Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report for October 2026

If you witness acts of violence, verbal abuse, drug taking, irresponsible alcohol use or damage to property please report it to Sussex Police via the methods below or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit their website: https://crimestoppers-uk.org/

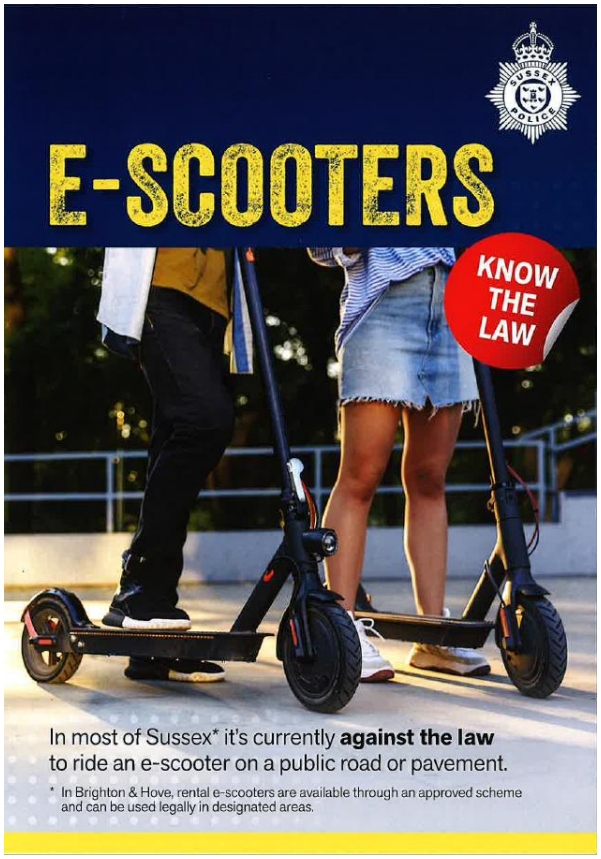


Patrol hours TOTAL:	**116.75**	**ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:**	**7**
Foot (high visibility)	28.75	Noise	0
Vehicle	88.00	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	**4**	Driving/vehicles	2
Verbal Warning	2	Bicycles/E-scooters	1
Parking Alert	2	Alcohol/Drugs	1
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	3
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	**Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:**	**15**
Police reports TOTAL:	**23**	Fly tipping / flyposting	1/0
In person	8	Graffiti	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	8	Dog fouling	5
Email	1	Litter	3
Intelligence report	6	Drug litter	0
		Hazards	6
Media reports TOTAL:	**2**	**Community events attended**	9
Press release / Community magazines	2	**School contact**	3
Social Media Posts	0	**Youth engagement**	71
Vulnerable People Welfare Checks	1	**Reports to DVLA**	0
Signposting	10	**Reports to Operation Crackdown/Sussex Police**	1
Safeguarding referral	0	**Admin**	35

Anti-Social Behaviour

Through our partnership working, with Sussex Police and the Neighbourhood Watch Association plus routine monitoring of crime reporting websites for information about suspicious activity, people and vehicles, we are able to understand and respond to emerging trends.

Sussex Police have launched a new operation called 'Operation Scramble' dedicated to tackling the illegal use of e-bike and e-scooters. You can find more details on their website





https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/new-operation-launched-to-disrupt-illegal-e-bike-and-e-scooter-use/

Anyone witnessing illegal or dangerous riding is encouraged to report this to Sussex Police. Public information and intelligence is vital in helping officers identify offenders so they can then act.

02/10 – A group of young people approached us after expressing concern about a separate group of older teenagers. We intervened to ensure they were escorted home safely.

Crime

27/10 – Teenage couple reported to have stolen wine – found and details obtained for police.
28/10 – Group of young female presenting adults reported to have stolen food – found & details obtained for police.

Preventing theft from your doorstep

We have recently received reports of parcels being left unattended on doorsteps and subsequently stolen.

Here are some practical ways you can reduce the risk of doorstep theft:

- **Track your parcel:** Monitor your delivery windows closely to ensure someone is at home to receive the item.
- **Install a video doorbell:** Connected directly to your mobile phone, these notify you the moment a delivery arrives and are much easier to install than a full CCTV system.
- **Install a security light:** Well-lit pathways and entrances can deter opportunistic thieves.
- **Nominate a neighbour:** Arrange for your parcel to be delivered to a trusted neighbour.

- **Use an off-site locker:** Utilize secure parcel locker services. These are typically located in busy, well-lit areas like supermarkets.
- **Select a local store:** Many couriers allow you to divert your delivery to a designated local store, newsagent, or click-and-collect point for secure pickup at your convenience.

