

# Warden Monthly Report

## Southwater Parish Report for February 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/>

## Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

📞 999

- A crime is happening now.
- Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.
- Property is in danger of being seriously damaged.
- A serious disruption to the public is likely.

📞 101

or report online  
[www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk)

- All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.

Crime Stoppers.  
📞 0800 555 111

crime stoppers-uk.org

- To report crime 100% anonymously.
- Crimestoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities.
- Information given will be shared anonymously with the police.

British Transport Police  
📞 0800 40 50 40  
Text 61016

- Non-emergency incidents on a train or at a station can be reported direct to the British Transport Police online: [www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime](http://www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime).
- There is also a Railway Guardian app.

Horsham District Council  
  
communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk

- Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council.
- You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: [www.horsham.gov.uk/report](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/report).

## See it. Report it.

Reporting crime and ASB means we can work together to reduce it.

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Community Safety  
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Council

|   |               |  |              |
|---|---------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>              | <b>110.00</b> | <b>ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:</b>   | <b>18.00</b> |
| Foot (high visibility)                  | 31.50         | Noise  | 1            |
| Vehicle                                 | 78.50         | Neighbours                                   | 0            |
| <b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>          | <b>12.00</b>  | Driving/vehicles                             | 12           |
| Verbal Warning                          | 9             | Bicycles/E-scooters                          | 1            |
| Parking Alert                           | 3             | Alcohol/Drugs                                | 0            |
| Yellow card warning (ASB)               | 0             | Other  | 4            |
| Fixed Penalty Notice                    | 0             |  |              |
| Community Protection Warning/Notice     | 0             | <b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>      | <b>15.00</b> |
| <b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>            | <b>13.00</b>  | Fly tipping / flyposting                     | 2/0          |
| In person                               | 7             | Graffiti                                     | 0            |
| Phone (including 101 and 999)           | 2             | Dog fouling                                  | 4            |
| Email                                   | 2             | Litter                                       | 4            |
| Intelligence report                     | 2             | Drug litter                                  | 0            |
|   |               | Hazards                                      | 5            |
| <b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>             | <b>4.00</b>   | <b>Community events attended</b>             | <b>5</b>     |
| Press release / Community magazines     | 1             | School contact                               | 8            |
| Social Media Posts                      | 3             | Youth engagement                             | 52           |
| <b>Vulnerable People Welfare Checks</b> | <b>12</b>     | Reports to DVLA                              | 1            |
| <b>Signposting</b>                      | <b>11</b>     | Reports to Operation Crackdown/Sussex Police | 1            |
| <b>Safeguarding referral</b>            | <b>0</b>      | 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.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

06/02 – A small group of young, male presenting teenagers gathered in Lintot Square. Due to the volume of their interaction, a resident was disturbed and voiced their irritation. We interacted with the group, made them aware of the impact of their boisterous behaviour and encouraged them to disperse, which they did.

17/02 – We were made aware of two residents who were caused alarm when a young person forcefully kicked their front doors. Due to the prompt response of the parents of those involved, the young people were spoken with and assurances have been provided that they will not repeat this behaviour. This is another example of responsible parenting and community cooperation which is to be applauded.

17/02 – We had a conversation with a group of young people using an E-scooter and advised them that their use in public spaces is illegal and could result in the police seizing it. They asked the valid question as to why you can buy something you can't legally use (unless you have plenty of private land).

### Crime



06/02 – We were contacted by a concerned resident about Criminal Damage caused to 2 internal fire doors in their blocks of flats. We attended and spoke to some of the occupants and passed on the information received to both the relevant Housing Association and Sussex Police. The same thing happened again on or around 15/02 and has again been reported to Sussex Police for further consideration due to concerns about the safety of vulnerable residents in the block.

07/02 – We were alerted to an incident of Criminal Damage to a fence at The Ghyll and provided support enabling Sussex Police to take the investigation forwards.

09/02 – We were advised of 2 incidents of fuel being dispensed and not being paid for plus details of adults taking goods and not making any attempt to pay for them either. Details have been passed to Sussex Police, and we can confirm that one person has already been identified. Further work continues to identify the other suspects.

15/02 – We were made aware of a group of young people engaging in ASB and underage drinking of alcohol resulting in criminal damage. The entire matter was referred to Sussex Police.

17/02 – We were made aware of a small number of high value thefts committed by adults in one of our retail outlets. Quality CCTV footage has been retained and those that were not banned verbally on the day will be subject to further investigation for them to be identified and potentially, prosecuted.

