

Warden Monthly Report

January 2023 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	78	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	1
Foot (high visibility)	49	Noise	1
Vehicle	29	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	2	Driving/vehicles	0
Verbal warning	0	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	2	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	13
Reports into Police TOTAL:	4	Fly tipping / flyposting	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	1
Online	1	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	3
Verbal	3	Drug litter	2
E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)	0	Hazards	5
Media Reports TOTAL:	14		
Press release/Community magazines	1		
Social media posts	13	Community events attended	4
Admin hours	35	School contact	17
Vulnerable people welfare checks	1	Youth engagement	9
Signposting	7	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

WSSCC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue

CSAS: Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

ASB

Visits were made to two businesses in the village, during January, who had their windows damaged by what appeared to be ball bearings, possibly fired from a catapult. Advice was given and encouragement to report the damage to Sussex Police.

Advice was given to a parent who had experienced anti-social behaviour and shouting directed towards them at the recreation ground.

Parking/vehicles

During January we have spent a lot of time within the vicinity of St Mary's Primary School, Spinney North, New Place Road, Link Lane and Rectory Lane monitoring the traffic situation in relation to the road closure at Church Hill. We have observed where people have been parking and how this has affected the traffic flow. We have also witnessed vehicles mounting the pavement in New Place Road, trying to get through when the traffic was at its heaviest. We have fed back our findings to both our supervisors at HDC and to the Parish Council. This in turn has been included in reports made to West Sussex Highways Department.

We assisted a lorry driver who had become confused by the diversion signs at the roundabout by Stane Street Close and had ended up in the close. We helped to make sure he could turn around and advised him to head back north to Billingshurst and along the A272.

We have also monitored the temporary Traffic Regulation Order put in place by WSCC at the end of the month for no parking/waiting in New Place Road and again fed back our observations.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Fly tipping – Nutbourne Road

On 4th January we were alerted by a local resident to a large quantity of fly tipped rubbish in Nutbourne Road. We went to investigate and reported to HDC's fly tipping department for removal, which was then promptly removed.





Fly tipping – Broomers Hill Lane

We were advised of the illegal emptying of a contaminated waste container off Broomers Hill Lane. We reported it to our fly-tipping team at Horsham District 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>

Litter

We carried out a litter pick and graffiti clean of the bus stop in New Place Road, tidying up the hazard tape and removing graffiti from the shelter with our graffiti removal kit.



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

School Lunch visits

We have been welcomed back to St Mary's Primary School on Tuesday lunchtimes to engage with the children and talk to them about their place in the community.

Ladybirds play group St Mary's Church

On Thursday 5th January we were welcomed into St Mary's Church to visit the Ladybirds playgroup. It was lovely to chat to some of the parents and see the children enjoying themselves. It was also an uplifting opportunity to speak to Father Paul.

Craft Café

On 10th January we visited the Craft Café at the United Reformed Church and received a lovely welcome. The craft café is very well attended, and we are often able to talk to those present about a range of community issues. This month many of the questions we received were regarding the landslide, potholes, and alternative driving routes for people.

Pulborough Community Volunteer Forum

On 10th January we attended the quarterly Pulborough Community Volunteer Forum meeting. The meeting gives us the opportunity to talk to other volunteers and organisations about the community projects we are working on and how we can support their organisations as part of our role. We gave an update on the Pulborough Sheddars project and our proposal for a community allotment.

Warden Team Meeting

On 18th January we attended our quarterly Warden Team meeting at HDC's offices at Parkside in Horsham. At the meeting we were able to talk to the other warden schemes about our current projects and to find out about the projects the other warden teams are working on in their parishes. We also discussed other HDC related matters.

Games Café

On Thursday 26th January, Louisa attended the Games Café at the village hall run by the Pulborough Baptist Church and learnt how to play a great game called "Quirkle". It was a brilliant opportunity to meet the new minister Judith Ellis and hear her ideas. The topic of "Warm Hubs" was discussed and Judith has since registered the games café as a warm hub. The café is open to all ages and runs every Thursday afternoon between 2pm & 4pm.

Village Market

On Saturday 28th January we attended the monthly village market at the village hall with representatives of the Parish Council. Conversations were had about a variety of topics, particularly the Church Hill closure, parking and diversions.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

During one of our vehicle patrols we cleared fallen trees in Broomers Lane. Albeit not a major hazard, but with the volume of traffic using the lane due to the land slip at Church Hill, we wanted to avoid cars having to suddenly swerve into the opposite carriageway to avoid the tree and risk colliding with oncoming vehicles.



When patrolling the perimeter roads on a late shift we came upon and cleared a mini landslide of fallen rocks in Coombelands Lane. Although not a large fall, these rocks could have been a nasty surprise for someone in the dark.