Please report any suspicious behaviour to Sussex Police immediately**.**

Parking/vehicles

Obstructions of pavements can be reported to Sussex Police by visiting:
https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/

For anti-social driving, please report to Operation Crackdown at:
https://operationcrackdown.org/

If you suspect a car which has no MOT or tax is being driven or is parked on the public highway, you can use the following website to verify its status: https://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/

A vehicle without MOT can be reported to Sussex Police using their website:
https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/no-mot/road-tax-and-mot-certificates/report-a-vehicle-without-an-mot-certificate/

An untaxed vehicle can be reported to the DVLA using the following website:
https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle

To report abandoned vehicles please use the link below:
https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/abandoned-vehicles

If you need to contact Horsham District Council for parking related issues, please check their website, https://www.horsham.gov.uk/parking/report-a-parking-problem or call the Customer Services on 01403 215100.

Fly tipping, littering & graffiti

- **Fly Tipping**
  10/10 – commercial waste, pallets, cardboard boxes and rubbish – reported to HDC for investigation.



- **Fly Posting**
  Nothing to Report

- **Graffiti**
  Nothing to Report

- **Litter**
  If you would like to collect litter in your local area at a time which suits you, Horsham District Council will support you with appropriate equipment through the **Adopt a Street** Scheme:

  https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/adopt-a-street

- **Drugs Litter**
  We continue to monitor key areas within the parish to identify any 'hot spots." Incidents of drugs litter or paraphernalia remain at a consistently low level. Please check out https://www.talktofrank.com/ where you will find useful information about different types of drugs, their effects and associated risks.

Community engagement & events

Anti-Racism Conference



We attended the 3rd Annual Community Anti-Racism Conference bringing together community leaders, professionals, educators, students, volunteers and residents for a day dedicated to learning, dialogue and positive action.

Organised by VOT Community Conferences CIC, this free event, hosted by the award-winning Social Worker, Practice Educator and Author Vivian Okeze -Tirado, has become an important annual gathering for those committed to creating fairer, safer and more inclusive communities through collaboration, education and meaningful engagement.

Our New Memory Café Is Here!



We are overjoyed to announce the opening of our local Dementia Café—a vibrant, uplifting space dedicated to turning isolation into connection, and diagnosis into community.

Created by your **Neighbourhood Wardens** and **Southwater Parish Council**, our local Dementia Café has officially opened its doors.

Dementia may change how we remember, but it cannot change our need to belong. This café is a powerful reminder that no family walks this path alone. It is a place where laughter is shared, burdens are lightened, and the human spirit takes centre stage.

Event and Venue Details:

- **When:** The **first Thursday of every month** from **14:30 to 16:00 hrs**.
- **Where:** Upstairs in the **Community Room** at **Beeson House, Lintot Square**.
- **Accessibility:** Please note that stairs and a **lift are available** at the venue to ensure comfortable, full access for all our visitors.

Our doors are wide open to anyone seeking friendly conversation, a warm cup of tea, or a supportive environment. Whether you wish to attend with a loved one, drop in for a chat, or simply learn more about supporting this beautiful movement, you are cordially and warmly invited to visit.

We are available to answer any questions, provide further details or offer support before your visit.

Did you know that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) libraries offer a fantastic, free Reminiscence Collection specifically designed to support people living with dementia, their families, and carers?
These resources are wonderful for triggering fond memories, prompting meaningful conversations, and helping individuals connect with the past.





Southwater Library has kindly ordered two fantastic reminiscence packs for us to use for our Memory Café in November: "Transport" and "1970s".

Check out what else West Sussex County Council libraries can offer:
https://libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/dementia-and-reminiscence

Southwater Parish Council - Skate Jam

Please see the feedback we received from Danny Aldridge, who travelled from Barcelona to join Team Extreme to ride in our park at the event. Danny is widely recognised as one of the world's leading inline skaters, so receiving such positive feedback from him and how much the park meant to him even at a young age is particularly encouraging.



Southwater Skate Jam was a fantastic day for community

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SOUTHWATER Skate Jam proved to be a huge success, bringing together people of all ages for a fun-filled day of skateboarding, scootering, parkour, BMX, inline skating, great food and community spirit.

Blessed with perfect weather on October 4, the event took place under sunny skies and dry conditions, creating ideal circumstances for spectators and participants alike. The skate park was buzzing with activity throughout the day, with a particularly strong turnout from young scooter riders who showcased their skills and enthusiasm in the competitions. Organisers hope to see even more skateboards, BMX riders and other extreme sports represented at future events as Southwater Skate Jam continues to grow.

Southwater Skate Jam featured competitions delivered by Team Extreme, whose professionalism, energy and music helped create an exciting atmosphere throughout the day. Competitors impressed both judges and spectators, with winners taking home a range of prizes at the end of the event.

Alongside the competitions, visitors had the opportunity to try parkour with instructors from Crawley Parkour. The sessions proved popular with both children and adults, attracting participants throughout the day who were keen to learn new skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Southwater Skate Jam

The event offered much more than sporting action. Families relaxed on picnic blankets, children played and explored, and several dogs joined their owners at the event. Hardy Yard's pizza stall was a popular feature throughout the day, serving freshly made pizzas to visitors.

