

Warden Monthly Report

STEYNING, BRAMBER AND UPPER BEEDING

February 2026

Hi vis Patrol hours TOTAL:	51.5	ASB incidents TOTAL:	5
Foot - Steyning/Bramber/Upper Beeding	38	Noise	0
Vehicle - Steyning/Bramber/Upper Beeding	13.5	Neighbours	2
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	4	Driving/vehicles	3
Verbal warning	1	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	3	E-scooters	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Alcohol	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	0
Reports into Police TOTAL:	6	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	2	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	2	Litter	0
Verbal	2	Drug litter	0
		Hazards	0
Media Reports TOTAL:	13		
Press release/Community magazines	1		
Social media posts	12	Community events attended	20
Admin	9 hours	School contact	4
Vulnerable people welfare checks	3	Youth engagement	4
Signposting	2	Reports to DVLA	1
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0

ASB crime

Steyning:

- Last month our Clerk heard noise coming from the public toilets at the Steyning centre. On investigation a hand sanitiser dispenser had been knocked off the wall. Our Clerk followed the alleged perpetrators to the Co-Op, High street, Steyning. On confronting the youths, they became abusive. Following up from this I visited the Co-Op, who in turn supplied Tracy, our PCSO with video footage of the young men. We visited Steyning Grammar School and after a couple of days managed to identify the youths, who were pupils at the school. The school have contacted the parents of these children. To date one of the parents has contacted our Clerk regarding the incident.
- We received a call from a couple who live in Steyning. They were becoming distressed over recent disputes with their neighbours. I have given advice and will be speaking to our PCSO on how we can support this couple going forward. We can refer them to mediation; this is something the couple will think about. We cannot go into detail on the issues here but will look to resolve them. We have now spoken to the neighbours next door. Before the situation escalates we will be visiting this property also. All sides seem to want to resolve this amicably. A visit with our PCSO has been arranged. Signposted the mediation service.

Bramber: Nothing to report.

Upper Beeding:

- I followed up on an incident which took place in The NISA Local convenience store, Upper Beeding. A young man (Aged 11) had gone into the store and stolen a bottle of drink, this turned out to be a bottle of Dr.

Peppers. I managed to obtain video footage of the young lad. As he was wearing an Upper Beeding Primary School uniform I visited the school to see if they could identify him. They could and gave me his name. I contacted our PCSO to obtain an address for him. Our PCSO and I visited the home address and spoke to this lad with his mother present. He admitted to stealing the bottle of drink and also admitted to doing this on one other occasion. On this occasion strong words of advice were given to him, we explained that if this happened again, more serious action would be taken.

- When on one of the WalkFit walks one of the members informed me of drug use coming from a property in Upper Beeding. They also believed that a car involved in this activity has been seen in the local area. We have asked them to provide us with the VRN of the vehicle, if possible. They have also been strongly advised not to put themselves in any danger trying to obtain this.
- Youths have been congregating at the Bandstand in Upper Beeding Sports ground. The staff from the Parish have noticed broken glass in the area, this is something that has happened before. Hopefully due to it being half term, this behaviour will stop. We will monitor the area (especially on late shifts). Our PCSO is aware of this too and will do the same.

Parking/vehicles

Steyping:

- I carried out patrols around Steyping grammar School. Most parents are parking responsibly; we do however get a few who will park irresponsibly. Verbal warnings given on these occasions.
- I received a call regarding a car which was parked in Kings Barn Lane. I checked on the DVLA website. The car had no road tax. I placed a parking alert on the car. I checked the following day, and the car had been removed.
- Multiple drivers of cars who are contravening parking restrictions in the High Street have been given words of advice and moved on wherever possible.

Bramber: Nothing to report.

Upper Beeding:

- Three parking alert notices were placed on three separate vehicles who had parked irresponsibly in the vicinity of Upper Beeding Primary School.
- On a separate occasion a van was parked on the zig zag lines, half on the pavement collecting the clothes from the clothes bank. I did give him words of advice and asked him if he could not make collections during the time the kids are being dropped off and collected from the school. The other alternative would be that he would have to park more responsibly.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Steyping: None to report

Bramber: None to report

Upper Beeding: None to report

Community engagement/events/meetings

Steyping:

- We have started up the Social club at Dingemans Court again on a monthly basis. This month we played board games and the residents took part in quizzes that we had arranged. It's a fun afternoon, we can engage with the residents, they feel very comfortable talking to us and discussing any problems they may have, Next month the residents want to have a darts competition. We are happy to host this for them.
- We held our first trip out in the Steyping Mini-Bus. Residents from Dingemans Court said they would like to go to the Old Barn Nursery in Dial Post for lunch. We had a full Minibus and could have taken more residents if we had the room! We feel that social isolation for older people can be a real problem. The residents were

all in good spirits and excited about the trip. They had a look around the garden centre and then we had lunch together. It was so rewarding to see them all talking and enjoying themselves. We have set up a monthly social event in Dingemans Court where we play board games, or we set up quizzes for them to take part in. We would like to thank Ian Alexander and Graham Welsh for all their support in helping me gain access to use the minibus. We believe this can become a real positive for our residents and we hope to plan more trips in the future.



