

Hello to all the residents and businesses of the **North Laine and Westhill Ward**.

This is your monthly ward update brought to you by PCSO Bates, PCSO Hocking + our new addition to the ward PCSO Tanner!

Our current priorities are:

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

PCSO Hocking has been having ongoing issues the past few months at St Nicholas Church, and we want to prevent them getting worse as the weather heats up. We are aware of the tents popping up now and again however, this is a council issue. People have addressed concerns about people in the tents being threatening if this is the case and you feel like you have been threatened, please do call 999. If you do have any CCTV, descriptions, any information regarding incidents within the St Nicholas Church, Mount Zion area, please do contact 101 or use the online reporting form on the Sussex Police website. If you are witnessing a crime in action, such as a drug deal, please call 999 with a good description of offenders. We cannot always promise the resources will be deployed but calling us is better than not

We have received some amazing positive feedback from a group of the residents around the Mount Zion, St Nicholas Church area, we thank you for your recognition and are pleased our hard work has paid off.

TRAFALGAR STREET

We are aware Trafalgar Street has been an issue for a long time due to the location. We will lease with the council; however, there have been a lack of reports. We are aware of the previous squat however, this was a civil matter, and we believe after discussing with the owner of the premises, it has been dealt with. As always, we encourage reports via 999 for a crime in action and 101 or the web form for any additional information. **We do not take reports via email to ward PCSO's or take CCTV via email as reporting via the other mediums are in line with national crime reporting standards. If we need the CCTV, we will request it via NICE LINK.**

THE PAVILLION GARDENS

We are aware the weather getting hotter means more anti-social behaviour. We will be increasing patrols and linking in with Pavillion security to ensure the area is an enjoyable place to sit in the upcoming summer months.

LONDON ROAD

We are aware of shoplifting and other crime in this part of North Laine. We encourage traders to sign up to DISC with BCRP. We have noticed the numbers of youth-related crimes is starting to rise again. Please call us on 999 if you see large groups of youths taking part in criminal behaviour or ask store security to call police. We are aware of the issues and will be upping our patrols around the area as the summer season rolls in.

NORTH STREET

Our ward includes half of North Street which includes most food chains and convenience stores. Groups of youths are a big problem in this area due to them regularly targeting vape stores and convenience stores.

We are aware of the begging and homelessness issues and are working closely with different engagement charities and a close network of partner agencies to ensure everybody is supported and accountability is taken.

Most of the businesses on North Street have a radio which links in with the town security guards (BID) as well as other stores in the vicinity. You will also see a few of our Day Time Safety Marshalls patrolling the town, if you're used to going out in the evenings you may see some of these familiar faces. They work in conjunction with the BID Guards and have a cross-over with the Night Safety Marshalls. Just because we can't be everywhere at once, doesn't mean there isn't always somebody there. If you see anybody acting suspiciously in shops or in the street, please speak to a security guard who will be able to alert other stores of suspected suspicious people.

THE LANES

The Lanes continues to attract a high foot fall following the new year. We're grateful to everybody who had continued to report and support the work we do with the Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership to see results.

We have had some positive results such as remands, charges and recalls from the good work our local businesses do to reporting some of our prolific offenders.

As the temperature starts to warm up, please remember to keep your belongings safe and enjoy all the wonders our lovely local businesses have to offer.

To read more on the BCRP, please visit [Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership \(BCRP\) | Business Safety & Crime Prevention](#)

DRUG ACTIVITY – We have been working with CGL (change, grow, live) which is a charity that offers support to people that may have issues with drugs, alcohol, housing, justice or health to help rehabilitate people struggling. There have also

been plain clothed operations around the NLWH area to tackle drug dealing as we are aware it is a big issue.

SHOPLIFTING – We have been linking in with BCRP (Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership) and completing joint patrols to link in with business and target shoplifting. Businesses are encouraged to link in with BCRP and sign up to DISC which is an easier way of reporting things such as shoplifting.

MEETINGS

Any additional Sussex Police led meetings will be updated on the Sussex Police website under North Laine or will be advertised on Brighton and Hove Police Facebook page.

Central Area Cluster Meeting: A collaborative monthly meeting involving police, housing officers, the council, security teams, and residents.

North Laine & West Hill ASB Working Group: Monthly meeting with the council and local agencies to tackle ASB issues.

London Road Local Action Team: This is a space for residents of the London Road area, local councillors and partner agencies to come together to discuss the ongoing issues and discuss local business. With the next meeting scheduled for June.

The North Laine Community Association: The NLCA meeting is a residents / community meeting which takes place monthly at The Foyer, Pelham Street. This is on request attended by police and is a wonderful opportunity to find out what's going on in your community. They meet every third Tuesday of the month and have their own monthly newsletter!

Final message from us:

Just because you may not always see one of us doesn't mean work isn't being done behind the scenes. As previously mentioned, plain clothed work often gets done in the North Laine area.

We have a new **PRIORITY TASKINGS** team in Sussex Police which is very statistics based. More reports = more action. This team helps to allocate resourcing to areas that may need it the most.