

Hello Regency Residents,

Welcome to December's Regency Ward Update! 

We hope you all had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR...lets recap what happened in December!

First, our Regency Priorities are 

- **Open drug dealing**

This has been seen in the city centre where a lot of open drug dealing has been seen in the IMPERIAL ARCADE. We are patrolling the area to deter this and when proportionate, taking action where we can get a warranted officers to do a Section 23 Misuse of Drug Act search. We are being proactive with response and are doing what we can when we are seeing this happen.

*If you do see any suspicious activity or any form of drug related activity, please do call it in on 101, where we can act on this.*

- **Youth Disorder**

We are aware of still ongoing issues in Clarence Square. When we see these youths, we engage move them on. We have a safeguarding duty to make sure they go home safely and make sure that they are okay. We have had a lack of reports regarding in CLARENCE SQUARE; however we are still aware of the issues they are causing in the city centre.

As well as this, we have had some concerns over youths entering buildings and causing ASB. We rely on CCTV for this, so we can identify the youths and put in safeguarding measures in. We really encourage reporting to be done on either 999 in an emergency for 101. Thank you!

- **Anti-social behaviour in residential areas**

We are still experiencing issues with youths and open drug dealing in residential areas. We aim to peruse with patrolling those areas so we can limit and put a complete stop to the behaviour that is ongoing.

*If you would like to speak to any of the ward PCSOS, please contact sussex police via either 101 or email in, stating you would like to speak to a Regency ward officer.*

## **Community Meetings-**

We had 2 community meetings/ gatherings in December. One of which was the Regency i360 Christmas tree light up ceremony. This was an amazing chance to speak to different residents from the community of Regency and understand some of the issues that are ongoing in the area. Thank you to Ani for making this happen, and we hope everyone had an amazing evening.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, we had a community meeting at THE SOUTHERN BELLE where we discussed some issues residents of Norfolk, Clarence, Russell Square and the surrounding areas are facing with anti-social behaviour. It was lovely to put some faces to names and to discuss issues that people are facing in the area. Thank you to everyone for coming to this meeting. It means a lot to us as Regency PCSO's, as we want to hear your opinions and want to make a positive change. We want to start the year on a positive note, so let's get those reports in and let's make a change!

**We have some more Ward Days/ Community Days coming up, such as-**

### **6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

*It's a new year....so let's kick it off to a good start. PCSO BATCHELOR and PCSO SOFFE will be in those areas that are causing issues and speaking to the residents and giving reassurance. We will be engaging with residents and MOP and get a better understanding of those areas who need more police presence to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.*

### **19<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

*PCSO SOFFE and PCSO BATCHELOR will be in CHURCHILL SQUARE doing a pop up due to it being half term week. We will be at Churchill Square where we will be engaging with members of the public about issues they are facing in the town centre. We are also aware around the Churchill Square area that there has been a lot of open drugs taking and youth disorder. We have been engaging with those businesses that have been affected by this all and hopefully engaging with those people who are involved.*

### **10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

*PCSO SOFFE and PCSO BATCHELOR will be having another ward day in Regency. We will be patrolling the hotspot areas in and around Regency, so if you have any areas that need police attention, please let us know.*

## **Regency, Norfolk, Russell and Clarence Square-**



We have had a decrease of reports within the squares this year! This is due to the weather, as Regency ASB seems to decrease in the winter months. Regardless of this, we have still been patrolling the areas and looking out for anti-social or suspicious behaviour. We have been engaging with residents who have been grateful for our presence which is nice! We continue to do this to deter any ASB from happening in your area.

## **NCP car parks-**

Due to the weather being colder at this time of year, we are well aware of the issues people who own car parks are struggling with people sleeping there. We have been regularly patrolling those areas and have been moving on people that are there and putting in safeguarding referrals and street referrals in for those people. We do

encourage that people who are being affected by this are reporting this on 101 or in an emergency 999, so police can take appropriate action.

## **Oriental Place-**

Patrols are still being conducted in and around Oriental Place, due to the issues that are still ongoing. Police are working with staff and having monthly meetings with staff to come up with plans to help solve the issues.

We encourage reports to be made to the police regarding any anti-social behaviour so we can take some positive action and discuss any concerns that you have.

Patrols will still be conducted in and around the area and are still ongoing. If you see us out and about, feel free to have a chat with us! We are doing what we can to help improve the area and make your area feel safe. 😊

## **Caution-**



From all of us in Sussex Police, please be careful whilst driving in this weather. We note that it is not icy yet, however make sure in the mornings as it is still dark to have your car lights on, and be careful on the roads!

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From us PCSO's who look after Regency, we hope you all had a **Merry Christmas** and hope you have a **Happy New Year!**

Kind regards

PCSO SOFFE, one of Regency's PCSO's.