

Warden Monthly Report

July 2026 - Ashington

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime

We received a report this month from a resident concerned about young children doing 'Knock and Run' on their front door, as well as looking through their front window. They were able to give us a good description of the children who were involved and the direction in which they ran off. We are looking into identifying the children to talk with their parents. If your children are out in the village on their own please make them aware of the dangers around approaching strangers properties and the distress this can cause to elderly or vulnerable residents.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti.

We received a complaint about graffiti in one of the residential roads, we have patrolled around and not been able to find any graffiti but have advised the individual reporting that if they discover any more to take photos and send it in to Horsham District Council. If any residents discover graffiti then they are able to report it into HDC on the following link.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/graffiti>

Community engagement/events/meetings

We were invited to attend the Ashington Primary School Summer Festival; it was a really good event to engage with residents and staff. PCSO Bell attended with us and was introduced to residents, we were able to chat with staff about helping to make children aware of some local issues and concerns. It was also a chance for us to talk with local organisations.



Patrols (foot/visible and car)

This month we have been out in Ashington, both on foot and in the vehicle. We have covered the whole parish and focused on areas of concern around litter, dog fouling and graffiti.

Older, vulnerable people and youth

We have spent time this month supporting a family who are struggling financially, we are able to refer and signpost to other organisations who are equipped to help families and individuals who find themselves in these situations. Please do reach out to us if you require further support or advice.

We held our last journey for this school year, it was encouraging to hear the plans the families have for the summer holidays, we spent time talking about the events going on locally and especially the free events that are available for families to attend.

We visited the Church Seniors Coffee morning to chat with some of our older residents, there was a good attendance and delicious cakes available.

Cuppa and Chat is run on the second Monday of every month at The Red Lion, in partnership with AGE UK. We have a lovely group who meet there and get free refillable Coffee and Tea, this month we spent time discussing tips on keeping cool in the hot weather and how nice it was that many of them had family or neighbours who would check in on them regularly



Brick club has taken off well; we have a good number of families attend this month. The children are enjoying the venue being in the youth club, letting their imaginations run wild with building different creations and the free snacks available. It is also an opportunity for parents to chat with each other but also with us whilst the children are entertained. We are putting on Brick club over the summer as a free activity and then continuing again in the autumn term.



Vehicle related issues.

We have received a couple of queries this month around if certain vehicles have Tax or MOT. Please use the below link to check if this is the case.

<https://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/>

Parish specific/other

When out on patrol we spotted a drone being flown near the school, it was towards the end of an event they had running, we checked with the school who verified that it was being flown by one of the events team with permission from the school. it is always important to remain vigilant when recording devices are seen, if something doesn't seem right then please follow it up either with the organisation, ourselves or the police on 101.

Social media/press

We have written another article in Sussex Local which is a free magazine delivered to all households. We have also been putting out social media posts relating to events we have coming up. If you would like to follow our Facebook page you will find it <https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens>

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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