

Warden Monthly Report

August 2022 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	73	ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents TOTAL:	8
Foot (high visibility)	52	Noise	4
Vehicle	21	Neighbours	2
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/vehicles	0
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	2
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order	0
Parking alert	1	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	5
Police reports TOTAL:	4	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Email	2	Dog fouling	1
Intelligence report	0	Litter	1
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	1	Drug litter	3
Verbal	3	Hazards	0
Media reports TOTAL:	10	Community events attended	5
Press release / Community magazines	1	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0
Social Media	9	Safeguarding referral	1
Admin	63	School contact	2
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	3	Youth engagement	15
Signposting	5	Reports to DVLA	0

KEY:

ASB: Anti-social behaviour

E-CINS: Online confidential multi-agency system for sharing of caseloads.

ASB/crime/criminal damage

During August we have had an increase in reports of drug dealing and ASB at Pocket Park. We are working on identifying those involved and encouraging residents to report their concerns and observations to the Police. We think it is likely to be the same group who have been causing problems at the Lower Street car park.

We have also received reports of ASB, and fences being broken at the Carpenters Meadow play area and knocking on doors of residents in Skeyne Drive so we have increased our patrols there. We believe this is a younger group who are suffering from summer holiday boredom. A report has been sent to the parks team at Horsham District Council regarding damage to the ground and play equipment at the play area and to look at what we can do to improve the facilities there.

There have also been issues with a group (possibly adults) gathering late at night on the banks of the river/in ancient woodland at Stopham, so we have visited the area and spoken to a local farm manager and liaised with a nearby resident. We have also discussed the issue with PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Lisa Bowley and PCSO Jake O'Donovan has also visited the area.

We also spent time speaking to local residents in person and via telephone and e-mail regarding the unauthorised traveller encampment at the recreation ground and the associated complaints of anti-social behaviour and noise. We worked closely with colleagues at Horsham District Council, Pulborough Parish Council and Sussex Police regarding this.

Parking/vehicles

Although August has been the school holidays, we have been researching ideas to discuss with St Mary's Primary School to try to improve parking around the school site at drop off and pick up times and will be arranging a meeting with them in due course.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We reported graffiti found on the Carpenters Meadow play equipment to Horsham District Council's cleansing team as we were unable to remove it with our graffiti wipes.

We liaised with the Parish Council and District Council regarding the fly tipping and littering left on the recreation grounds by the unauthorised traveller encampment. We carried out a litter pick in Pocket Park and on the Recreation Ground and worked with the Deputy Parish Clerk Nick Wiltshire and a group of local young people to clear away wood and branches from the cricket pitch, in time for a local stoolball match to be played.



Community engagement/events/meetings

Ross attended the Nutbourne Residents Association August meeting to introduce himself and discuss any concerns raised which was appreciated by the residents.

We visited the Horsham Community Fridge (part of the Fare Divide Community Fridge Network) and met with Nichola, one of the organisers there, to see how it operates, with a view to setting one up in Pulborough. This as with many things will need volunteers and a premises but is an exciting idea which we hope to develop.

After visiting the Community Fridge, we visited the youth club in Hurst Road, which has recently been reopened by 4TheYouth (an independent charity set up to run Youth Projects for young people in the Horsham District and surrounding areas) as The Hurst Café. The idea of the café is to provide a safe space for young people to meet with friends, grab a drink or a snack. Young people can spend time within the café, play pool or use the outside hardcourt for sports or if the weather is nice enjoy the garden space. This model is something that we would really like to replicate in Pulborough in the future.

Following on from our visit to the Hurst Café we hosted a meeting with colleagues from Horsham District Council to discuss youth provision in the Parish and have been in discussions with the school regarding progressing youth facilities there.

During August we ran five highly successful sports sessions for young people on the recreation ground in conjunction with Horsham Sports Services. These sessions have been very well attended and we have received lovely feedback from parents/guardians and the young people alike. The sessions have been a fantastic opportunity for us to engage with the families and to let them know more about the work of the Neighbourhood Wardens.



Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens
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Ross and Louisa's FREE summer sports sessions on the Pulborough Rec were another great success despite the rather oppressive heat today.

Good numbers of young people came along to enjoy the mix of activities on offer, from the ever popular archery, to disc golf, tug of war and dodge ball. There was even an impromptu juggling 'masterclass' run by one of the wardens which resulted in one young person learning to juggle this afternoon! We were very impressed!

We had our gazebo set up for shade if necessary and plenty of water available for people to drink.

Run in conjunction with [Horsham Sports Services](#) there are plenty of other activities available and plenty of room for more people to join in too, so please come along on Tuesday afternoons during the holidays from 2-4pm.



Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We have continued with our vehicle patrols of fly-tipping hotspots in the outer lying areas of the parish and in Nutbourne.

We have focused our foot patrols in our ASB hotspots, such as the Recreation Ground, Pocket Park, and Carpenters Meadow. We have also foot patrolled the area along the riverbank at Stopham. We also conduct regular foot patrols in Lower Street visiting the shops and businesses as we go.

Louisa spent two evening shifts working alongside Billingshurst Neighbourhood Warden Julie Green. Julie has been in post there for some time and has an excellent knowledge of the young people. The wardens spent an equal amount

of time in both parishes patrolling the ASB hot spots and engaging with the young people who spend time in both villages. They also patrolled with PCSO Lisa Bowley and this provided a great opportunity to discuss community issues and concerns.

Elderly and youth

We have continued to promote and sign-up young people for our boxing sessions which start next month. The summer sports proved a great engagement tool for this.

We have visited the Craft Café again at the URC which is always a positive engagement opportunity, and we are always grateful for the offers of a cup of coffee and a piece of cake!

Dog related issues

We have received no new dog related complaints during August.

Cycling

We have received no cycling related complaints during August.

Parish specific/other

This year the Police & Crime Commissioner and Sussex Police launched the 'Safe Space Sussex' App. The app display's locations that offer a safe space for people to go to when they are away from home if they feel threatened or at risk of harm. A person can then wait until the Police, or a trusted contact can reach them or until they have been able to access any necessary information and advice to keep them safe.

We have been liaising with the Safe Space Sussex team at Sussex Police to look at how we can assist in promoting the scheme within the Parish as Pulborough currently only has Tesco registered on the App as a recognised Safe Space.

We hope to update more on this next month...




Social media/press

We have been using the existing Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens Facebook and Twitter accounts successfully to promote our messages in the Parish. Some posts for awareness of local issues and others to promote activities such as the summer sports and our boxing programme.

During August, we discussed with HDC's Digital Communications Team the possibility of launching a Pulborough Warden's Instagram account. Our rationale behind this was not only to engage with local people using another social media platform but also to reach younger people who are using Facebook less and a broader range of local businesses. Thankfully, it was agreed that we could go ahead with this and Pulborough.Wardens are now on Instagram!

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