

PCSO Monthly Ward Update

Welcome to your monthly Hangleton & Knoll-Ward update by beat PCSO Sharon Baker

Ward Update

Currently some key concerns in the area include:

Youths riding e-bikes causing ASB/riding dangerously/wearing face coverings

Fires being set in wooded area of park

Police have received various reports of youths riding dangerously on e-bikes throughout the area. They are riding on the road causing a danger to themselves, other road users/pedestrians, ignoring road markings, traffic signals and other vehicles.

We are collating details to identify those responsible and would urge the public to call us with any relevant information. It is also believed some are committing criminal acts, so they need to be stopped.

Police received a report from a member of public in relation to a fire set in the wooded area of one of our local parks and the Fire brigade was called. After speaking with resident and having visited the area, the fire appeared to have been quite large and would definitely cause a risk to the surrounding trees and vegetation. Again, I would urge the public to call the Police if they know who is setting these fires, especially as we are coming into the drier months.

Community Meetings and Ward Days

There are currently no meetings booked, but if you wish to meet with me at St Richards Church Hall, please let me know, as this can be arranged.

However, I recently attended one of our local primary schools to deliver a talk to the Reception classes and the Pre School class. It was a very enjoyable morning and the children were enthusiastic to learn a bit about the Police and we had some interesting questions from them.

Crime Prevention Advice

Home security remains a hot topic and I would like to remind everyone to keep side gates locked and secure at all times. Also, keep windows closed if you are not in the room at the time to stop opportunists from gaining entry.

With the increasing use of e-bikes, please be aware when using your mobile phone when out and about, or even just holding it in your hand. These can easily be snatched if you are not being vigilant.

Incidents of Note / Any other Business

There was a report of a deceased male located in a tent within one of our local parks and I would like to reassure the public that this was found to be from natural causes.

Police received a report in relation to a possible XL Bully being off lead and without a muzzle in the park. Information can be found on the Sussex Police website in relation to banned dogs and the law and how to report.

A call was received from a member of public reporting someone knocking on their door in the early hours of the morning asking for help. They did not open the door at the time, but I would suggest if this happens to you, making a call to the Police at the time may be appropriate.

The crime figures for April appear to be similar to those from last year, with a slight reduction in anti-social behaviour and theft. Reports of burglaries remain at 2 reports, which is average for most months.