Residents of Dingemans Court at The Old Barn

- Joined up with The WalkFit group on three occasions this month. The weather never deters this group. I was able to answer some questions the group had and informed them of upcoming events taking place in SBUB.
- I attended the joint Parish Councils Primary Youth Club (**For children of Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding**). **This is for all young people across Steyning/Bramber and Upper Beeding.** Great work organised by Vicki and Nicki for our young people. We want to support the youth provision across the parishes more in the future and look to arrange further events going forward.
- We were invited to go and join the Vintage Years group which is held on the first Friday of every month. I attended this month and met the organisers, Pat, and Sally as well as many other volunteers. There must have been over fifty guests at this event. I was introduced to the group and offered to answer any concerns they may have. We watched a slideshow of previous trips and events that Vintage Years have put on, and the highlight was Chair Yoga, something I have never done before!! Cake and refreshments were offered to all after this. It is clear Vintage Years is an incredible group and much needed in the community. We hope to work with them more in the future to support the rewarding work they do.



- We held the Board games café this month. We are getting a wide range of ages attending this event. Its lovely to see families coming down together

- We hosted our first drop-in session of the year at the Steyning Leisure Centre. A big thanks to the leisure centre for their support. I met lots of local residents. Two people came down to ask advice on a parking issue and regarding food waste. They had seen this event advertised, so we are really pleased that residents knew we were there. We will be hosting monthly drop-in sessions for the foreseeable future. Residents signposted to Horsham District Council regarding the new food waste collections that are due to start in April.

Bramber: Primary Youth Club (details above).

Upper Beeding: Primary Youth Club (details above)

- I have attended the Hub, Upper Beeding on several occasions this month. I met up with one of our Councillors from Upper Beeding on one occasion. The Hub is very busy and always a good place to meet with our residents to discuss any problems they may have and to inform them of all the events happening across Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding.

On another occasion I met with the first responders team. They were very welcoming and positive towards what we are doing. It was very informative finding out how varied and busy their role is. It is such an important role which we would like to find out more about. We shared details and some contacts. Since meeting with the first responders team, they will now be joining us on the Neighbourhood Wardens day as part of the Steyning Festival.

I met with two PCSOs at the Hub this month. They had a good catch up with the staff and residents at the Hub. One of the PCSOs is on a training programme as part of her career development. She got to experience working in the community first hand.



Patrols (foot/visible and car)

Steyning:

- High Street
- Bus Shelter
- MPF
- Fletchers Croft
- Schools
- Mouse Lane

Bramber:

- Bramber Castle and nearby footpath/train line signs
- Botolph's Church

Upper Beeding:

- Smugglers Lane
- Playing field
- Small Dole skate park
- Beeding Hill/Truleigh Hill
- Adur Valley Court

After school patrols

Older, vulnerable people and youth

- AgeUK have identified Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding and surrounding villages as areas they would like to focus on this quarter. They have asked us to highlight any groups/events/clubs that would benefit from a visit from them. We are working with them to get the ball rolling.

Steyning:

- I took a call from a resident who lives with her elderly Mother in Steyning. She was concerned that the previous evening a male had walked up their path towards their front door. This male looked towards the ring doorbell and walked away heading towards the neighbours property across the road. I paid a visit to this resident and her Mother. They were very worried by what had taken place. I checked all around the property and found no signs of anything untoward. The property had good locks on all the doors and windows. They asked me if they needed anything else to help secure the property. I informed them that what they had was more than adequate and that they should call the Police on 999 if anything like this happened again. I explained that the person who walked up the path was just looking for a property and was checking the door number. The doorbell footage showed nothing that concerned me, the male had no bag or anything else that could carry tools. This happened at 19:20 the night before. I gave them some comfort by visiting them and will continue to pop in to check to make sure they are ok.. They have my contact details and can call anytime. All details have been given to Tracy (PCSO) who has raised this on the Police system.

