

Monthly ward update - Whitehawk and Marina

It's been a busy start to the summer for the local policing team, and as a result the local officers have found themselves getting drawn into other areas such as the city centre or seafront. We have however still maintained regular patrols, deterred crime, and responded to reports made to us by residents in the local area.

We carry out patrols regularly where possible using vehicles and by walking to ensure we are visible and able to respond if needed.

Recently we have carried out patrols in the Marina, The Bristol estate, Whitehawk way, Whitehawk road, Swanborough drive, Sheepcote valley, the radio antenna at the top of Whitehawk hill and the green spaces around the racecourse/the crew club.

Mark and I are both tutors and have just taken on officers from the new cohort fresh out of training. This does mean we will again be further abstracted from our local duties while we look to complete their training. I'm aware this has been an issue for the last 12 months however the force does not have enough tutor units. I have already passed my concerns up the chain of command regarding how mark and I are continuously abstracted from the ward, however currently I have had no updates.

Incidents of note:

We are aware that the nice weather means we have had an increase of both E bikes and off-road motorbikes riding in an antisocial way. As I have previously written in updates, the force tends not to authorise any kind of pursuit of these vehicles, so we rely on reports from residents. Ideally, we need reports of where these bikes are coming from and evidence (such as video footage) so we can attend the address and seize the vehicle.

Like with the bikes the nice weather has seen an uplift in ASB caused by youths. This is being seen across the country and Whitehawk is not immune recent youth relates ASB. We are concerned about large groups of youths acting in an antisocial way normally drinking alcohol and shoplifting from the local stores. We are aware that the Asda in the marina is a hotspot of this activity. We encourage parents to monitor their children and ensure they know where their children are and what they are doing. Especially as we have also had an increase of safeguarding issues where children have been injured or very sick due to the consumption of both alcohol and other illegal substances.

We have also had an incident where a collection of caravans belonging to the GRT community turned up in Asda car park. NPT PCSOs and supervision attended and engaged with the group. We also communicated with local stores/business and by working together the group was swiftly and peacefully moved on. There were no issues reported relating to the group and if further encampments pop up in the area, we ask

that your report it into us so we can try to accomplish the same quick and peaceful outcome.

Meetings

We aim to attend the meetings on the 28/07 and 25/08. Time and location to be confirmed.