

Warden Monthly Report

November 2025 Ashington

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime

We received a report of a pro Palestine flag that a resident said was in the village, and it had caused them offence. Upon further inspection it was a poster for the drama group, for their upcoming production.

We are receiving more reports of young people being unkind to each other, we are working with the parents involved and offering signposting and support where we can.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We have reported fly tipping along Spear Hill; it has now been removed. We have litter picked around certain parts of the village whilst out on foot patrol.

Community engagement/events/meetings

We had another community hub session which was successful. We are seeing different people attend so hopefully numbers will continue to increase. We were pleased the Parish council joined to talk to residents regarding Ashington in Bloom. We also very kindly had Elizabeth come along to share first aid training to anyone who wanted it. She will attend again and is happy to give out free first aid training particularly anyone who would like to learn CPR or how to use a defibrillator.

We attended the school fireworks which was a very popular and successful event. It was enjoyed by all that attended and was a great opportunity to engage with the community. We worked with PCSO Robbins to attend this event.

We attended our CSAS (community safety accreditation scheme) refresher training which we attend every 3 years. It keeps us up to date in regard to our powers and best working practices in relation to keeping people safe in the community.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We have been out on patrol covering all of Ashington this month, either by foot or vehicle. It has been nice to have an increase in residents engaging with us when we are out.

Older, vulnerable people and youth

We attended Rock Road this month to engage with the young people during their lunch. It was lovely to see them all and they are very much looking forward to Christmas.

We ran another Stay and Play session in collaboration with Storrington Wardens, which was a success. We were joined by West Sussex Early Help who were there to give advice to parents about accessing support should they need it as well as support in schools.

We are currently working with a vulnerable man in the village who needs some support. This support is ongoing.

Vehicle related issues

We have been receiving reports regarding a dirt bike that is being driven around the roads in Ashington, in one instance spooking a horse causing the horse to bolt and run home, thankfully the horse and the rider were uninjured. We are currently investigating these reports with the police.

We have received complaints of parking around Turnpike way, one area being the Co-op and people parking on pavements, we have put some yellow warning stickers on vehicles around there whilst on patrol. We will continue to do this and monitor how often it is happening; we are also looking at whether the bollards that used to be there could be reinstalled to at least alleviate it on one side of the road. This is something we will continue working on.

We have also received a complaint regarding a vehicle that is parking on the footpath by the Turnpike way play park, restricting the use of the footpath. We are looking at if a sign could be put up encouraging people not to park there. We will continue to monitor.

Parish specific/other

We held a meet and greet outside the Co-op with PCSO Izzy Robbins, where we had the chance to talk to residents and residents had the opportunity to discuss any issues that they had.

We had another Journey session this month, which was a good success. It was to see the parents and carers and discuss some of the challenges they are having at the moment.

We had a meeting with a lady named Kirsty who runs the Understanding Teenage Behaviour course, she is looking at running a course here in Ashington that will be open to parents from all the local areas. It was previously a very popular course which really helped parents during the teenage years with things like boundaries. It will be really positive to see it run again.

Social media/press

We have written another article for Sussex Local magazine which is well received by the residents who read it. We are also posting on Facebook to advertise the events we are running.

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