Warden Monthly Report

October 2026 - Ashington

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime

We did some door-to-door visits with residents involved in a neighbour dispute, working with the community safety officer from Horsham District Council.

We received reports on Halloween evening of a group of young people out around Ashington throwing eggs at houses and cars, this can cause damage and is dangerous when cars are involved. If you know your young people were out on their own for Halloween please can you talk with them about ensuring they are doing their part in keeping the community safe. We are looking into the reports and local footage to identify those involved.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti.

We were informed of flying tipping on the track between Crays Lane and Warminghurst church. This incident involved quantities of catering packs of food, including bacon, chicken and fish. This was obviously a concern with attracting wildlife and dogs. We reported it into Horsham District council and they removed it swiftly.

If you see fly tipping or have any details of individuals who are fly tipping then please report it in using the following link.
https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/report-fly-tipping

Community engagement/events/meetings

Discussions with Ashington Neighbourhood Watch have highlighted further to Horsham Police the concern around the use of E-scooters in the Village, we are hoping to get further patrols from the police over the coming months to help address this issue.

We attended a 'Safe and Happy Horsham' event organised by Horsham District Council community safety team, it had speakers from West Sussex County Council (WSCC) digital safety team, Sussex Police Exploitation Team, WSCC Community safety team and WSCC Missing Exploitation and Serious Violence Team. It was useful to gain a greater understanding of the topics they covered as well as have discussions with other services from across the District.

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 ASB. We were out patrolling on Halloween evening to engage with the many families that were out 'Trick or Treating', it was lovely to see so many from the community out and the majority were extremely polite and friendly.

Older, vulnerable people and youth

This month saw another great Brick Club, where children of all ages get creative building what they want out of the Lego provided. The free snacks and drinks are always popular, and it is a good time for conversations and engagement with the parents who bring them.







We have been into Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road with the Storrington Wardens, for a lunch time catch up with students and staff. We have a lot of good conversations from our young residents when we go into school, and it is great to find out how they are doing both in school but also when out in the community.



We had a good turn out for our Journey group this month, it is encouraging to see parents and carers of children with SEND meeting together and being able to talk openly around all the joys and challenges they face.



In partnership with Age Uk, we are still running our monthly Cuppa and Chat at the Red Lion. It is a friendly group who appreciate a free coffee and some company, we had useful conversations around concerns about winter but also discussed what activities are available for them to access.



Parish specific/other

Horsham District council and Chanctonbury Leisure Centre ran a Winter Warm Up event which we attended this month, it was an information event aimed at those in the community over 50. There were numerous organisations there to help signpost and support individuals in the community, aswell as activities which they got to try out for free. It was a brilliant event, well attended by residents.



This month we attended training run by Mediation Plus, it was a useful training session that gave us skills to use in the community as well as advice on accessing mediation services for our residents.

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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