The event was supported by Parish Councillors John Potts and Graham Watkins, members of the Parish Council office team including the Community Engagement Officer, who organised the event, the Executive Officer and Deputy Executive Officer, as well as Neighbourhood Warden Bettina Long.

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Attendees, participants and spectators provided overwhelmingly positive feedback, highlighting the friendly atmosphere, activities and overall enjoyment of the day. Thanks were also extended to Horsham District Council and its Community Grant Fund for supporting the event.

Following the success of this year's event, planning is already being considered for a future Skate Jam, with aspirations to build on this year's activities and participation.

A gallery of photographs from the day is available on the Parish Council website. The images were taken by Southwater Parish Council's Community Engagement Officer, Veronika Toth.

Readers are encouraged to view the gallery and revisit the highlights of the event on the Parish Council's website: www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/post/southwater-skate-jam-delivers-a-fantastic-day

Parkour at Southwater Skate Jam

Scooter Rider at Southwater Skate Jam

Female Skateboarder at Southwater Skate Jam



07/10 – Games Club
09/10 – Southwater Youth Project
13/10 – Computer Club
23/10 – Charman's Lodge Coffee afternoon
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28/10 – Southwater Library - National Year of Reading Book Party
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30/10 – Charmans' Lodge Coffee afternoon



Southwater Library's Book Party!

We recently dropped into Southwater Library's National Year of Reading book party, and it was a spectacular half-term event.
The absolute highlight of the morning was a special guest appearance by the Gruffalo, who was a massive hit with our young visitors.
Children aged 4–11 dived into a packed morning of free, drop-in activities, including:

- Pop-up Construction Club and creative crafts.
- Character hunts and giant games.
- Interactive story time sessions.

Check out their website for future events:
https://libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/Events/Calendar?month=12&year=2026&location=TN

Patrols

- We continue patrols of local businesses designed to disrupt shoplifting, ASB and improve engagement.
- We continue to provide high visibility patrols both on foot and in a liveried vehicle throughout the Parish.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

We routinely conduct high visibility patrols at times and in areas often used by older residents to offer a reassuring presence plus cover areas previously connected with ASB to act as a deterrent. By undertaking home visits to vulnerable residents, we were able to sign post support services.

27/10 – A responsible young person found a bank card near the GP surgery and brought it to us as they were not sure what else to do. We thanked them and handed it in to the Police Volunteer Office for safe keeping.

Dog related issues

16/10 – We found an unsupervised dog wondering around and defecateing in a public space. The owner was located, alerted to the issue and they immediately cleared up after their dog.

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, please report it to our kennels on **07512 089777.**

If you have lost your dog, please report it to Horsham District Council on 01403 215641 (office hours) or email ehl@horsham.gov.uk

For further information, please refer to https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs
As with any other incident involving an immediate threat to human or animal life, please call 999.

Parish specific/other

Public Enquiries
This month we responded to 13 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquires included topics such as non-permanent criminal damage to signs, concerns over access to bus stops and drain covers missing on pavements.

Hazards
10/10 – fallen tree causing an obstruction on Marlpost Road - cleared to allow safe passage





23/10 – Fallen tree on Mill Straight – cleared to allow safe passage
24/10 – Branches blocking Mill Straight foot path - cleared
27/10 – Broken down car on Worthing Road – provided warning triangles until recoverd by AA
28/10 – Missing water meter cover on Cedar Drive reported for repair to prevent trip hazard

Meetings
08/10 - West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service who reported on two recent residential fires in Southwater caused by a microwave and the incorrect disposal of a lit cigarette.

09/10 – We attended our Steering Group meeting with Councillors Jeff Villers and Chris Pearce, Veronika Toth and Ross Spanton.

13/10 – We took part in the Community Services meeting held by Horsham District Council.

Social Media/Press

https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens and Twitter: https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens

Our monthly reports are available on the Southwater Parish Council website:
https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-wardens

If you know of someone who would be interested in reading our monthly report, but they do not have access to the internet, please contact us and we will be happy to deliver a printed copy to them:

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Horsham District Community Safety Partnership

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

THE WORK WE DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Based within the community, your Neighbourhood Wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone and promote community cohesion and resilience. The Wardens undertake a number of activities, ranging from enforcement to community development.

Neighbourhood Wardens can help the community in the following ways:

- Meet the needs of the community and improve the quality of life for the residents, through engagement, promotion and support.
- Develop projects that benefit the local residents, to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- Promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.
- Support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- Engage with residents daily to get to know their local community and become a trusted friend to offer advice and guidance.
- Offer education and advice when required, before taking enforcement action.
- Contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership plan by working with other agencies.
- Provide a highly visible and reassuring uniformed patrolling presence.
- Provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- Work alongside the Police and submit reports regarding drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

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In an emergency always dial 999

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