Traffic Regulation Orders are in place), if you believe that the vehicle has been 'abandoned' you can report it. Make a note of the vehicle registration number, make, model, colour of the vehicle and the street name, town and the postcode where you saw it. You will need these details to submit your reports.

If you need to contact Horsham District Council for parking related issues, please check their 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**

01/09 – Sainsbury's Shopping trolley left in Cedar Drive – reported to Trolley wise and Sainsbury's for collection.

02/09 – Armchair dumped on the grass verge at Bar Lane – reported for collection by Horsham District Council.

- **Fly Posting**

Nothing to Report

- **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. 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

01/09 – Computer Club

09/09 – Charmans Lodge & Games Afternoon

10/09 – Dementia Café

15/09 – Computer Club & Charmans Lodge

16/09 – Welcome Club

21/09 – Police Volunteer Office 30 Year Anniversary Celebrations

21/09 – Library 20 Year Anniversary Celebrations

22/09 – Computer Club

18/09 – Southwater Community Police Office 30 Years Celebrations

21/09 – WSCC Southwater Library 20 Years Celebration

22/09 – Computer Club & McMillan Coffee morning at Charmans Lodge

30/09 – Welcome Club

Celebrating Two Remarkable Milestones at Beeson House

This month, Beeson House was the setting for not one, but two special celebrations as we marked significant milestones for two organisations that have served the Southwater community with dedication for decades.

Southwater Library celebrated its 20th anniversary, while the Southwater Community Police Office marked an impressive 30 years of service.

Southwater Library celebrated its 20th Anniversary

The library officially opened its doors in September 2006 after what local newspapers described as "30 years of waiting". As the first new library to be built in West Sussex for 25 years, it was designed to be at the heart of the village and has remained exactly that. Located within Beeson House, the library brought modern facilities, thousands of books and a welcoming community space to Southwater. Over the past two decades, it has become much more than a place to borrow books. It has supported learning, encouraged a love of reading across generations, and provided a valued space where people can come together, discover new interests and access information and services.



Southwater Community Police Office marked an impressive 30 years of service

Sharing the same building, the Southwater Community Police Office has been providing a reassuring local presence since 1996. Run entirely by dedicated volunteers, it was established when the village police house was sold, ensuring that Southwater residents would continue to have a local policing presence. Over the last 30 years, volunteers have welcomed residents, offered advice and support, answered enquiries and helped signpost people to the right services.



Many volunteers have given decades of service, helping to create an operation that has become a nationally recognised example of community volunteering.

Both organisations demonstrate the strength of community spirit in Southwater. Whether through promoting literacy, learning and inclusion, or supporting community safety and wellbeing, the library and police office have made a lasting difference to countless residents over the years.

We would like to thank all the staff, volunteers, past and present, whose hard work, commitment and care have helped these services thrive.

Congratulate to both teams on their landmark anniversaries!

Our New Memory Café Is Here!



MEMORY CAFÉ SOUTHWATER

A friendly, relaxed environment for
people living with dementia, carers,
family and friends.

**When: First Thursday of each month
Starting 1st October 2026
2:30pm - 4:00pm**

Where: Beeson House, Community Room

ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL!

Meet New People | Ask Questions | Find Support

Come along, relax and feel welcome.

Everyone's invited.



SCAN HERE



We are overjoyed to announce the opening of our local Dementia Café—a vibrant, uplifting space dedicated to turning isolation into connection, and diagnosis into community.

Created by your **Neighbourhood Wardens** and **Southwater Parish Council**, our local Dementia Café has officially opened its doors.

Dementia may change how we remember, but it cannot change our need to belong. This café is a powerful reminder that no family walks this path alone. It is a place where laughter is shared, burdens are lightened, and the human spirit takes centre stage.

Event and Venue Details:

- **When:** The **first Thursday of every month** from **14:30 to 16:00 hrs.**
- **Where:** Upstairs in the **Community Room** at **Beeson House, Lintot Square.**
- **Accessibility:** Please note that stairs and a **lift are available** at the venue to ensure comfortable, full access for all of our visitors.

Our doors are wide open to anyone seeking friendly conversation, a warm cup of tea, or a supportive environment. Whether you wish to attend with a loved one, drop in for a chat, or simply learn more about supporting this beautiful movement, you are cordially and warmly invited to visit.

Your Neighbourhood Wardens, **Dom and Bettina**, are available to answer any questions, provide further details, or offer support before your visit.

