

Warden Monthly Report

February 2024 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	76.5	ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents reported to us TOTAL:	2
Foot (high visibility)	55	Noise	0
Vehicle	21.5	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:	0
Reports into Police TOTAL:	3	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	0
Verbal	3	Drug litter	0
E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)	0	Hazards	0
Media Reports TOTAL:	0		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	5	Community events attended	11
Admin hours	22	School contact	5
Vulnerable people welfare checks	5	Youth engagement	9
Signposting	15	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0

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

ASB

On Saturday 10th February a report was received that a bin had been stolen from a residential property in Church Place and thrown over the railway bridge into the path of an oncoming train. Not only was this act anti-social behaviour but it was also an extremely dangerous criminal act. The consequences could have been catastrophic. Local residents reported the incident to British Transport Police for investigation. PCSO Lisa Bowley and Louisa carried out enquiries into the incident, area searching for the suspects. Louisa spoke with the Network Rail Incident Response Officer who attended the railway line and removed the obliterated bin and a number of road cones from the line. Names of a group of three young people seen in the area at the time were obtained and passed to the Police.

On Tuesday 13th February another attempt was made by a young person to steal a refuse bin, again in Church Place but the quick thinking of a nearby resident prevented any further attempts to throw the bin on to the line.

We are very saddened that such dangerous behaviour has taken place within our parish this month and urge parents to talk to their young people about where they are going and what they are getting up to.

Parking/Vehicles/Road

Parking/Vehicles

We have been made aware of further issues about poor parking around St Mary's Primary School at drop-off and pick-up. We ask parents to please be mindful of private driveways, not parking too closely to junctions or the roundabout at Cousins Way/Nutcroft and to not park on the verges causing visual obstructions. Our Civil Enforcement Officers in our parking team have been made aware as has PCSO Bowley.

Road



Whilst out on our vehicle patrols in Nutbourne we came across a branch across the road which was difficult to see due to its position round a bend in the road. We cut back the branch to make it safer for passing motorists.

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

Thankfully, we did not come across any evidence of fly tipping this month.

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.

If you see fly tipped waste that has already been dumped please report it directly 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” app on your phone.

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/graffiti>

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

Pulborough Pop-In

We continue to support this great drop-in event at the library, which is held on a Wednesday morning 9-11 am.

You can read more information about all the good that the PDCCA do, here on their new website

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

Pulborough Village Market

Louisa attended the Pulborough Village Market with Warden Supervisor Carol Boniface, and Parish Council Chair Len Ellis-Brown on Saturday 24th February. As usual a variety of different topics were discussed including promoting the Pulborough Pantry, the new Community Allotment and the new Repair Cafe as well as other community issues.

Further information and future dates about the market can be found on their Facebook page:

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

Monday Hub

We continue to visit The Hub at the library on Monday mornings when our shifts allow. There has been a great atmosphere recently when we have attended and a consistent number of people attending each week. A great facility that really does help prevent social isolation.

Wellbeing & Games Cafe

Louisa attended the Wellbeing & Games Cafe on Thursday 29th February. The group has seen some new faces join recently which is lovely to see. As part of the chair exercises at the end of the session there was an innovative game of balloon tennis played with fly swat rackets which Louisa participated in. Who knows the group may well put Pulborough on the map for Balloon Tennis!!

Further details about the group can be found at the Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church website:

<https://pbbaptist.co.uk/whats-on/>

Craft Cafe

Our bi-monthly Tuesday visits to the Craft Cafe have been less frequent recently due to other commitments on Tuesdays but we did manage to visit this month. The number of attendees were at the highest we have seen this month and the buzz in the room is brilliant. The group never fail to cheer us up and the welcome is always a warm one – Thank you ladies.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

This month we carried out a foot patrol with PCSO Bowley and also introduced to her to an elderly, vulnerable resident that we have been supporting.

We also met a new recruit constable and our colleagues in Civil Parking Enforcement to discuss local issues:



Once again, 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 tree debris.

Warden Swap

On Friday 23rd February Louisa swapped places with Oscar, one of the Horsham Town wardens. Oscar spent the day in Pulborough patrolling with Ross and they spent time visiting the Little Monkeys playgroup. Louisa patrolled Horsham Town centre with colleague Maria, speaking to shops, members of the Street Drinking community and shoppers. Louisa even chatted to local Pulborough resident Dennis who had taken a trip up to Horsham on the Pulborough Community minibus!

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

Older/Vulnerable People

This month we supported a vulnerable, elderly resident to sign up to the Community Link service. Community Link is a support service from Horsham District Council that enables residents to live independently, by providing affordable access to a range of assistive technology (Technology Enabled Care).

The resident now has a Digital Lifeline Alarm and Pendant to use in their home that enables emergency assistance, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Lifeline acts as a personal alarm to keep the wearer in touch with reliable help at all times, allowing them to feel safe, while maintaining independence. By Simply holding down the button on the pendant to be digitally connected to the monitoring centre which is staffed by professionally trained operators.



More information can be found about Horsham District Council's Community Link Service at the link below:

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

We have also continued to support a vulnerable local resident who has learning difficulties and is experiencing noise issues with neighbours. We attended a meeting with the resident, their support worker and housing officer.

Youth

South Coast Skate Club held a skateboarding event in the Rother Hall at the Village Hall on Monday 12th February, during the half-term holidays. The event was over-subscribed and extra hall-hire was required to facilitate the extra numbers of attendees. We have had discussions with Parish Clerk Harry regarding further skate sessions in the summer holidays – so watch this space!