19/02 – We have an ongoing issue with commercial advertisers causing damage by attaching their boards to street furniture. Horsham District Council have written directly to several offending companies and if they continue to ignore their obligations, fines will be issued.

### Stolen Goods

This month, some of our retailers have challenged several adult thieves stealing products for re-sale. If you attend car-boot fairs please be particularly conscious about where beauty products, baby formula, razors and toothbrushes etc. have come from and whether they are likely to be stolen. **They could have been stolen in Southwater!**

These are just a few examples of items seized by Police at Boot Fairs.



And that is before we start talking about van breaks and tool thefts...



## Parking/vehicles

We continue to receive reports relating to the anti-social use of vehicles, especially at school pick-up and drop-off times presenting a risk to children. We regularly patrol at these times and routinely try to gain the cooperation of parents, some of whom positively engage having genuinely not seen the problems they are causing.

06/02 – We were contacted in relation to parked cars obstructing pavements in Swan Close. Advisory notices have been issued to the offending vehicles.

28/02 – We received several complaints relating to anti-social parking around the Hop Oast roundabout and Blakes Farm Road, potentially linked to the local football club. The matter has been referred to HDC and WSCC.

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>

Although there is no restriction on how long a vehicle can be parked on a highway without being moved (if no Traffic Regulation Orders are in place), if you believe that the vehicle has been 'abandoned' you can report it. Make a note of the vehicle registration number, make, model and colour of the vehicle and the street name, town and the postcode where you saw it. You will need these details to complete your reports.

If you need to contact Horsham District Council for parking related issues, please check the 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**

03/02 – Fridge Freezer near communal bin area on Fairbank Road reported to HDC for removal

18/02 – Pallet and commercial business advertising signs dumped on Fairbank Road – business contacted



- **Fly Posting**

19/02 – Whilst on patrol we found two advertising boards installed bolted to street furniture causing damage

- **Graffiti**

Nothing to Report

- **Litter**

We routinely support our Parish Litter Pickers to keep our village free from 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.

If you know about someone you care about being involved in drugs, 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

04/02 – Welcome Club

13/02 – Charman's Lodge Afternoon Coffee event

13/02 – Southwater Youth Project

18/09 – We attended Charman's Lodge 'Bubbles and Brunch' event where, along with local residents, we met with local councillors. This was a good opportunity to engage with Southwater residents, discuss local issues and services.



20/02 – Charman’s Lodge Afternoon Coffee Event

25/02 – WSCC Family Centre – Umbrella meeting hosting Home Start

## 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.

05/02 – We came across an unsupervised child who had become separated from their parent. We stayed with the child until they were reunited with their family.

05/02 – We conducted a welfare check on one of our local businesses following reports of anti-social behaviour. We are liaising with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and the identity of those involved has been confirmed and action can now be taken.

18/02 – Together with two PCSOs from Sussex Police, we attended one of our local businesses to undertake a welfare check and gain greater understanding of incidents they have reported relating to several young people behaving inappropriately in and around the venue. Several people have already been banned from entering the premises and further action will be taken including home and school visits to address the issues with the suspects directly.

26/02 – Whilst on routine patrol we met with a resident with early onset Dementia. We were able to support them until they were reunited with their family.

28/02 – In a joint operation with Sussex Police, we were able to find and keep safe a Missing Person until appropriate support could be identified. We are hopeful that, moving forwards, a wrap around support package can be put in place to help them.

## Dog related issues

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](mailto: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 15 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 suspicious activity, help reporting crimes, welfare concerns and, of course, parking.

### **Hazards**

04/02 - We came across an insecure vehicle and advised the owner.

05/02 - We reported a section of pavement to West Sussex County Council and the Planning Compliance Team at Horsham District Council as it had been closed to pedestrians without permission.

- 10/02 - We reported a busy pavement to WSCC which had been made impassable due to construction works.
- 19/02 – We reported a broken dog waste bin to HDC for repair.
- 20/02 – We supported two drivers involved in a non-injury collision in Lintot Square.



**Training**

17/02 – We engaged in training provided by Safe and Habitable Homes event with Hoarding UK in conjunction with West Sussex Fire & Rescue Services providing us with an insight in to risks and vulnerabilities, access to the latest support services and best practice.

**Meetings**

- 11/02 – We met with HDC colleagues to finalise plans for dealing with commercial fly posting.
- 11/02 – We met with HDC ASB Coordinator and a number of residents to address an ongoing neighbour dispute.
- 17/02 – We met with SPC’s Community Engagement Officer to discuss future projects and ongoing collaboration.
- 18/02 – We met with SPC councillors to provide updates on our work.
- 24/02 – We attended the HDC Community Services meeting.
- 25/02 – We met with the SPC Steering Group to answer questions about our work, KPIs and future projects.

