

## **Hollingdean and Fiveways Ward Update – February 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 near Lynchet Close
- Hertford Infant School, increased security measures added due to previous issues with trespassing

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 criminal damage in green spaces and parks, particularly near Lynchet Close. 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.

As a result of close partnership working with the council and independent security services, target hardening has been a priority to further deter trespassers within the area of Hertford Infant school. Following this, we have received less reports of trespassing and of those we have received, the people involved have not been able to gain access to the building itself as a result of further steel sheeting, which has been fitted by the council.

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### 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 or weekly basis. As a result of this, we have scheduled in meetings at both The Family Hub on Lynchet Close and Hollingdean Community Centre on Thompson Road over the coming months.

The specific details for each of these meetings will be 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.

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### 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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