

Warden Monthly Report

December 2023 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	76.5	ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents reported to us TOTAL:	0
Foot (high visibility)	57	Noise	0
Vehicle	19.5	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/vehicles	0
Verbal warning	0	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	4
Reports into Police TOTAL:	0	Fly tipping / flyposting	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	0
Verbal	0	Drug litter	0
E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)	0	Hazards	2
Media Reports TOTAL:	0		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	23	Community events attended	12
Admin hours	24	School contact	5
Vulnerable people welfare checks	5	Youth engagement	15
Signposting	22	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	1

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

WSSC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue

CSAS: Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

ASB

No anti-social behaviour has been reported to us during December.

Parking/Vehicles/Road



Abandoned vehicle report

We were notified of a vehicle in a layby on the outskirts of the village, that had not moved for a week or so. On investigation, we found the vehicle had a flat tyre (which was probably why it hadn't been moved).

We filed a report to Operation Crackdown, just in case it had been abandoned and it were advised that the vehicle is taxed and has a current MOT, so at this time it is not considered as abandoned. We are keeping it under observations to see if it is removed and will update Operation Crackdown.

The vehicle was subsequently moved from this location.

We are frequently asked about what can be done about vehicles being driven with no road tax or valid MOT, these can be reported by members of the public using the links below:

<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

Just as we were about to head out on our vehicle patrols on Saturday 2nd December, we received a call from a concerned resident in Nutbourne about some fly tipped tree cuttings in Nutbourne Lane. We headed out to investigate and were concerned at the size of the pile of waste that we found. We immediately reported this to West Sussex County Council's out of hours team as a priority and were told that they would send a team out to clear it within 2 hours.

Usually if we find any fly tipped rubbish we report it to Horsham District Council for removal, however in this case as a highway was obstructed it need to be reported to West Sussex County Council:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/report-fly-tipping/>

We found another pile of wood chippings, this time in Pickhurst Lane, which was off the main carriageway and was duly reported to HDC.

We were called by a resident of a private road for advice about some doors that had been left there. Due to it being a private road, HDC have no obligation to remove fly tipping, but will do so for a fee.



The reference number associated with your enquiry is 3674670

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>

Stray 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>

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

Pulborough Parish Council Christmas Market

During the morning of Friday 1st December Ross helped volunteers and Parish Councillors to set up for the first ever Pulborough Parish Council Christmas market at the Village Hall. Louisa attended the market and held the fort at the Pulborough Pantry stand with volunteer Nichola Rodgers. They sold raffle tickets and gathered kind donations from residents towards the pantry's stock.



It was brilliant news to learn that the market had raised £600 for the Pulborough Pantry. More than two hundred people attended, and the evening was a huge success.

Pop-Up Warm Hub

We held a pop-up warm hub during the morning of Monday 11th December at Pulborough Village Hall. This was after discussions at our last Steering Group meeting about whether there was a need locally. Although the village hall has lots of amenities there is a cost to using the venue. We have instead had further discussions with Maria Lee and Parish Clerk Harry Quenault and have decided that once the Pulborough Pantry is established for food collections we will look to have a small warm hub area in the Parish meeting room on a Tuesday morning when the pantry is open where people can stop by for a cuppa and a chat. As the meeting room is a parish council asset there will not be an additional cost.

Caring Café

We were delighted to join the Caring Café's Christmas gathering on Thursday 7th December at the United Reformed Church (URC). It is sometime since we have been able to visit the monthly Caring Café and it was a pleasure to see some new faces. The Christmas carol singing was a joy to listen to.



Pulborough Village Market

We attended the Pulborough Village Market on Saturday 9th December and soaked up the Christmas atmosphere.

We spoke with residents about our community projects including the [Pulborough Pantry](#) and about [Sussex Green Living](#)'s Pop-Up Repair Café and the hopes for a permanent repair café in Pulborough.





Monday Hub & Christmas Lunch

We have enjoyed our visits to The Hub at the library this month. It has been lovely hearing everyone getting into the festive spirit. We have also seen some excellent Christmas jumpers too. We were very privileged to be invited to The Hub's Christmas lunch at the Pulborough Garden Centre on Monday 11th December.



Craft Café

Once again, we were honoured to be invited along to the Craft Café at the URC for their Christmas get together on Tuesday 12th December. It was lovely to chat to attendees and see the amazing crafts made by the extremely talented group.

Whilst there we also gave out some no cold caller door stickers to those that wanted them and talked about uninvited traders calling at people's homes.

We have a supply of these stickers if anyone requires them, and more information can also be found on the West Sussex County Council website here:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards-information-for-consumers/doorstep-callers/>



Patrols (foot/visible and car)

During December we have increased our regular vehicle patrols of the outer lying parish roads, particularly as we have seen an increase in fly-tipped tree waste on the carriageways causing potential dangers to road users. We have monitored floods, or areas at risk of flooding, due to the increase in rainfall and have reported to the Parish Council accordingly.

Alongside our regular vigils, we tailor our patrols to respond to incidents reported to us from members of the community, so please get in touch if there is anything of concern to you.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

Vulnerable People

December and the run-up to Christmas is often a difficult time for many of us and it can really affect people's mental health. This month we have supported some residents who have been struggling. We have contacted the ambulance service for one local resident and liaised with Pulborough Medical Group via their Social prescriber when we had concerns about another. We have used some of the Pulborough Pantry stock to provide a food parcel to someone in need and made several referrals to the Horsham Matters Food Bank.

If anyone you know needs access to the Horsham Matters food bank, information can be obtained from their website:

<https://www.horsham-matters.org.uk/horsham-foodbank>

Youth

Work continues on our proposed Youth Forum (a joint enterprise with our Billingshurst Warden colleagues) to give the young people in our community a voice. We will be back at the Weald school speaking to the pupils in the New Year at their assemblies and hopefully speaking to their Youth Council too.

Dog Related Issues

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/>

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 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)



Units courtesy of Howdens Billingshurst



Units going in



Cabinet fitting



New windows ready for installation



New windows being installed



Decorating supplies kindly donated by Laker Builders Merchants



Appliances being PAT tested



Wall and base units and worktops fitted



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Flooring going down

December has seen the most amazing community spirit shine through in Pulborough. We have had an incredible number of people coming forward to volunteer to help operate the pantry and a huge number of donations of longer life food, as well as items kindly purchased from the Amazon Wish List, to get us ready to open in the New Year.

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>