

Ward Update – July 2026

North Portslade

Hi everyone. 🙌

I am happy to share a new update for activities in July.



Community Safety

I have been patrolling and monitoring incidents across North Portslade, as well as supporting several concerns in Hove to assist the wider community. This includes widening patrols across Portslade into Boundary Road and to the seafront. I have also been patrolling the synagogues and mosques as part of our ongoing support of these communities.

Please don't hesitate to report any concerns by calling **101**. I'm always happy to follow up and support any actions needed to help keep our community safe.

While Police and PCSOs are here to help, not all issues require police involvement—for example, noise complaints or parking problems. These are often dealt with by Brighton & Hove City Council, including Environmental Health. However, I'm always available to advise, especially where criminal behaviour may be involved.

Ward Presence & Engagement

With the continuing hot weather, my presence has been in demand in central Brighton and continuing challenges in South Portslade on Boundary Road which has presented a challenge for patrolling in my ward.

I have managed to complete 47 patrols in July with 12 of these being North Portslade. North Portslade was patrolled a total of 23 times in July by PCSO's, which I am looking to increase in August. Hopefully with many of the larger events now completed for the summer, focus can be returned for normal community based patrols in North Portslade.

Hot Weather

It's been an incredibly hot going into July and we are still into that heatwave, and therefore it's extremely important to consider simple safety advice when the sun comes out. Use factor 50 suncream where possible, it's only usually later in the day that you realise how much sunburn can impact you. Additionally, make sure you drink lots of water, far more water than you feel you need.

We've seen a large amount of incidents at the beach with medical concerns, drinking too much alcohol in the sun and this does overload our ability to support community based issues, which hopefully can be the focus moving forward

Crime Prevention

The crime prevention talk with the Hangleton and Knoll project team on 23rd July was a great success and I have been invited back for more sessions later in the year, and to Portslade Baptist Church in November which I am looking forward to. If you do get the chance to attend, it is the Community Hub at Warrior Close on Thursday's but check on the Hangleton and Knoll website for confirmed dates.



Current Ward Priorities

-  Police Engagement & Communication
-  Drug Use & Dealing in North Portslade
-  Anti-Social Behaviour

These remain my main areas of focus, and I appreciate your continued support in tackling these issues together.

How to Report Concerns

- **Non-emergencies:** Call **101** or report online via the Sussex Police website

- **Emergencies or crimes in progress:** Call **999** immediately

Thank you, as always, for your support in keeping North Portslade a safe and welcoming place to live.

Take care,

PCSO Cracknell