

# Warden Monthly Report

June 2023 – Pulborough Parish

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>
Foot (high visibility)	54.5	Noise	3
Vehicle	22	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>	Driving/vehicles	0
Verbal warning	1	Bicycles	2
Parking alert	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Reports into Police TOTAL:</b>	<b>13</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	1
Online	2	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	3	Litter	3
Verbal	7	Drug litter	0
E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)	0	Hazards	0
<b>Media Reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>9</b>		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	9	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Admin hours</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>School contact</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Vulnerable people welfare checks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>1</b>

KEY:

ASB: Anti-social behaviour

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

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

## Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)



Both the community and us have been saddened by several spates of damage to the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the recreation ground this month. The Parish Council are currently working hard on a plan to refurbish the MUGA and this type of mindless vandalism is worrying in light of these plans. A report has been made to Sussex Police and we have been carrying out some enquiries of our own regarding some names of local young people supplied.





We received information about some ASB at the Carpenters Meadow Play Area, where a gate had been removed and thrown in the play area. Some insulation board had been smashed and strewn around and there was quite a bit of litter including some broken glass. We attended and carried out a litter pick. We re-hung the gate and fitted an anti-theft collar to the hinge to prevent it being removed again. The play area is the responsibility of Horsham District Council and is now very tired looking and in need of an overhaul. We have raised the issue of the need for improvement for families in the area to District and Parish Councillor Paul Clarke and he is going to discuss this at District Council level.

## Parking/vehicles

We have been liaising with our Civil Enforcement colleagues from Parking Services about a few areas of concern in the village where there are double yellow lines and people are parking on/over them and are obstructing pavements. They are checking these areas for us when in the parish.



We have also received a complaint about verge parking at Arun Prospect/Poplar Court. We have established that the verge is owned by West Sussex County Council and are liaising with our Parking Services and WSCC Highways about this.



Whilst out on patrol on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June we were stopped by some concerned residents about an abandoned vehicle in the garage area in The Spinney. The vehicle, a Mazda, has significant front-end damage and has had both number plates removed. We contacted the landowners, Saxon Weald, about the vehicle and also made a report to Sussex Police. We also made local PCSO Lisa Bowley aware.

### Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Whilst carrying out foot patrols in the vicinity of Swan Bridge on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June we found a pile of cushions/bedding in the car park adjacent to the river and reported this to our Hop Oast depot for removal.





On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June a mattress was left in the bus stop at Codmore Hill! We reported this for collection by our colleagues from Hop Oast the following day.



Sadly, it is that time of year where we see an increase in litter being left on the brooks. We have carried out two substantial litter picks this month on 16<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June. On one of these occasions, we found a large quantity of schoolbooks and GCSE revision guides, discarded. These items had the students name on them, and they got quite a shock when we knocked on the door at their home address to speak to them and their parent about the litter they had left!

The main area the litter is constantly being left falls within the parish of Parham and we have discussed this with Pulborough Parish Council Chairman Len Ellis-Brown who is going to raise the issue with Parham Parish Council.







If you witness fly tipping, 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>

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

### **Family Support Work – Drop-in Play & Stay**

We attended a new group that has been set up by the charity Family Support Work being held at the United Reformed Church fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon. The group is open to all ages for anyone that would like a friendly chat and there is no need to book. The group is led by Senior Family Support Practitioner Sara Fulker. (Note: the July sessions have been cancelled due to staffing issues)

### **Steering Group meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

We attend a quarterly steering group meeting chaired by our supervisor Carol Boniface and representatives from the Parish Council where we discuss both the current Horsham District Council priorities and the Parish Council priorities. The June meeting was our first with Councillors Len Ellis-Brown and Penny Hands. The meeting was very positive.

### **Craft Café**

We have been fortunate enough to attend the Craft Café again on both the 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June. We have an apology to make for adding our last Craft Café update in the “older persons group” category, especially as we were booted on arrival this month!!!

### **Village Market**

Ross attended the village market on 24<sup>th</sup> June to carry out our meet and greet and spent time talking to the public and members of the Parish Council.

