

Ward Update – June 2026

North Portslade

Hi everyone. 🙌

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



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

I've been out and about in Portslade a great deal in the last few weeks, managing multiple issues and seeing various people in my ward. It really has been a pleasure engaging with the community. In addition, I have been patrolling Boundary Road an awful lot, especially with the ongoing challenges with an abandoned building on Boundary Road which is causing some kids to attend. The premises is dangerous with broken glass and should not be entered. If any parents are aware their children are attempting to enter, please ensure they do not for their safety.

Hot Weather

We had an incredibly hot few weeks in June and ongoing, and therefore it's extremely important to consider simple safety advice when the sun comes out. Use factor 50 suncream where possible, it's only usually later in the day that you realise how much sunburn can impact you. Additionally, make sure you drink lots of water, far more water than you feel you need. This will keep you fully hydrated and alert.



Crime Prevention

In July I will be supporting a 'Crime Prevention' talk at Warrior Close, Portslade with Hangleton and Knoll Project team. In preparation for this talk, I will layout the 10 principles of Crime Prevention that may deter potential issues in your home:

Target Hardening

Fitting better doors, windows and alarms

- Upgrading the locks on your doors, windows, sheds and outbuildings
- Fitting sash jammers to vulnerable doors and windows
- Using secure passwords to prevent criminals hacking your online accounts

Target Removal

Remove the target/opportunity for any offender

- Not leaving items on view through your windows – i.e. laptops, phones, keys, bags
- Putting your vehicle in the garage if you have one and not leaving valuables on display
- Being cautious about what you post online as it may be used to identify or locate you offline

Reduce the Means

Removing items that may help commit an offence

- Not leaving tools and ladders in the garden and clearing up any rubble/bricks
- Keeping wheelie bins out of reach, as they may be a climbing aid or help transport items
- Making sure that bricks and rubble are cleared up

Reducing the Payoff

Reducing the profit the criminal can make from the offence.

- Security marking your property
- Marking your property in such a way that others will not want to buy from the thief
- Not buying property you believe or suspect to be stolen

Access Control

Looking at measures that will control access to a location, a person or object

- Locking your doors and windows to both your house and your vehicle
- Ensuring that fencing, hedges, walls and other boundary treatments are in a good state of repair

- Putting a security system in place at a commercial site (entry barriers, security guards, ID cards)

Surveillance

Improving surveillance around homes, businesses or public places to deter criminals.

- Removing high hedges / fences at the front of your home that allows an offender to work unseen
- Consider adding CCTV to a commercial site or public place
- Establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your street

Environmental Change

Ensuring your property and wider community looks cared for.

- Ensuring that graffiti and domestic/commercial waste is cleared up
- Reporting issues with fly-tipping or broken street lights to the relevant authority
- Working with the police and local authority to close a footpath

Rule Setting

Changing our habits by setting rules and positioning signage in appropriate locations.

- Introducing a rule that the last person entering / leaving should lock the door and remove the keys
- Informing visitors to commercial sites that they must report to reception on arrival
- Informing users that a particular site is closed between certain times and should not be accessed

Increase the Chances of Being Caught

Increasing the likelihood that an offender will be caught to prevent crime occurring.

- Making use of dusk to dawn security lighting is in place and in working order
- Using good quality CCTV and/or alarm systems, especially on commercial sites and public places
- Upgrading security to delay an offender, meaning they have to spend more time to gain access

Deflecting Offenders

Detering an offender or deflecting their intention

- Using timer switches to make our homes look occupied if vacant after the hours of darkness
- Running youth diversionary schemes with partner agencies
- Referring offenders to drug rehabilitation programmes

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