

# Warden Monthly Report

May 2023 – Pulborough Parish

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>
Foot (high visibility)	47.5	Noise	2
Vehicle	20	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>	Driving/vehicles	0
Verbal warning	0	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	1	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Reports into Police TOTAL:</b>	<b>10</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	1
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	0
Verbal	9	Drug litter	1
E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)	1	Hazards	1
<b>Media Reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>		
Press release/Community magazines	1		
Social media posts	4	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Admin hours</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>School contact</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Vulnerable people welfare checks</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>17</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

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

WSSCC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue

CSAS: Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

## ASB

With the better weather and lighter evenings, we have started to receive complaints about noise issues in Pocket Park and mention of fires being lit there. We are conducting focused patrols in the area when we can and liaising with the local PCSO. We are also encouraging residents to report anti-social behaviour to Sussex Police and any fires to West Sussex Fire & Rescue.

We have also started to receive complaints about anti-social behaviour by a group on the brooks and at an area known as the 'Beach'. The Brooks/Beach situation is, a tricky one for us as the area is, on paper, outside of our Parish and therefore outside of our responsibility. The land itself falls within the remit of the Parish of Parham, not Pulborough. However, we know that it would however be unprofessional and irresponsible of us to ignore the situation, as the majority of the people accessing the land will have come from the village. We do patrol the area, when we can, to check on the behaviour of the young people, litter pick, advise on safe practice when accessing cold water (cold water shock) and advise on fire safety (portable barbecues). We do link in with our colleagues in the Police and Fire about the issues there and are working towards more patrols from our partners as we head into the summer months.

## Parking/vehicles

HDC Civil Enforcement Officers have attended the roads around St Mary's Primary School again during May to monitor parking issues in the area and speak with parents.

Following complaints from users of the United Reformed Church about visual obstructions caused by vehicles being parked on a paved area on the corner of the entrance to the church, we have conducted patrols in the area and left advisory notices for vehicle owners. We will continue to monitor the area.





Whilst on route to assist one of our neighbouring Wardens, Ross came across a very recent car accident. One car was safely parked in a side road, but the other car was up the bank on the roadside, causing a hazard. Another road user was attempting to help push the car off the bank, but traffic was still driving past in the opposite direction at speed.

Ross's first priority was checking on the driver of the car on the bank and then halting the car removal attempt until traffic had been stopped in both directions and it was safe to proceed.

Both parties were thankfully unharmed, and it was only body-work damage to both vehicles. Ross made sure, to the best of his abilities that both parties were fit and well to carry on with their journeys and carried on his way.





## Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We are pleased to report that we did not find, nor were we alerted to any incidents of fly tipping during May. We did pick up small amounts of litter whilst out on patrol as we do most months.

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>

### Graffiti

Whilst on a patrol of the Recreation ground, a child came up to us and told us that there were some “bad words” written on the play equipment. We investigated and did our best to remove the worst of the offending graffiti whilst there and then came back with the car and used the graffiti removal wipes that we carry in the boot.



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

### Coronation Picnic – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Although the weather was somewhat damp, we enjoyed our time at the Coronation Picnic at the Recreation Ground. Representatives from WBC Cares Boxing, who run the Pulborough Youth Boxing Programme, came along and carried out some sparring demonstrations.

It was also a great opportunity to speak to some of the newly elected Parish Councillors who were also there.



### Pulborough Warden meeting with Supervisor

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May we met with our supervisor Carol Boniface to discuss current issues in Pulborough and about how we are working to resolve these. It is useful to meet with Carol as she was a Pulborough Warden previously and it often helps us to find out the background/history of longer standing issues.

### Meeting with Caremark

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May we met with Karen Beach, Business Development Manager, at Caremark. During the meeting we discussed local groups held in Pulborough that Caremark clients may like to visit and transport issues. We also discussed the potential for more groups to be set up. Following the meeting Karen said, "It was good to find out what is going on in our area and how we may add value to our customers lives in the community."

### After school drop-in at the URC (United Reformed Church)

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May we attended a new drop in which is being held fortnightly at the United Reformed Church on Wednesdays between 3pm and 5pm. The drop ins have been arranged by Sara Fulker who is the Senior Family Support Practitioner for the charity Family Support Work (FSW) for the area and is for anyone with school aged

children to attend. There are activities for children and Sara and her colleagues are available to offer help and support on a range of topics.

More information about Family Support Work can be found here:

<https://www.familysupportwork.org/about-us/who-we-are/>

## **Pulborough Pop-In**

# *Pulborough Pop-In*

Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available.  
Pre-schoolers are welcome.



### WHEN AND WHERE?

EVERY WEDNESDAY (DURING TERM-TIME)

FROM 9AM – 11AM

@ PULBOROUGH LIBRARY



£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact  
Isla Moran 075 226 89948



We visited the new Pulborough Pop-in at the library on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. It was really positive to see so many parents and their children attending this new group. Well done to Isla Moran and Rob Aylott for working so hard on this and for making us welcome.