Bramber:

- I received a call from Liz Trundle (Bramber clerk) this month regarding a distressed young lady that she and another couple had come across in the Goring Road. Castle Lane area.. This lady was very distraught. The lady was approached by the couple but would not engage and became more anxious. She ran off into Clay Fields. Liz did search the area as she was concerned for her safety but was unable to locate her. I was on a rest day but followed this up the following day. Checks were made to the Police. Due to Liz and the other couple calling the Police, an emergency call was put out and the Police found the distressed lady in Clay Fields. I have since found out that she was suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The Police were able to contact her boyfriend and once satisfied that the young lady was ok, allowed her to leave with her boyfriend.

Upper Beeding: Nothing to report

Dog related issues

- I received a call from a member of the public who wanted to report a dog on dog attack. This resident was walking her rescue dog along the track at the top of King Barns Lane. A male dog walker was walking his brown Fox Terrier off a lead. The dog lunged towards the complainants dog, gripping it by its mouth around the other dogs neck. The male dog walker was too far away to pull this dog off the other dog. In the commotion our resident fell to the ground (She is 85 years old) and grazed her knees. The male dog owner explained that his dog does not like smaller dogs as it was attacked when it was a puppy. The dog clearly should have been on a lead. Our residents dog was on a lead. She also informed me that someone else had complained about this dog. I have advised our resident to report the incident to the Police either by calling 101 or going online. Her dog is quite anxious. I have been round to this lady to help build up her confidence and to get her dog to be less anxious around men due to this incident. Our PCSO has been informed.

Cycling

Nothing to report.

Parish specific/other

- On Thursday 26th February, I received a call regarding three men cold calling on properties in Kings Stone Avenue, Steyning. They were offering services such as Driveway cleaning, roof and guttering cleaning etc. I spoke to a resident who had employed them to do some work on her property. I spoke the men working on her driveway too. They informed me they don't take cash as all work is paid via a BACS transfer, In a nutshell the work was shoddy at best. They returned later to try and collect payment in cash and tried to also obtain £325 in VAT!! I called the Police. They arrived promptly by which time the men doing the work had left. Please be aware of any traders who cold call properties. They will return to demand payment and on some occasions increase the bill to include work they say they have done without prior agreement with the customer.

Police CAD Ref: 960/26.02.2026

- We had the quarterly steering group this month. A couple of issues raised that we have now rectified (to do with the monthly report). We believe that the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme is In a good place but there is always room for improvement. We are continually looking at ways to improve on what we do and to reach out to all our residents across SBUB.

Steyning: As above

Bramber: As above

Upper Beeding: As above

UPDATES FROM JANUARY:

- Minibus trips are under way. We have another one booked in for March.
- **The Steyning Festival Neighbourhood Wardens day is on the 29th May, between 10:00-16:00. We have all but organised our day's events. We are focusing on youth primarily but the day is of course open to all. We have the following activities booked in below but are still working to find other activities to join us.**
- **Tons of Sound:** They will be bringing an interactive music experience to the festival, offering hands-on DJ workshops suitable for all ages. Using professional DJ equipment, participants will have the chance to learn the basics of switching, mixing and music creativity in a fun, relaxed environment. With years of experience working at festivals, schools, and community events, Tons of Sound aims to inspire confidence, creativity, and a love of music — whether it's someone's first time behind the decks or they're just keen to have a go.
- **Horsham Sports Services:** Will provide, soft archery, fencing and dodgeball.
- **Steyning Leisure Centre:** On the day, they will have one of their fitness instructors with us who will be offering body composition checks using a fitness scale. They will also be running:
 - A stretching session or providing tips on proper stretching techniques
 - A few fun, engaging challenges, including:
 - "Guess how many bugs" (toy furry bugs, not real!) in a basket —To take part, participants will leave their contact details and guess how many are in the basket for a chance to win a 6-week complimentary Premium membership
 - A kettlebell straight-arm hold challenge to see who can hold it the longest.
 - We will also have the First Responders (Volunteers dispatched by ambulance services in their local areas to deliver rapid, critical care in the minutes before an ambulance arrives.), Fire Service and the Police all attending. As well as the football club.

These activities are designed to be light-hearted, interactive, and engaging for everyone attending.

We have been given additional phone numbers that we can be contacted on. You can now reach us the following ways:

Alison Page:07734 387889 (mobile) / 01403 215 366

SBUB.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

How/where to report:

Litter issues can be reported to HDC:

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter **bin**:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

If you witness **fly tipping in action**, please call Sussex Police and, if possible, provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant dashcam footage you may have.

You can also report any fly-tipping you find to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Graffiti can be reported directly to Horsham District Council via their website: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Dog related incidents:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/dog-attacks>

Stray Dogs can be reported to the HDC contractor on **07512 089777** but they must already be contained.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs>