

Hollingdean and Fiveways Ward Update – May 2026

Key Concerns and Ward Priorities:

Currently some key concerns in the area include:

- Drug usage around Southmount
- ASB on Edburton Avenue and Golf Drive
- Neighbour disputes on Ditchling Road
- 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. Over the last couple of months, the overgrown bushes were cut down a significant amount to disrupt drug use/ dealing in this area. Some neighbours were not in agreement with this however and so, the rest of the cutting had to be stopped. Due to bird breeding season, the cutting can not start up again until September. There will be a neighbourhood consultation regarding this. New lighting has been installed as well as double yellow lines to make the road clearer. Partnership work with the council is also being carried out to consider installation of door entry and CCTV systems.

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. Partnership work is continuing with housing to manage the involved individuals and their current tenancy.

There has recently been ASB on Golf Drive which has escalated from problems regarding parking. Residents are reminded to not be aggressive or intimidating to others. The council are fully aware of the ongoing parking concerns throughout Hollingdean.

There has been an increase of neighbour disputes on Ditchling Road. In response to this, a subject neighbour has received a Community Protection Warning so their behaviour can be managed and controlled to prevent further occurrences.

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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