

Warden Monthly Report

April 2024 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	80	ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents reported to us TOTAL:	2
Foot (high visibility)	59	Noise	0
Vehicle	21	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/vehicles	0
Verbal warning	0	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	2
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	1
Reports into Police TOTAL:	2	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	1
Online	1	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	0
Verbal	0	Drug litter	0
E-Mail	1	Hazards	0
Media Reports TOTAL:	2		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	2	Community events attended	15
Admin hours	18	School contact	3
Vulnerable people welfare checks	8	Youth engagement	17
Signposting	12	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0

KEY:

ASB: Anti-social behaviour

HDC: Horsham District Council

Operation Crackdown: A joint initiative with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police to report abandoned vehicles or anti-social driving.

PCSO: Police Community Support Officer

PSPO: Public Spaces Protection Order – Intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life.

PPC: Pulborough Parish Council

WSCC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue

CSAS: Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

ASB

Over the Easter weekend it was reported that 3 males had been seen throwing stones at trains from the railway bridge at Church Place. This is the second incident of this nature and is deeply alarming. We carried out some enquiries and names have been passed on to both British Transport Police and Sussex Police.

We also received a call from staff at Newey Nurseries to say that vandalism had been caused to some of the greenhouses on site with more than 40 panes of glass smashed. This has also been reported to Sussex Police and we have conducted additional patrols at the site.



Parking/Vehicles/Road

Parking/Vehicles

We received some complaints about parking in Church Place during April. Due to the car park at the old Catholic Church now being blocked off more cars are parking along the road. Although there are no parking restrictions in place, we do ask that drivers are respectful of driveways to neighbouring properties and do not park too close to the bend by the railway bridge where Church Place joins Coombelands Lane.

Road

We received an e-mail from a concerned local about a structure located in the lay-by on the A283 between Pulborough and Wiggonholt where it is believed someone is living. Although the lay-by falls under Parham Parish Louisa visited the location with Storrington Warden Chris Poore. A male at the location who had been homeless and sleeping at the location in the past was spoken to. He stated he had now been housed but still likes to visit the location and his old caravan as he has nowhere else to store it. Chris has contacted Turning Tides who support the homeless to see if the male is living back at the site. Louisa has made a report to West Sussex County Council as the lay-by is believed to fall under the highway boundary.

To report a vehicle with no MOT and/or no tax please see links below to the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-no-mot>

<https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

For anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles, please report to Operation Crackdown at:

<http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>

Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti

We are pleased to report that we did not find any fly-tipped rubbish in the parish during April.

Sadly, there was some graffiti reported on the floodlights by the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the main recreation ground in Rectory Close. This was removed by the Deputy Parish Clerk using our graffiti removal wipes.

If you witness fly tipping in action, please call Sussex Police and if possible, provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant dash cam footage you may have.

You can also report it direct to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Abandoned shopping trolleys can be reported on the "Trolleywise" website at: www.trolleywiseapp.co.uk

You can report incidents of graffiti direct to Horsham District Council via their website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

Pulborough Community Volunteers Forum Meeting

On Tuesday 9th April we attended the quarterly meeting of the Pulborough Community Volunteers Forum held at the United Reformed Church. The meeting enables us to provide updates on the community projects we have been working on and the wonderful support given by volunteers to these projects. It is also very useful for us to hear updates from the churches, Pulborough Traders and the PDCCA amongst others.

Monday Hub

Louisa visited The Hub at the library on Monday 15th April. The numbers were a little lower than previous visits mainly due to the poor weather conditions but as usual a warm welcome was received and discussions about local topics ensued.

Craft Café

We visited the Craft Cafe at the URC on Tuesday 9th April. As usual the cafe was a hive of activity, and it was lovely to see the beautiful bunting being made by the ladies which will be hung in the URC as part of the Craft Cafe's birthday celebrations. Again, we are grateful to those running the group that they make us feel so welcome and provide us with a place to speak to people about any local issues that are concerning them and to update them on our work within the community.

Meeting with Mark Marriott, new Saxon Weald Housing Manager for Pulborough

Saxon Weald Housing Association has appointed a new housing manager for the Pulborough area, and we were pleased to be invited to a meeting on Friday 19th April with Mark to discuss some community issues and look at how we can work better together. The meeting was very positive.

