

# Warden Monthly Report

July 2024 – Pulborough Parish

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents reported to us TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>
Foot	58	Noise	0
Vehicle	22	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	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	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Reports into Police TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	2
Verbal	1	Drug litter	0
E-Mail	5	Hazards	0
<b>Media Reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	5	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Admin hours</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>School contact</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Vulnerable people welfare checks</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>0</b>

## 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

PPC: Pulborough Parish Council

WSSC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue

CSAS: Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

## ASB/CRIME

### Damage to a gate

Criminal damage to a gate on a rural footpath was reported to us with information supplied about the perpetrator. The incident was reported to the Police, but as the individual had been coming to our attention quite a bit in the community, we also spoke to the parents to see if we could help with some early intervention and support.

### Drones

We have had a complaint about a drone being flown over a residents garden this month. This can be seen as anti-social and an invasion of privacy when people are trying to enjoy time out in their gardens. This is the second such complaint we have received this year.

The laws on drone use in the UK are a bit confusing and depend mainly on the size of the craft being used. It boils down to whether or not the drone is above or below 250g as to where and what the pilot can do. Obviously, this is not easy to tell when the drone is at height over you, but it is critical information in trying to sort this out.

Do you know who is flying the drone and if so, have you had a word with them about it? Usually, a quick conversation can resolve most issues.

The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) have published The Drone and Model Aircraft Code which should be followed to make sure they are flown safely and legally. The code and further information can be found here.

<https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/drone-code/where-you-can-fly>

Further information can be found from Sussex Police here:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/drones/drones/>

Basically, if you have read the rules and think someone might be breaking the law, you can report it to Sussex Police online.

## Parking/Vehicles/Road



We have reported the very weathered “No Cycling” sign at the Link Lane end of the Recreation Ground to WSCC for replacement. Case reference 3277022



We have also reported a broken public bridleway sign at Black Gate Lane and have been contacted by the Public Rights of Way (PROW) team at WSCC who say it will be repaired when they next have contractors working in the parish.

#### Useful vehicle related links:

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



After a recent event on the main recreation ground, the organisers did everything right (almost). They diligently picked up and bagged all their rubbish, but unfortunately left the bags by the bins and the naughty 🐱 🐱 🐱 had a bit of a look... Please can all users of the recreation ground take away any rubbish that doesn't fit in the bins.



We have also been contacted by a resident who has raised concern about fires and litter left by people camping alongside the riverbank on the Pulborough side of the Stopham Bridge. It is believed this area falls just inside the South Downs National Park boundary, so we are carrying out some enquiries with our colleagues in planning. On a recent visit we saw that litter had been neatly placed in a rubbish bag but left in situ for the foxes and other wildlife to search through. If there is not a bin available, please take your litter home.

**Useful links for reporting litter, fly tipping or graffiti:**

You can report litter issues to HDC at the following link:

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

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter bin here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

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](http://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

### **Tea Spot Caring Cafe**

We were lucky to be able to visit the Caring Cafe at the United Reformed Church again on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The Caring Cafe welcomes carers, those they care for and anyone needing company and is dementia friendly. It is held on the first Thursday of each month at the Pulborough URC between 10am and midday.

### **Quarterly Pulborough Community Volunteers Forum**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July we attended the quarterly meeting of the Pulborough Community Volunteers Forum, organised and chaired by Christine Lindsay. 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 Pulborough and District Community Care Association (PDCCA).

This quarter we were also joined by Roger and Richard from the Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District who updated us on the support they are providing locally. This is a special year for the Club and to celebrate 40 years their President, Pippa Davies, came up with the idea 40-4-40. This is to help 40 local charities/groups/clubs to purchase something much needed, for up to £40.

### **The Tea Spot Craft Café**

What an amazing group of talented ladies we have in Pulborough – the Craft Cafe attendees have been making the most beautiful handmade bunting to celebrate the groups upcoming birthday. Each time we call by more amazing triangles have been made and we cannot wait to see the bunting hanging around the United Reformed Church. Thank you to the group for their usually warm welcome.

