

Hangleton & Knoll Ward Update

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Ward Priorities

Our current focus in Hangleton & Knoll includes:

- Youths pressing doorbells and knocking on windows
- Speeding vehicles
- Vehicles blocking driveways

These priorities are based on community reports and patterns observed during local patrols.

Ward Update

Key concerns currently include:

- Reports of a male looking through residents' windows (logged as suspicious behaviour; no footage available)
- Shoplifting
- Youth-related anti-social behaviour (including knocking on windows and pressing doorbells)
- Motorbikes dumped in wooded areas
- Speeding vehicles and road rage
- Stolen vehicles

Suspicious Activity:

Residents are reminded that Ring Doorbells and other security cameras are invaluable for capturing images of unwanted visitors. Clear images and descriptions help the police investigate and address incidents effectively.

Youth Anti-Social Behaviour:

Half-term was relatively calm with no reported youth ASB. However, previous incidents have caused alarm to some residents. Continued issues may be treated as harassment. Good descriptions and evidence can help identify those involved.

Motorbike Dumping:

Our wooded areas are being used to dump stolen motorbikes and mopeds. If you see anything suspicious, please contact the police immediately so we can respond and recover stolen vehicles.

Speeding and Road Safety:

Some roads in the ward regularly experience speeding. With darker nights, cyclists without lights and pedestrians in dark clothing are at greater risk. We will conduct high-visibility patrols, deploy our Speed Indicating Device, and issue penalties or advice to cyclists as appropriate. The council also runs events providing advice and equipment for cyclists to stay safe after dark.

Incidents of Note / Other Information

- **Social Media Scams:** Residents have reported selling items online but not receiving payment. Always exercise caution when selling online.
- **Dog Bite:** A child was bitten while walking to school (no injury beyond upset). Please keep dogs on short leads when around the public.

Crime Prevention Advice

With darker evenings, it's important to make your home less attractive to opportunistic criminals:

- Use automatic lighting or leave a radio on when out
- Consider security lighting, CCTV, Ring Doorbells, and burglar alarms
- Avoid posting on social media when away from home

Burglaries:

- October saw **4 reports of burglaries**, in line with last year's figures
- Most entries occur at the rear of properties in the early hours
- Money and jewellery are common targets
- Report any unusual noises at neighbours' properties to the police

Other crime figures in October were lower than the previous month, good news for the community!

Community Meetings & Ward Days

Community AGM:

- **Wednesday 12th November** – 10:30–12:00
- **Location:** St Richards Hall, Egmont Road, Hangleton, Hove

Ward Days (Drop-In Opportunities):

- **Monday 17th November 2025** – 11:00–12:00
- **Monday 15th December 2025** – 15:00–16:00
- **Wednesday 21st January 2026** – 17:30–18:30
- **Location:** St Richards Hall, Egmont Road, Hangleton, Hove

I will be patrolling the area, speaking with residents and local businesses, and available at the above times for drop-in chats.

Appointments:

If you would like a private meeting, please contact me at

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