Whilst on foot patrol on 26th January Louisa was alerted to broken kerbstones at the site of an already broken manhole cover on the A283 towards the railway station. Although the manhole cover had already been reported by a local resident an additional report was made to WSCC highlighting the danger of the now broken kerbstones, particularly due to the increased volume in traffic due to the Church Hill closure.

In addition, a report was also made to WSCC about the missing manhole cover and large hole at Church Place. We are aware that this has been reported by residents to WSCC from as far back as 2019! But we wanted to raise our concerns about it still not being repaired and again with additional traffic diverting along this stretch of road the hole may be susceptible to collapse.



Older, vulnerable people and youth

Older Persons Groups

We have continued to drop in to and support the groups attended by older residents when able, such as the Caring Café, Craft Café and Monday Hub.

Vulnerable People

We have also begun visiting our more vulnerable members in the community to check their community link alarms and look at ways of helping them directly or engaging the help of other partner agencies.

Youth

Our Youth Boxing Programme for 11 – 17-year-olds, run in conjunction with WBC Cares UK, restarted on Wednesday 18th January at St Mary's Primary School Hall and is now at the new time of 5pm to 6pm. Our numbers have dropped slightly but we think this may be due to the time of year and weather amongst other things. We are continuing to promote the project to get more young people involved and have enjoyed getting to know those that attend better and seeing them grow and thrive with their skills.

We have also been in discussion with members of our local church communities who are looking at the possibilities of opening a youth club and are very supportive of this.

We are also looking to revisit our idea of starting a Youth Forum in Pulborough, to give our young people a voice locally.

Dog related issues

Dog Fouling

We noticed, at the end of January, that an increase in dog fouling issues at Pulborough Recreation Ground, particularly on the football pitches has been discussed on the "Pulborough Village Group" Facebook page. We will do some work around this in February. As Neighbourhood Wardens for HDC we do have designated powers to issue fixed penalty notices to those who we see not picking up after their dogs, although our aim is to educate and engage rather than resort to enforcement.

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

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 January.

Parish specific/other

Landslide At Church Hill

As we are all too painfully aware, Pulborough suffered a bit of soil slippage in late December and our return to work after the Christmas break was a nervous one to say the least!

We came back in after New Year's Day on the 3rd of January and spent the day trying to fend off the impending storm of the new school year and the associated traffic issues in the small roads around the school that were already taking a beating from locals and satnav users.

Our aim was to try to get as many parents/carers as possible to park away from the area, so as not to add to the already unsuitable levels of traffic passing by the school.

We visited all the local business that may have staff parking in the roadways to ask them if they could get their staff to park elsewhere for the duration of the slip/remedial works.

We did twice-daily patrols of the school and surrounding roads in the first two weeks following the return to school and quite amusingly got many complaints and much criticism for being at the school and not in another place and the same when we went to the other place and not at the school. Tensions were high and patience was low, we got that, but the way we were treated by some members of the community was not acceptable.

Estate Agent Signage

We liaised with local Estate Agents to resolve "For Sale" signage that was contravening the Town and Country Planning act relating to advertising.



Homeless Person

We revisited the homeless person living in a tent in the parish, to check on him after the Christmas and New Year period and again later that week to meet with Nick Wigginton, Turning Tides Horsham District Outreach Worker during one of his scheduled visits to the individual.

Joint Patrol with Parish Councillor

On Monday 23rd January we were joined on our patrol by Parish Councillor Len Ellis-Brown as part of an initiative for councillors to get a better understanding of a 'day in the life' of the wardens. We called in to one of our regular weekly social stops, the 'Monday Hub,' which is held in the library, where we had the opportunity to discuss the progress of the Pulborough Shedders' Men's Shed project with the chair of the Shedders committee. We investigated malicious damage to fencing at the Parish allotments and ball-bearing damage to one of Harwood's showroom windows and discussed other ongoing and new developments and discussed some of our other large projects which will require a close working relationship with the Parish Council.



Pulborough Shedders

We have spent time this month liaising with committee members and the Chairman of the 'Pulborough Shedders' (Men's Shed Project) to see how we can support them in moving the project forward. Ross is assisting them with their website and social media channels so that we can promote the project within the parish and help grow the committee. So, if you are reading our report and would like to get involved, please contact us and we can pass your details onto the group.

Social media/press

We have once again had an article in the January issue of the Pulborough Community News and would like to thank St Mary's Church and in particular Ann Kaiser for supporting us in doing this. We are also hoping to promote our role and the work we do within the community in more publications this year.

We have continued to promote the boxing programme and other areas of our work on the Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens Facebook and Twitter accounts and are still working on increasing our reach on our Instagram account @pulborough.wardens

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>