### **Pulborough Pop-In**

The Pulborough Pop-In at the Library run by Isla Moran on behalf of the Pulborough and District Community Care Association (PDCCA) runs on Wednesday mornings between 9am and 11am. 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. Isla is a welcoming face, and her cakes are delicious too! We pop-in too from time to time to have a chat with Isla and the parents about community issues.

The pop-in is now on its summer break as it runs during term times and will be back open again in September.

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

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

## Pulborough Village Market



It has been a few months since we have been able to attend the village market, so it was lovely to be there on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July and to speak to those regular attendees and also welcome some new faces. One lady took the time to ask us about our role and it gave an opportunity to also talk about the amazing work going on in the parish by those who volunteer at the Pulborough Pantry and the Community Allotment and also make people aware of the thriving Pulborough Shedders, which is now open two mornings a week.

## Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We have been focusing our patrols on the areas of the village where we have seen anti-social behaviour occur at this time of year 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.



During one of our vehicle patrols we found a fallen tree by the river at Stopham, blocking access to the Wey-South Path – So we have reported it to WSCC. Ref: WSCC-635107688.

We enjoyed a sunny foot patrol over to the area known locally as “The Beach” on the Brooks, even more than usual as we found no litter at all! This is a rare occurrence, and we would like to thank those visitors who have collected litter and taken it away. Please let's keep this beautiful area free from rubbish and barbecues/fire.



## Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

### Older People

#### Horsham Older Persons Professional Network

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July we joined the online Horsham Older Persons Professional Network meeting organised by Hayley at Age UK. This month there was an informative input from the NHS West Sussex Talking Therapies Team – A free NHS talking therapies service for managing anxiety and depression for those aged 18+ who are registered with a GP and to which people can self-refer.

Further information can be found on the posters below:

**IT'S TIME TO TALK**

NHS  
West Sussex  
Talking Therapies

**WHY DO I FEEL LIKE THIS?**

**IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH.**

If you're worried, anxious or stressed, talking therapies can help. You can self-refer online or over the phone - you don't have to let your GP know first.

Scan the QR code or call 01403 620434

westsussexalkingtherapies.nhs.uk Part of Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

**IT'S TIME TO TALK**

NHS  
West Sussex  
Talking Therapies

**I FEEL LOW**

**IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH.**

If you're worried, anxious or stressed, talking therapies can help. You can self-refer online or over the phone - you don't have to let your GP know first.

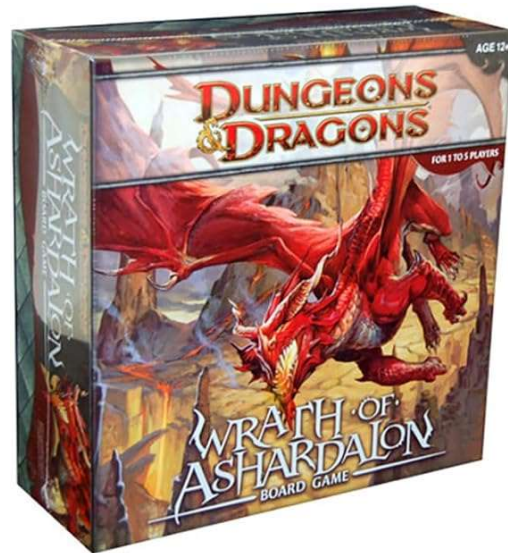
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### Youth Forum

We are still working on our Youth Forum project to provide an arena for young people to have a voice in the Parish and will be sitting in on St Mary's Primary School Council meetings in the new school term to see how we can work together with the school and their pupils.

### Modern Games Club



During early July we read a post on the Pulborough Village Group on Facebook enquiring about whether any young people locally play Dungeons & Dragons, which is a type of modern boardgame. Like with many activities we have found that a lot of clubs are only held in the larger towns, making it difficult for younger people to attend. We have discussed this with our colleagues Chris Poore & John Sampson, Storrington & Sullington Wardens and are now looking at the possibility of starting a modern games club, running on a Saturday.



## Dog Related Issues

We continue to remind people to please remember to pick up after your dogs.

