

North Laine & West Hill – October 2025 Community Update

Hello everyone,

PCSO Bates here with your monthly round-up of what's been happening across the North Laine & West Hill ward. Thank you, as always, for staying engaged, reporting concerns, and working with us to keep our neighbourhood safe and welcoming.

Our Current Priorities

Drug Activity

We're continuing to work closely with partner agencies, charities, and local residents to identify and disrupt those involved in drug supply and use. Alongside enforcement, we're also supporting individuals in accessing recovery services and long-term help.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB peaked over the summer, but our work certainly hasn't stopped. The city has seen a significant drop, especially around New Road following the recent environmental changes. Your reports have been crucial in helping us respond quickly.

Youth Crime & Support

PCSO Bates is collaborating with the BCRP and local schools to safeguard young people and steer them away from offending. Initiatives like REBOOT continue to offer valuable alternative activities and early intervention.

Community Meetings & Partnerships

Central Area Cluster Meeting

A monthly gathering of police teams, housing officers, council representatives, private security, and residents. A great space for collaboration and problem-solving.

North Laine & West Hill ASB Working Group

Met most recently on 23 September. The next meeting will be on 11 December, focusing on ongoing ASB issues and joint solutions.

London Road Local Action Team (LAT)

A place for residents, councillors, and partner agencies to discuss local challenges and successes. Last met 28 October, with the next session scheduled for late December.



Crime Snapshot (Past Month)

- **Public Order Offences:** 29
- **Theft:** 128
- **Violent / Serious Crime:** 64
- **Drugs:** 9

New Road Update

A strategy meeting was held in late September following increased activity over the summer. A review meeting is set for 4 November to discuss crime trends, the future of the space, and any matters raised by local residents and businesses.

The Lanes – Festive Season Begins!

The Lanes are looking beautiful as Christmas lights begin to shine and footfall rises. Thanks to your continued reporting and the support of the Brighton Crime Reduction

Partnership, we've seen positive outcomes including charges, remands, and recalls for prolific offenders.

As the evenings get colder and darker, please remember to keep valuables secure and enjoy the fantastic local shops, cafés, and festive atmosphere.

Important Notice for Residents & Visitors

With colder weather comes an increase in tailgating (people following others into buildings). Please stay aware when entering/exiting your accommodation.

If you see someone sleeping rough in or near your building, you can:

- Report via **StreetLink**, or
- Contact police on **101** (non-emergency) or **999** if immediate assistance is needed.

Officers recently attended the North Laine Community Association meeting and had great conversations about local concerns and crime prevention—thank you to all who joined.

London Road Update

We've seen a rise in shoplifting and bank card thefts. Working with BCRP, we're actively identifying suspects and taking action.

Please keep bags zipped, wallets secure, and never leave belongings unattended.

On a positive note, Youth ASB on London Road has decreased significantly, thanks to ongoing work with schools, youth services, and partner agencies.

North Street

Half of North Street falls within our ward, and we've been working closely with food outlets and convenience stores experiencing issues with youth groups targeting vape and convenience shops.

Most businesses here are linked in via the BID security radio system. If you spot suspicious behaviour, please alert a security guard as they can quickly notify other stores and help us respond.

Thank you for being an active part of our community. Your reports, ideas, and support really do make a difference.

Stay safe, stay warm, and see you around the ward!

PCSO Bates