

Warden Monthly Report

June 2026 - Ashington

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime

We received a report regarding den that had been built by young people, unfortunately someone took it upon themselves to destroy this den and throw parts in the stream. We have been patrolling the area to monitor for any further destruction and to ensure that the water way remain clear.

We have received multiple complaints this month regarding the use of E-scooters and Mini Moto's around the village. Not only is it illegal for these to be ridden on public roads, pavements or cycle paths, it is dangerous for pedestrians and road users. We are working with the police to identify those riding around the village. If you have any information or footage, then please do report to the police via Operation Crackdown <https://operationcrackdown.org/>



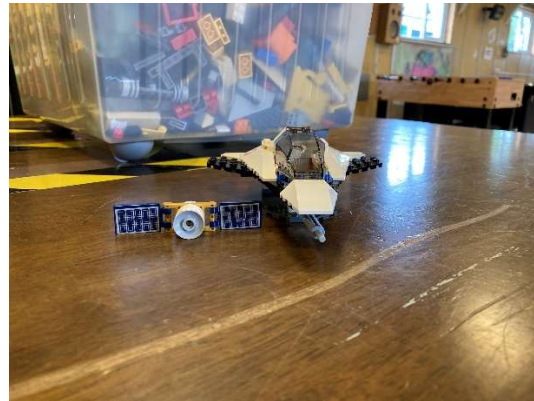
Fly tipping/littering/graffiti.

Whilst out we have been out on patrol this month we have spent time litter picking, most areas in the village have been alright but we have noticed more rubbish around the skate park area. We encourage all residents to use the litterbins around the village to dispose of rubbish.

We removed a number of posters and banners from around the village, they were either out of date or weather damaged, if your organisation puts banners up please ensure they are removed after the event. If you would like anything, put up in the Parish Notice boards to advertise local events then please get in contact with us.

Community engagement/events/meetings

We held our second Brick Club this month at the Youth Club, it is a space for children and young people to get creative with Lego, have some time with their friends and hopefully make some new friends. It also creates an opportunity for their grown ups to have a cuppa and chat with other parents or to engage with us about any community concerns they may have. This month's club was extremely successful and there were some brilliant creations.



Following on from our litter pick with the Ashington in Bloom Team we were proud to be invited down to the youth club to meet with the Judge after she had done her walk around the village, she seemed impressed with the huge amount of work the team and other village organisations had put in.

We had our final Community Hub in June; this was set up as opportunity for residents to meet but also to be able to signpost onto other organisations that might be able to help with any community concerns. We are reviewing and looking at other opportunities to meet with residents.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We have been out on patrol covering all of Ashington this month, either by foot or vehicle. We have particularly been paying attention to dog fouling areas of concern.

Older, vulnerable people and youth

This month we met with some of our SEN parents at our journey support group. It has been really encouraging to see how they can all share advice and stories but also how we are able to signpost and suggest other organisations who may be able to help. If you have a child or young person with SEN, then we would love to welcome you at our next meeting. We meet term time only, and it's a really relaxed friendly group. Please do get in touch if you would like more details.

We have visited the students at the Rock Road site for Steyning Grammar School, it is always a joy to walk around the site at lunch time engaging with both students and teachers.

We received several reports regarding concerns for a male sleeping rough in Ashington due to his sleeping conditions and the weather, we patrolled the area he was reported in but unfortunately, we were unable

to engage with him. We spoke with the Rough Sleeper Outreach worker at Horsham District Council who also visited the site.

If you have any concerns around a rough sleeper then please contact StreetLink <https://thestreetlink.org.uk/> and put in a referral.

Our Cuppa and Chat continues at The Red Lion on the second Monday of the month 1.30pm – 3.00pm, we run this in partnership with Age Uk. It is completely free (thanks to The Red Lion for providing Tea and Coffee) It was great to engage with older residents who were discussing the challenges of social isolation and the need for more outings and groups.

With the Red Alert for Heat at the end of June, we checked on some of our more vulnerable residents, to ensure they were following advice and see if they needed any further support. With the hot weather set to continue please do follow advice from the NHS.



Vehicle related issues.

We had a couple of reports this month about vehicles in the village to check if they had been dumped or stolen. We checked these vehicles with the DVLA and the local police.

If you have concerns regarding a vehicle, please do note down the vehicle registration and check <https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax>

We addressed some dangerous parking for a large event in the village, requesting the organisation get the parked cars moved to a safer location and helping to direct and slow the traffic until the issue was resolved.

Parish specific/other

This month we took part in Active Bystander training which was guidance on how to safely intervene and challenge inappropriate behaviour, discrimination or harassment.

Social media/press

We have written another article in Sussex Local which is a free magazine delivered to all households. We have also been putting out social media posts relating to events we have coming up. If you would like to follow our Facebook page you will find it <https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens>

If you know of someone who would be interested in reading our monthly report, but they do not have access to the internet, please contact us and we will be happy to deliver a printed copy to them.

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