**In other news:**

The Horsham Family Hub offers a range of support, information and guidance to parents, carers and young people as part of the Early Help service.

**HORSHAM FAMILY HUB**  
Here to help children, young people and families who need extra support. Drop in for information, advice and guidance.  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9.15 AM - 5.00 PM Three Acres, Horsham RH12 1RS  
Sensory Room, Sensory Toy Library, Magic Carpet, Play room and garden open. **OPEN TO ALL FAMILYS**  
horshamhub.info@westsussex.gov.uk @Horsham Area Family Hub 01403 213590

**HORSHAM FAMILY HUB Sensory Room**  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30 AM - 4.15 PM Call to book a session FREE  
Start times: 9.30am 10.30am 11.30am 12.30pm 1.30pm 2.30pm 3.30pm  
45 min slots. **OPEN TO ALL FAMILYS**  
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**HORSHAM FAMILY HUB Magic Carpet**  
MONDAY 9.30 AM - 4.30 PM Call to book  
Play on our interactive, touch sensitive magic carpet, with 100s of multi-sensory learning experiences. Half hour slots available to book.  
Sensory Toy Library  
Borrow up to 3 toys, for 3 weeks for free! A wide range of toys to support your child's learning.  
01403 213590

**HORSHAM FAMILY HUB**  
Visit our Facebook page for lots of useful information for you and your family. @Horsham Area Family Hub  
Best Start in Life brings together trusted information and support from pregnancy through your child's early years and beyond  
Integrated Front Door is the first point of contact for support from Early Help and Children's Social Care follow this link for an online general enquiry form  
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## Southwater Journey Support Group:

Established in November 2024, the Journey Support Group offers a dedicated space for Southwater parents and carers of children with SEN (Special Educational Needs). Meeting regularly at Beeson House in Lintot Square, the initiative is led by us, in partnership with Southwater Parish Council.

As of January 2026, the group is transitioning to a specialist-led format. While sessions will occur less frequently, they will now feature expert guests providing direct professional guidance and service information. Attendance remains free, friendly, and requires no formal diagnosis. Follow the Facebook pages below for upcoming session dates.

- Horsham District Council Neighbourhood Wardens: [www.facebook.com/HDWardens](http://www.facebook.com/HDWardens)
- Southwater Parish Council: [www.facebook.com/southwaterpc](http://www.facebook.com/southwaterpc)

Our next Journey meeting in Southwater is scheduled for **Thursday 5th March at 10:30am**.

We are pleased to announce that we will be joined by **SendIAS**, an organization providing impartial information, advice, and support to children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), as well as their parents/ carers. <https://westsussexsendias.org/>

# Journey in Southwater

For parents and carers of children and young people with SEND

Parish Chamber, Beeson House,  
26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Road,  
Southwater, RH13 9LA

**Come along and join us, have a chat and a cuppa with other parents on a similar journey to you.**

We are pleased to announce that we will be joined by **SENDIAS**, an organization providing impartial information, advice, and support.

**No need to book, no pressure, just turn up. Tea and coffee provided free of charge.**

Please be advised that the Chamber is located on the first floor of Beeson House. There is a lift available as well as toilet facilities. Please contact us in advance if you have any special access requirements.

For more information please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:

|                          |              |                                 |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Dominic Woodhead:</b> | 07789 943193 | dominic.woodhead@horsham.gov.uk |
| <b>Bettina Long:</b>     | 07789 943156 | bettina.long@horsham.gov.uk     |

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Information | Advice | Support | Well-Being

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

## 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:

Bettina Long – 07789943156      Dominic Woodhead – 07789943193

[Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk)



## Your Neighbourhood Wardens

- We meet the needs of the community to improve the quality of life for the residents through engagement, promotion and support.
- We develop projects that benefit the local residents to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- We promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.
- We support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- We engage with residents daily to get to know our community to become a trusted friend to offer advice, guidance and educate.
- We offer education and advice when required before taking enforcement action (Fixed Penalty Notices for Public Space Protection order and Environmental Crime offences)
- We contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership by working with other agencies to provide a highly visible and reassuring uniform patrolling presence.
- We provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- We submit reports to the police to reduce incidents of drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour (101 in non-emergencies and 999 in emergencies) and work alongside them to tackle anti-social behaviour.



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07789 943156



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**IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999**

If you wish to speak to us in confidence, please give us a call or email [southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk)

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