Photo courtesy of South Coast Skate Club

Dog Related Issues

Dog fouling issues remain a problem in Pulborough, as with much of the UK, with some owners not being responsible and picking up after their dogs. Whilst we have not had many reports made directly to us, we have picked up on residents' frustrations in the areas of Stane Street Close and Cousins Way from posts made on the Pulborough Village Facebook page. We are monitoring these areas whilst on our patrols.

Dog mess is not only deeply unpleasant, but also dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

As wardens we do have the powers to issue Fixed Penalty tickets to those who we see not picking up after their dogs, but we'd prefer that it was just cleared away!

Please remember:

When you walk your dog, be sure to take poo bags with you, the same as you would remember a lead. Please note, rain does not wash the problem away.

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

Pulborough Pantry (Community Fridge)



Picture courtesy of Maria Lee

We are extremely pleased to see the Pulborough Pantry going from strength to strength, with so much support from the community. A huge thank you to all the volunteers for their continued hard work and for the brilliant level 5 Food Hygiene Rating they achieved this month.



The pantry is currently collecting Easter Eggs if anyone would like to donate.

Pulborough Shedders

We continue to support this wonderful project that is going from strength to strength. Work is still under way to provide a permanent base for the 'shed' and to hopefully combine it with our 'Community Allotment' project.

We attended the Shedders committee meeting on Thursday 1st February where we discussed the continued success of the project and the related need of a dedicated base for the charity and agreed some action points for us to help with alterations to their website, which has now had a big redesign.

<https://www.pulboroughshedders.org/>

Community Garden/Allotment

The use of a vacant plot at the existing Parish Council allotments was discussed at Pulborough Parish Council's Recreation and Open Spaces meeting on Thursday 8th February and there was unanimous agreement that the plot could be used as a community allotment space as a trial run for our larger community garden project.

Local artist and grower Nichola Rodgers is working on the project with us, and we hope to form a working party/committee very soon.

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

Wednesday 28th February – We had our first meeting of the Pulborough 'Journey' our support group for parents and carers of children with autism and SEN.

Our warden colleagues from Storrington, Chris and John came over to help facilitate the session, as they had successfully set the first of these meetings up in Storrington. The meeting was very well attended and there was some great discussion and information sharing taking place. The dates of all the meetings have been arranged such that people can take advantage of all the individual sessions around the parishes if they choose.



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:
Louisa Hull: 07584 337475 | **Ross Phillips:** 07584 337476
Email: pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

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Refurbishment of Carpenters Meadow Play Area

Having hand delivered over a hundred questionnaires, we were pleased to hear that 40 replies were received from residents about the refurbishment of the Carpenters Meadow Play Area. Even greater news is that there are 5 residents that would like to be part of a working group with us, Councillor Paul Clarke and Anna Chapman HDC Parks & Countryside Development Manager to discuss and plan a design so that the Parks team can draw up a specification to go out to tender.



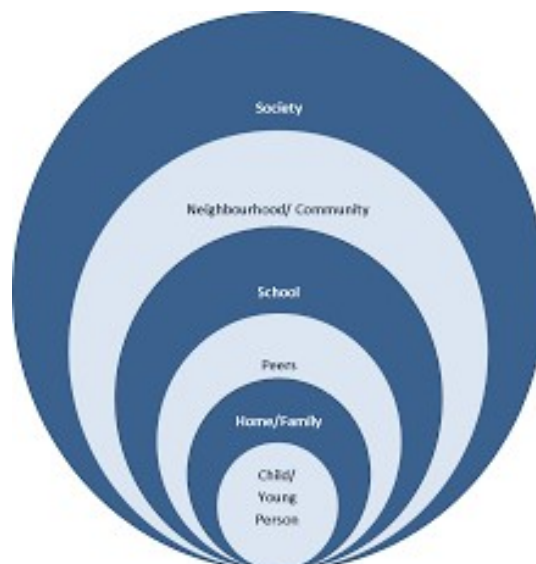
Training

Warden Team Meeting – Parkside

On Tuesday 6th February we attended our quarterly full warden team meeting at Horsham District Council's offices at Parkside, Horsham with supervisor Carol Boniface. The meeting enables us to update the other warden schemes about our community projects and to share ideas and best practice. We also receive inputs from other teams within the council. This month's meeting gave us the opportunity to meet our new Director of Service Andrew Smith (Head of Housing and Community Services). Andrew will be joining Ross and I out on patrol one afternoon in March.

We also had a useful input from our Community Safety Colleagues Shelley Gosden and Lucy Hargreaves about Contextual Safeguarding.

Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding and responding to children's experiences of significant harm beyond their family and home. This approach recognises the different relationships children have in their schools, peer groups, online and in their community.



There is a useful video explanation about “What is contextual safeguarding?” available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOIE-XENewM>

Security/Phishing Training

We both undertook online training which will not only help us to protect Horsham District Council from cyberthreats like phishing attacks and data breaches, but also gives us useful tips to pass onto residents about protecting their personal details when online, email and telephone.



Find out more about the issues here:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/what-we-do/crime-threats/cyber-crime>

Suicide Prevention Training

In February Louisa completed a 90-minute course by LivingWorks Start in conjunction with West Sussex Mind. LivingWorks Start trains participants to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide and how to connect them to help and support. LivingWorks Start was developed with input from experts in suicide prevention, education, psychology, public health, social work, faith communities and the military.

Louisa found the course beneficial and could see how the skills learnt could be used within the warden role. Ross hopes to complete the course soon.

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>