

Warden Monthly Report

Southwater Parish Report for September 2025

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 above 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

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

CrimeStoppers.

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.
- 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.

See it. Report it.

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

Horsham District Community Safety Partnership

Horsham District Council

Patrol hours TOTAL:	129.50	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	26.00
Foot (high visibility)	60.75	Noise	0
Vehicle	68.75	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	21.00	Driving/vehicles	19
Verbal Warning	5	Bicycles	1
Parking Alert	10	Alcohol/Drugs	1
Yellow card warning (ASB)	6	Other	5
Fixed Penalty Notice	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	15.00
Police reports TOTAL:	16.00	Fly tipping / flyposting	1/0
In person	8	Graffiti	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	3	Dog fouling	6
Email	3	Litter	4
Intelligence report	2	Drug litter	1
		Hazards	3
Media reports TOTAL:	4.00	Community events attended	10
Press release / Community magazines	1	School contact	7
Social Media Posts	3	Youth engagement	24
Vulnerable People Welfare Checks	8	Reports to DVLA	0
Signposting	5	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0
Safeguarding referral	1	Admin	35

Anti-Social Behaviour

Through our partnership working, in particular 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

We have received a number of reports this month about primary school aged children repeatedly kicking the front doors of homes they do not live at. Although this may seem like a 'harmless bit of fun', you do not know what impact it may have on those living there. Some vulnerable people will be very upset by such incidents so please speak to your children and encourage them to consider others.

23/09 – We received a report of dangerous driving. Sussex Police have been made aware and patrols in the area will continue.

29/09 – We received further reports that someone is intentionally positioning logs and branches at the entrance of the Restricted Byway on Kings Lane meaning walkers are unable to pull into the layby safely. The matter has been reported to WSCC, Public Rights of Way, Access Officer for investigation.

Crime

12/09 – Public Order

We were alerted to an incident in Lintot Square involving a group of people causing a disturbance resulting in confrontation. The Police attended and the matter is subject to an investigation.

12/09 – Safeguarding Disclosure

We were approached by a concerned person reporting a very serious safeguarding concern. We made an immediate report to the police and action was taken to protect those involved while an investigation was initiated.

16/09 – Public Order

We were advised that a male presenting adult was asked not to exercise his dog in a gated play area. He became verbally abusive, and the matter was reported to the police.

21/09 – Drugs

We received a report of two male presenting adults acting suspiciously and smoking Cannabis. We conducted an area search, but they had moved on. We have now added this area to our patrols to disrupt this behaviour in the future.

26/09 – Criminal Damage & Harassment

We received a report of anti-social behaviour by a group of people in Kensett Avenue. A successful area search was carried out together with colleagues of Sussex Police which resulted in the group now being investigated.

Parking/vehicles

With the schools back after the holidays, the number of anti-social parking issues has increased again. As late as you may be or even when it is raining, please consider the risks you pose to others by the manner of your driving and parking.

For anti-social driving, please report to Operation Crackdown at:

<https://operationcrackdown.org/>

To report vehicles being driven with no Road Tax or a valid MOT please use the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

To report abandoned vehicles please use the link below:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/abandoned-vehicles>

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**



04/09 – We found two large mattresses dumped in the Hop Oast, Park & Ride so we reported them for removal by Horsham District Council.

- **Graffiti**

27/09 – We located graffiti at Stakers Lane and reported it for removal by HDC. This has since been completed.



- **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**

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

09/09 – We joined up with PCSO Cecil of Sussex Police for a Street Briefing in Lintot Square

10/09 – We attended the Games Club at the Village Hall and spoke with many residents

16/09 – We ran one of our regular Drop-In Sessions in Beeson House

18/09 – We ran our SEN Parent & Carer Support Group in Beeson House

18/09 – We were invited to the U3A AGM at The Ghyll and delivered a presentation about our work

24/09 – We attended the Macmillan coffee morning at Charmans Lodge

24/09 – We attended the Games Club at the Village Hall

26/09 – We attended the Southwater Youth project & the Art Exhibition at the Ghyll

30/09 – We attended the full Neighbourhood Warden Team meeting at HDC

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.

16/09 – We were approached by a vulnerable resident who had unfortunately locked themselves out of their home. We called upon the community spirit of a few of Southwater's finest to ensure the person was kept safe, provided with food/drink and shelter until arrangements could be made to get access to the property. Thank you to all that helped.

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

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 12 enquiries from residents by phone, email or in person and where necessary, signposted them to the most appropriate support services. These enquiries included reports of adults smoking cannabis, inconsiderate driving and parking, how to surrender a de-commissioned WW1 gun and how to procure a defibrillator for one of our developments.

Hazards

03/09 – We located a serious trip hazard by the bus stop at the junction of Worthing Road with Bakers Close where the force of the water had pushed up a section of the pavement and an inspection cover. We reported it to the WSCC Highways and they advised it would be inspected within 10 days.



04/09 – Whilst on mobile patrol we found a large branch on Worthing Road. We safely managed traffic, cut it into pieces and removed the debris to make it safer for all road users.

10/09 – We submitted a report for overgrown hedges on Worthing Road which were obstructing the footpath.