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.***

**\*\*\* Please note Horsham District Council does not have dog wardens \*\*\***

## Parish specific/other

### Pulborough Community Allotment

Work continues on this amazing initiative aimed at bringing our community together through the joy of growing and cultivating delicious, nutritious food in an environmentally friendly way. The trial beds can be found on the existing Parish Council allotments, but this enterprise forms part of a larger project to create a dedicated community allotment and shared building space with the Pulborough Shedders on adjacent land.

Pulborough Community Allotment Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563502016842>





Pulborough Shedders Facebook page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/pulboroughshedders>

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

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens in Partnership with Chanctonbury leisure centre, are hosting an Autism and SEN fun day.

Friday August 2nd  
10:30am – 3pm at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre.

Activities available for everyone, bring the whole family.

For more info: Contact [Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS | DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN! | CHANCTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE

In addition to our work around supporting families locally with Autism and Special Educational Needs we have been working with the Storrington & Sullington and Ashington Neighbourhood Wardens to arrange a fun day specifically these young people and their families with the support of Andi Dunstan at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. The free event is being held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and families can attend at any time between 10:30am and 3pm and stay for as long as they like. Some of the activities on offer range from soft play and bouncy castle fun to wheelchair basketball, table tennis and curling.

During July we advertised our 'Journey' support group alongside those of our colleagues in the neighbouring villages to give people a broader option of groups to visit. Sadly, attendance at our Pulborough meeting in July was exceptionally low and we are reviewing whether to continue the group here or to signpost people to the other groups.

## Journey

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

Come along this month to any of our sessions and meet with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No diagnosis required, no pressure, just a free cuppa and a chat.

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**Ashington\***  
ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk  
Friday 5 July | 10am - 11am  
Ashington Church,  
Church Lane, RH20 3JX

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**Billingshurst\***  
billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk  
Monday 15 July | 9.30am - 10.30am  
The Depot, 83a High Street,  
Billingshurst

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**Pulborough\***  
pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk  
Wednesday 17 July | 10am - 11am  
Pulborough Sports & Social Club,  
Rectory Close, RH20 2AJ

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**Storrington & Sullington**  
storrington-sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk  
Tuesday 23 July | 10am - 11am  
Chanclonbury Leisure Centre,  
Spierbridge Road, RH20 4PG

\*Aspens will be visiting these groups



### Refurbishment of Carpenters Meadow Play Area (Horsham District Council)

This project happily continues to progress and the deadline for the submission of quotes by contractors has now passed. We're hoping it should be all done and dusted by year end, weather permitting!

1.1 The timetable for the award of this Contract is as follows:

Event	Date
Deadline for Submission of Quotes	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Contract Award Notification	Week beginning 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
Provisional Contract Start Date (on site)	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Practical Completion Date	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Support on the Move**

Come and visit our advice vehicle for advice and support.

**Advice on offer:**

- Benefit checks
- Debt Advice
- Career advice
- Housing

*Pulborough Pantry Sports & Social Club  
Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
9:30-10:30*

**Horsham Matters**  
Meeting Needs, and Improving Lives  
CHARITY NUMBER: 1116253

INFO@HORSHAM-MATTERS.ORG.UK    0300 124 0204    WWW.HORSHAM-MATTERS.ORG.UK

Horsham Matters Mobile Support Hub continues to visit the Pulborough Pantry on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month between 9.30 and 10.30am. Horsham Matters, which supports residents suffering from food and energy poverty, is taking its advice services on the road in a bid to ensure residents across the Horsham District can access face-to-face support on issues such as housing, utilities, budgeting, benefits, and debt.

This is very much a use it or lose it service so please do help promote it!

## Training

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> half of the Horsham and Pulborough warden teams swapped locations to gain an understanding of the role in other areas. Ross went to work the day in Horsham whilst Maria came down to Pulborough. It was a useful exercise but did reinforce the fact that this country mouse wants to stay working in the country!

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Ross attended a training course run by West Sussex County Council called “Keeping young people safe from exploitation and online harm”.

This was an extremely interesting session and raised a lot of questions particularly about screen time and content in this digital age. A very apposite video about data privacy can be watched here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yriT8m0hcKU>



Other videos of note, covering County Lines and exploitation are: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgM6ju2Xi-0>



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chP\\_h-qIRQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chP_h-qIRQ)



## Social Media

Please do follow us at:

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>