Horsham's Winter Warm- Ups 2026

Winter can bring its own challenges. As we get older, it can take more effort to get out, stay active, and keep socially connected during the colder, darker months.

Winter Warm Up (WWU) events are here to help—offering a fun, welcoming way for people aged 50+ to try something new, get moving, get connected and feel more ready for winter. This year's Horsham Winter Warm Up Season includes.



Horsham District's
Winter Warm Ups
Fringe
October 2026

Are you in your 50s, 60s, 70s or beyond? Try something new near you!

Horsham District's Winter Warm Ups Fringe offers a wide programme of activities through local clubs and groups with free taster sessions available across the District.

Images shown are examples only. Activities offered through the Fringe programme may be subject to change.

Call: 01403 215100 or scan the QR code to visit:
www.horsham.gov.uk/community/Winter-Warm-Ups
For help with community transport, call: **01444 471919**



Horsham District's
Winter Warm Ups

Join us for a fun, activity filled day!

Wednesday 14 October
10am - 3.30pm
at The Bridge Leisure Centre,
Broadbridge Heath

Thursday 15 October
10am - 4pm
at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
Storrington

Welcoming everyone aged 50+ to join us for opportunities to get moving, get connected and get ready for winter.

Call: 01403 215100 or scan the QR code to visit:
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Logos: ageUK, Alzheimer's Society, UNHARVEST, CT Sussex, healthwatch West Sussex, horsham district wellbeing, CHANCTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE, Places Leisure, Horsham District Council

This free event is designed to bring the local community together, offering a range of activities, opportunities to get active, meet new people and find out more about the support and services available in the local area. The Winter Warm Up Event Days include a wide range of free activities and support.

The new Winter Warm Up Fringe aims to offer enjoyable ways to get active; highlight the fantastic range of activities already happening in the district and encourage people to discover ways to get and stay active, closer to home.

Need help getting there? Contact CT Sussex.

- For getting to The Bridge, call: **01403 754206**
- For getting to Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, call: **01903 530053**

For more information, check out Horsham District Council's website
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/Winter-Warm-Ups>

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.

22/09 - We responded to a call regarding a member of the public who was experiencing severe emotional distress in one of our community spaces. We stayed with the individual, listened to their concerns to understand what was wrong, and spent time talking with them to provide reassurance. The individual was successfully calmed and supported. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the members of the public who alerted us to this incident, allowing us to step in and help.

Safeguarding

This month we made three safeguarding referrals to WSCC Integrated Front Door in relation to young people in Southwater potentially at risk of exploitation or undertaking risky behaviour. We liaised with numerous agencies to secure sufficient information and then attended multi-agency strategy meetings to apply for expert interventions to support those at risk.

If you are made aware of situations involving our young people being exploited, engaging in inappropriate relationships or consuming restricted products (drugs/alcohol/smoking) who are at immediate risk, please call the Police on 999, their school Safeguarding Lead, or us, so that together we can keep them safe.

Where to go for help and advice



If you suspect that a child is being sexually exploited online



For information about online safety and reporting concerns



Wide-ranging advice for all ages, broken down by age group



Game and film reviews from parents AND children



Wide-ranging advice for all ages, broken down by age group



Online safety tips and advice



Information on everything from setting up parental controls to online issues



Nude selfie online? Get it taken down here



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

08/03 – We received a report of an incident where a large dog left a property and scared the owner of a smaller dog which was walking past. Due to the perceived nature of the interaction, we attended the address with our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to gain greater clarity on what had occurred. Words of advice were offered, and we are hopeful that there will not be any further incidents.

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 vehicles which had not been moved for a week but were legally parked, suspicious activity, groups of young people being noisy in The Ghyll overflow car park, being approached for money and concerns for vulnerable people.

Hazards

02/09 – Broken window at bus stop on Worthing Road – glass swept up.

02/09 – 2 tree branches obstructing road – Tower Hill. Obstruction cleared.

03/09 – A large commercial delivery bag was found on Blakes Farm Road and returned to the owner.

29/09 – Report of bonfire emitting acid fumes – area searched - only wood being burnt in a controlled environment.
29/09 – Bollard snapped off and exposing a deep hole on pavement – reported to WSCC for immediate action.
30/09 – Bollard snapped off and exposing jagged trip hazard on pavement– reported to WSCC for immediate action.

Training

08/09 – Modern Day Slavery Training

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:

Bettina Long – 07789943156

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS**

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS**

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