Warden's Steering Group Meeting

On Tuesday 16th April we attended our quarterly steering group meeting with Warden Supervisor Carol Boniface, Parish Clerk Harry Quenault and Parish Council Chair Len Ellis-Brown. We spoke about our current projects. Parish Council and District Council priorities were discussed and how our work in the community fits with these. We also talked about ASB hot spots and incidents.

Pulborough Pop-In

Ross has spent time visiting the Pulborough Pop-In at the Library run by Isla Moran on behalf of the Pulborough and District Community Care Association (PDCCA). The Pop-In provides a safe space for parents and carers to visit for a cuppa and a chat where pre-school children are made very welcome.

More information can be found at the PDCCA's revamped website here:

<https://www.pdcca.org.uk/>

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

Due to the anti-social behaviour mentioned above we have been focusing our patrols in these areas of the village and as we do each month, we have focused our vehicle patrols on the fly tipping hotspots on the more rural roads of the parish and checked that the carriageways are kept clear of debris.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

Older/Vulnerable People

Silver Bullet Men's Group

We have continued to support Age UK to open a Silver Bullet Men’s Group in Pulborough by helping to promote the Group Facilitator Volunteer role on social media and by talking to people when out on patrol. We hope to have an update soon.




Volunteer role Description



Men’s Group Facilitator


Introduction
 "Volunteering has given me a purpose again. I was a cabbie and I used to love meeting people and chatting about 'this and that'. After retirement, I had all this extra time, but my days just blended into one. Since starting volunteering, I'm meeting people again and making new friends. I literally feel like I've got a reason to get up again in the morning. I'm so proud to be part of this team and helping in the community. It's raised my self-worth. I'm laughing again and it has also improved my health".

Age UK West Sussex, Brighton and Hove enable older people to Love Later Life. Our aims are to promote the wellbeing of all older people, to make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience and to enable people to flourish.

Responsible to:
Hayley Dower, Senior Community Developer - Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove

Based at:
 A venue in Pulborough. Dates and times to be arranged with the volunteer.

Key responsibilities:
 To Facilitate a small group of men in a small friendly pub to meet up in a laid-back informal environment. The group can be shaped to the needs of the client group and can be run as is convenient to the facilitator which could be weekly, fortnightly or monthly. For up to 2 hours. Clients can buy their own drinks as needed from the bar.



Role requirements:

- Due to the Specific type of group, ideally, we would like a Male to facilitate this
- Friendly
- Fun
- Enjoy meeting people and supporting them to love later life

How will we support you:
 You will be provided with induction training and be shown how to work to guidelines to be sure you are confident and able to carry out your volunteer role. Induction training will cover an introduction to Age UK West Sussex Brighton & Hove and its' services, policies and procedures. All relevant training will be free to volunteers. You will receive on-going support and training to carry out your role effectively and be able to enjoy going so with confidence.

What will you get out of volunteering for Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove:
 Meeting others, having fun and a sense of fulfilment. If you are looking for a job we can give you some experience whether you have worked in this setting before or not. We will train you so you will gain knowledge of working in a charity sector and that will help you in your search for a job. We can also give you a written reference.

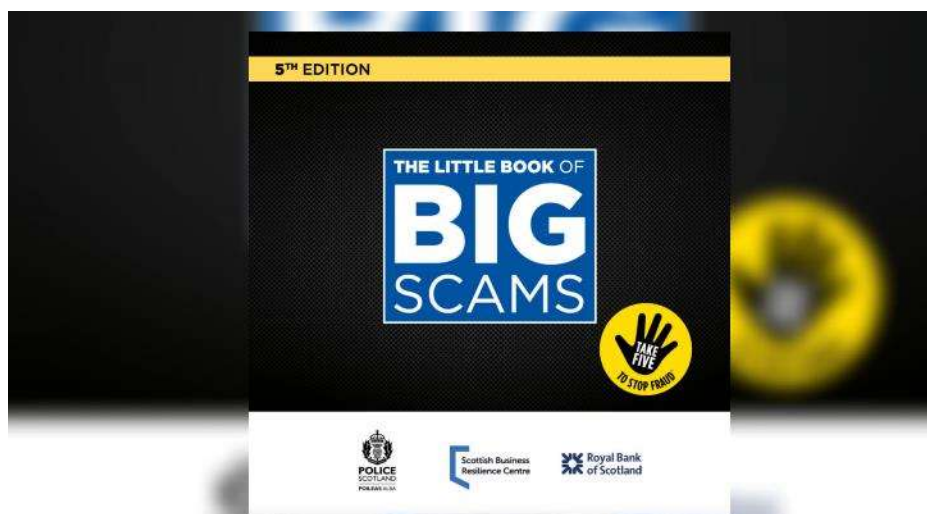
Volunteer Agreement
 I have read and understood the above Role Description and would like to become a volunteer for this service.

