

## Ward Update – May 2026

### North Portslade

Hi everyone. 🙌

I am happy to share a new update for activities in May.



### Community Safety

I have been patrolling and monitoring incidents across North Portslade, as well as supporting several concerns in Hove to assist the wider community. This includes widening patrols across Portslade into Boundary Road and to the seafront. I have also been patrolling the synagogues and mosques as part of our ongoing support of these communities.

Please don't hesitate to report any concerns by calling **101**. I'm always happy to follow up and support any actions needed to help keep our community safe.

While Police and PCSOs are here to help, not all issues require police involvement—for example, noise complaints or parking problems. These are often dealt with by Brighton & Hove City Council, including Environmental Health. However, I'm always available to advise, especially where criminal behaviour may be involved.

### Ward Presence & Engagement

In May, I have completed only 10 logged Engagement Patrols across North Portslade and wider areas and spoken with 14 people on cases they raised on concerns and issues in the community. This was far less than desired as I was supporting multiple concerns and operations across Brighton, and further.

We have seen multiple issues of youths on the seafront, specifically by Shelter Hall which has required a large Police presence in May and will continue into the summer months. Ideally, if you are allowing your children to attend the seafront, ensure they will be acting sensible, not to consume alcohol and leave at a reasonable time.

In May, I attended a coffee and catch-up event hosted by Hangleton and Knoll Projects to discuss concerns about fraud, this including online and in person. Here are a few types of fraud to be aware about:

**Identify Fraud** – This is one of the most common online, potentially impersonating IT support to gain access to your IT systems, or posing as a celebrity and pretending you are in a relationship that




requires funding. Do not provide any details to anyone trying to contact you online, you can end a conversation or call and dial the known company number to verify the details

**Romance Fraud** – Posing as a romantic partner, that needs money to support a cause, or financial issue. With AI, it's now easy to pose as someone else entirely online.

**Rogue Traders** – Door knockers, stating there is issues with your roof and other issues. It is usual to state the job is a quick £200, but this increases when they get on the roof and claim more money to fix an urgent problem, that isn't really there. Ideally, just tell them you have your own roofer, and will let them know.

If you witness anything concerning, please report it via **101**, or **999** in an emergency.

### **Current Ward Priorities**

-  Police Engagement & Communication
-  Drug Use & Dealing in North Portslade
-  Anti-Social Behaviour

These remain my main areas of focus, and I appreciate your continued support in tackling these issues together.

### **How to Report Concerns**

- **Non-emergencies:** Call **101** or report online via the Sussex Police website
- **Emergencies or crimes in progress:** Call **999** immediately

Thank you, as always, for your support in keeping North Portslade a safe and welcoming place to live.

Take care,  
**PCSO Cracknell**