### **HDC Staff Briefing**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June we attended the Horsham District Council bi-monthly all staff briefing. This provides an important opportunity for the Senior Leadership Team to update us about the work of other departments within the council and any issues facing HDC. At the start of the meeting, we met the new Liberal Democrat Leader of the Council Martin Boffey.

## Patrols (foot/visible and car)

### **Joint foot patrol with PCSO Lisa Bowley**

As part of our joint working practices with Sussex Police, we often carry out joint patrols with their officers. PCSO Bowley joined Ross on a long walk around the Parish where they discussed areas of joint interest, including some of the more remote areas of the Parish and the network of pathways that link them.

These joint patrols help to maintain the strong relationship the wardens have with Sussex Police and with information sharing.

## Older, vulnerable people and youth

### **Older Persons Groups**

We have continued to attend the Monday Hub at the library when possible. This provides an opportunity for the attendees to discuss any areas of concern with us, in an environment in which they feel relaxed and comfortable. We would like to thank Rob Aylott and Tony Holloway for their continued welcoming support.

### **Vulnerable People**

In May we were made aware that one of the elderly residents we visit was returning home from an extended stay in hospital and that they did not have a television in their home. We put out an appeal on both the Pulborough Village Group and Pulborough Community Facebook pages and were contacted very quickly by several residents offering televisions they no longer needed and were happy to donate. We visited one of these kind residents and collected a television, which we delivered to the neighbour of the elderly resident. They were going to check it over and help with installing it.

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June Louisa took part in an online training course run by West Sussex County Council regarding Safeguarding Adults Online and especially supporting vulnerable adults online.

### **Youth**

On 9<sup>th</sup> June we met with Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens Julie & Barry to discuss our ideas to form a joint Youth Forum covering both Billingshurst and Pulborough parishes. We will be visiting the Weald School to speak to pupils in October once they have settled into the new school year.

Our youth boxing programme in conjunction with WBC Cares UK has continued at the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 5pm & 6pm (term time). We have sadly had some disappointing behaviour from a small group of attendees and their parents were asked to meet with the coaches. We now have a smaller dedicated group of young people who are regularly attending, and their progress has been amazing to see.

We have now finalised the details of our Summers Sports programme and had the poster updated by our HDC graphic designer. These will be held at the recreation ground on Tuesday afternoons during the summer holidays, starting on 25<sup>th</sup> July.





### School Lunch visits

We have continued to receive a warm welcome from staff and pupils at St Mary's Primary School on Tuesday lunchtimes and are really getting to know some of the children well. It is so nice for us to receive smiles, waves, and hellos when we see them out in the village.

### Dog related issues

Apart from the usual complaints about people not picking up after their dogs, we received very few dog related complaints in June. We were contacted by a resident from Fittleworth and we gave advice but did advise them to also make enquiries with Chichester District Council as they live with their district.

We are continuing to carry out dog fouling patrols, when possible, but dog fouling can also be reported via the HDC website:

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

### Dogs Roaming Free

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, you may wish to consider reporting it to Environmental Health by email at [publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk)

## **Dog Attacks**

Incidents involving dog attacks or dangerous dogs are dealt with by 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/>

## Cycling

We have had some complaints about bicycles being ridden at speed down Potts Lane which we are looking in to and will report further about this in our July report.

## Parish specific/other

### **Travellers**

On 8<sup>th</sup> June we were made aware of the arrival of an unauthorised encampment at the Pulborough recreation ground. We spent time liaising with the Parish Clerk and updated members of Horsham District Council of their arrival. We were in contact with WSCC and Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team. We received telephone calls and e-mails from residents and spent time listening to their concerns and giving advice to report these concerns to Sussex Police. On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, when enough evidence had been gathered by Sussex Police, they were able to use powers under Section 61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to order the travellers to leave. Members of the community then pulled together to clear away 10 large bags of rubbish left behind and we contacted the Cleansing Team at our Hop Oast depot to get the bags removed.

### **Landslide At Church Hill**

All updates regarding Church Hill can be found at the dedicated webpage on WSCC's website here:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/a29-pulborough-temporary-traffic-signals-to-be-upgraded/>

## Social media/press

We have continued to use the social media channels available to us and during June have written posts regarding the damage caused to the MUGA, mentioned above, plus information about our Summer Sports programme and littering on Pulborough Brooks.

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>