Signature.....

Date.....

Scam Awareness Talk

On Friday 19th April we attended Green Meadows in Pulborough which is Saxon Weald development for the over 55's. We were invited by the Scheme Manager to a coffee morning where we talked to the residents about scams. Scams are evolving all the time and still range from postal scams to romance fraud, from telephone calls to doorstep traders and it is important that we help people to keep their hard-earned money in their bank accounts and not of the scammers.



Vulnerable Persons Visits

April has involved quite a few visits to vulnerable members of our community who sometimes need a little extra support. These have included neighbour issues, cost of living concerns, IT issues, an elderly resident who had not been seen for some time and a suspected rogue trader visit. We have spent time contacting Sussex Police, Housing Associations, GPs, social workers and support workers. This is a large part of our role and one that we cannot always report on for confidentiality reasons.

Youth

Youth Forum update

After attending the Year 7 assembly in March, Ross attended The Weald School council meeting with Billingshurst wardens Julie and Barry to speak to some more of the young people. We are now trying to arrange an assembly with the Year 8 pupils.

Dog Related Issues

After receiving a complaint about a loose dog getting into a neighbouring property, we visited the dog owners and gave words of advice.

We were also contacted for advice about a dog barking and sounding distressed at a property in the village. Advice was given regarding contacting the RSPCA and the Registered Social Landlord (RSL) who owns the property was also notified.

Although not reported directly to us we are aware of issues with dog mess not being picked up in the Stane Street Close area. We have liaised with the housing manager for the area who is investigating this.

Dog fouling can be reported via the HDC website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/dog-fouling>

Any attacks by dogs need to be reported immediately to Sussex Police. Their advice is that if there is an immediate threat to human or animal life to call 999. Otherwise report to the police on 101 or via the Sussex Police website reporting form.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Dogs Roaming Free

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, you may wish to consider reporting it to Horsham District Council's approved contractor on 07512 089777 and they will come and collect. ***This is a 24/7 service, but the dog does need to be contained for them to collect.***

Parish specific/other

Blocked Pavement in Glebelands

We were informed of a blocked pavement in Glebelands, where a dead tree had fallen and was blocking the path. Ordinarily we would have contacted the landowner (usually WSCC Highways) for a matter like this but knowing that the land had been recently sold to the developers of the proposed Newey housing development, we figured it would be quicker to just clear it ourselves. Together with some residents, we formed a small work party, cleared the blockage and made the path useable again.



Community Garden/Allotment

On Tuesday 16th April we spent the morning collecting a large polytunnel donated by local resident Trevor Gibbs. The polytunnel is too large for the current Creative Garden site but it is hoped that it can be used for the future community allotment site that will be shared with the Pulborough Shedders.



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556526658747>

Pulborough "Journey" support group for parents and carers of children with Autism and Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Our Journey Group met at the Pulborough Sports & Social Club on Wednesday 24th April. The number of attendees was considerably less than the March meeting, but we still had some positive discussions around how we may be able to educate the wider community about the issues faced by those with Autism and SEN and their families and about the idea of a Pulborough Family Fun Day over the summer. Watch this space for further news!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May where we will be joined by members of West Sussex County Council's Early Help Service.

Further dates for our Journey group can be found on the poster below:



Journey
A group for Parents and Carers
of Autistic and SEN Children

Wednesday 28 February
Wednesday 27 March
Wednesday 24 April
Wednesday 22 May
Wednesday 19 June

10am to 11am

Pulborough Sports & Social Club,
22 Rectory Close, Pulborough, RH20 2AJ

Come along and join us,
have a chat and a cuppa
with other parents on a
similar journey to you.

No need to book, no
pressure, just turn up.
Tea and coffee provided
free of charge.

For more information please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:
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Email: pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

 NEIGHBOURHOOD
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 Pulborough Parish Council
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 Horsham
District
Council

Refurbishment of Carpenters Meadow Play Area

We are still working with District Councillor Paul Clarke and the HDC Parks & Countryside Development Manager Anna Chapman on this project. At the current time the design and tender process is being carried out, so we will update further once this has been completed and we know more.

<https://www.instagram.com/pulborough.wardens/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens>

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>