Meetings

04/09 – We attended a multi-agency meeting hosted by HDC and attended by West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and Sussex Police Neighbourhood Policing PCSOs.

12/09 – We attended a whole staff HDC devolution meeting.

17/09 – We had a meeting with Veronika Toth, SPC Community Engagement Officer, to discuss future projects

Training

11/09 – We successfully completed our Emergency First Aid At Work course.

Watch out for Winter Warm-Ups in October:



Horsham District's
Winter Warm Ups

Join us for a fun, activity filled day!

Tuesday 21 October 10am - 3.30pm at The Bridge Leisure Centre, Broadbridge Heath	Thursday 23 October 10am - 4pm at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Storrington
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Enjoy free taster activities aimed for those over 50s for all abilities, across a wide range of interests and including some self-care opportunities too. There will also be plenty of stalls in the community marketplace offering information and freebies.

Further details are available at:
www.horsham.gov.uk/community/Winter-Warm-Ups



 **CHANCTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE**
Providing a healthy community

 **Places Leisure**
Part of Places for People

 **Horsham District Council**

Horsham District Council are running two free activity days this October packed full of sports taster sessions, arts and crafts workshops, health and wellbeing checks and more. Aimed at the over 50s, this is your chance to warm up ahead of winter: get yourself prepared by prioritising your health and activity levels.

The events will be at The Bridge Leisure Centre in Broadbridge Heath and Chanctonbury Leisure Centre in Storrington.

Tuesday 21 October: The Bridge Leisure Centre

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Our first Winter Warm-Up will be 10am-3.30pm at The Bridge Leisure Centre, Wickhurst Lane, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham RH12 3YS.

[Visit The Bridge](#)



Strength classes

Strength classes will take place in Studio 1.

- Ballet Stretch: 10-10.45am
- Pilates: 11-11.45am
- Aerobics: 12-12.45pm
- Strong and Steady: 1-1.45pm
- Yoga: 2-2.45pm



Cycle classes

There are two Cycle classes taking place in the Spin Studio.

- Cycle class: 10.30-11am
- Cycle class: 1-1.30pm



Wellbeing MOTs and NHS health checks

Our Health and Wellbeing team will be running free Wellbeing MOTs and NHS Health Checks in the Meeting Room.

[Book your check](#)



Bowls and kurling

Bowls and kurling classes will take place in the Main Hall on Court 1.

- Short mat bowls: 9am-3.30pm
- Kurling: 9am-3.30pm



Racquet sports

- Table tennis: 10am-12pm on Courts 2 and 3

- Pickleball: 12.30-3.30pm on Courts 2 and 3
- Badminton: 12-4pm on Courts 4, 5 and 6
- Tennis: 10am-3.30pm on Multi Court 2



Clip n Climb

There will be two climbing taster sessions in the Clip n Climb area. Each includes a 10-minute briefing.

- 10.30-11.30
- 11.30-12.30



Walking football

Give walking football a try on Multi Court 1.

- 11-12pm
- 1.30-2.30pm



Archery

Archery drop-in sessions will be held at The Tube (indoor).

- 10.30-11.30am
- 1-2pm



Sensory room

The Bridge's sensory room will be open all day to visit. Suitable for under 5s and disabled children and adults, it provides a relaxing environment that can both calm and stimulate the senses.

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Our second Winter Warm-Up will be 10am-4pm at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Rd, Storrington, Pulborough RH20 4BG.

[Visit Chanctonbury Leisure Centre](#)



Strength classes

Strength classes will take place in the Studio.

- Yoga: 10-10.45am
- Ballet for beginners: 11-11.45am
- Gentle fit: 12-12.45pm



Relaxation and mindfulness

A Relaxation, Mindfulness and Breathing class will be in the Studio from 2pm-2.45pm.



Arts, crafts and music

Join one of the free crafts sessions or give singing a try in the Studio.

- ZEN doodling and LEGO club: 10-11.15am and 2-2.45pm in the Cafe
- Autumn wreath making: 11.30-12.45 and 2-4pm in the Cafe
- Singing for beginners: 3-4pm in the Studio



Racquet sports

There are a range of racquet sports sessions taking place in the Main Hall throughout the day.

- Table tennis: 10am-11am on Court 1 and 3-4pm on all courts.
- Pickleball: 11.15am-12pm on Courts 3 and 4 and 3-4pm on all courts.
- Short tennis: 12.15-1pm on Court 2
- Badminton: 12.15-1pm on Courts 3 and 4



Bowls, boccia and kurling

- Boccia: 10am-11am on Court 3 and 3-4pm on all courts
- Short mat bowls: 11.15am-12pm on Courts 1 and 2
- New age kurling: 12.15pm-1pm on Court 1



Ball sports

- Walking football: 10-10.45am on the 3G pitch
- Walking netball: 2-2.45pm in the Main Hall on Court 1
- Walking cricket: 3-4pm on the 3G pitch



Golf

- Disc golf: 2-3pm on the 3G pitch
- Tri golf: 10-11am in the Main Hall on Court 3



Healthy village walk

Start your day with a guided walk around Storrington: 9.30-9.55am, register at reception.



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For more up-to-date information, check out the Horsham District Council's website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/Winter-Warm-Ups>

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:

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NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS



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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