## **Youth Forum Meeting with Dan Fairchild**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May we met with Dan Fairchild, Horsham District Council's Youth Provision Officer, to discuss the best way to start a youth forum here in Pulborough parish.

A youth forum provides an opportunity for young people to discuss matters that are important to them, so we can understand these issues, promote change locally and develop youth provision where they live.

A Youth Forum is something that we have been looking at setting up in Pulborough for some time now, but recent events and conversations have reinforced its need here, so we organised a follow up meeting with Dan to discuss moving the project forward.



During the meeting we discussed linking in with our warden colleagues in Billingshurst and working together with students from the Weald School. We have a meeting booked with Julie & Barry in Billingshurst in early June and we will hopefully be taking this project to the Weald School in the Autumn term.



<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/news/2022/03/giving-horsham-districts-young-people-a-voice>



<https://www.instagram.com/hdyouthforum/>

## Patrols (foot/visible and car)

During May we have carried out our usual patrols of the parish. During our vehicle patrols we have paid attention to our fly tipping hotspots and outer lying roads. During our foot patrols we have stepped up our patrols of known ASB hotspots and have been monitoring issues with signage and potholes and reporting our concerns, along with those of the residents, to WSCC Highways.

## Older, vulnerable people and youth

### Older Persons Groups

Craft Café - We have continued our monthly visits to the wonderful Craft Café at the URC. The numbers attending the group go from strength to strength. The welcome is always a warm one and it is fabulous to see the wonderful items made by the talented ladies who attend.

## Vulnerable People



We continue to work in partnership with Horsham District Council's 'Community Link' team visiting clients who have lifeline personal alarms and pendants in their homes. The visits enable us to get to know our older and vulnerable residents better. During the visits we have been checking that the installed equipment is working correctly and seeing if those visited need referring to other services. It also provides the opportunity for us to make them aware of some of the groups running in the village that they may like to visit, to prevent social isolation.

If you would like to know more about the Community Link service, please follow the link below:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/community-link>

We also rely on the residents of the Parish to let us know if they have any concerns about friends or neighbours that may be vulnerable and just not on our Community Link list.

## Youth

**Youth Boxing Programme** - We are pleased to report that our Youth Boxing Programme is running well at the Village Hall with a consistent number of attendees. We were really pleased to welcome two new attendees after the sparring demonstration at the Coronation Picnic.

**School Lunch Visits** - During May we have continued our visits to St Mary's Primary School on Tuesday lunchtimes to engage with the children. On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May Alison Page, Storrington Warden attended with Louisa and had lots of fun being caught and "put into jail" by the reception and year 1 children. On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May PCSO Lisa Bowley was in the village and attended the school with us. This time the children asked her to arrest us! Great to be a part of their imaginations!

## Storrington Primary School Trip to Sullington Warren/NT

Ross assisted Storrington warden Chris with the primary school's outing to Sullington Warren to meet the National Trust Rangers, hear about the heathland habitat and the wildlife specific to the area. Many great questions were asked by the pupils and then they took a walk around the site and were then shepherded safely back to school.





## Dog related issues

Dog fouling is an ongoing problem in the community and despite attempts to reduce the problem with increased patrols and signage, the situation has not improved – **PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG!**

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 no cycling related issues raised in May.

## Parish specific/other

### **Landslide At Church Hill**

The traffic continues to flow well following the installation of the temporary traffic lights at Church Hill, with heavier flows around rush hour at each end of the day as expected. We have been engaging regularly with traffic management staff on scene at Church Hill, who are keeping a careful eye on the queues and those jumping the lights!

### **Runaway Sheep on the A29**

On a different patrol around Lower Street, a car pulled up and told us that there were sheep on the loose down the A29! Oh joy!

This is out of our area, but obviously a potential major hazard, so we set off to try and find them. Unfortunately, the sheep were just heading further and further south, occasionally heading into the road, whilst cars impatiently sped by and stupidly overtook the slow-moving traffic.

We spoke to a property owner down the road, who had called the local farmer, so thankfully we knew help was on the way.



### **Footpath Patrol**

Whilst out on foot patrol, we regularly travel on the many footpaths and bridleways we are lucky to have in the Parish. On this occasion, our journey was brought to a soggy halt, as the path was flooded and impassable.

We have reported this to our Rights of Way colleagues in West Sussex County Council.





### **Giant Hogweed**

It's that time of year again, when this structurally impressive (it can grow over 3m high), but extremely dangerous plant shoots up in our fields and hedgerows. It is a Cow Parsley like umbellifer, whose sap can cause severe long-lasting photo-sensitive skin burns.







## Social media/press

We have compiled an article for the next edition of the Pulborough Community News about our new Youth Forum project and continued to use social media to continue to promote our Youth Boxing Programme.

We also put out a Facebook page appealing for help in sourcing a television for an elderly resident who has recently come home after a long stay in hospital. We were very pleased with the quick response from the Pulborough community.

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>