

Warden Monthly Report

February 2023 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	77	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	3
Foot (high visibility)	49	Noise	2
Vehicle	28	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/vehicles	1
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:	5
Reports into Police TOTAL:	3	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	2	Litter	2
Verbal	0	Drug litter	1
E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)	1	Hazards	1
Media Reports TOTAL:	1		
Press release/Community magazines	1		
Social media posts	0	Community events attended	5
Admin hours	43.5	School contact	9
Vulnerable people welfare checks	6	Youth engagement	11
Signposting	7	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	2	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

Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social use of a motorbike

During the last few days of January and the first week of February we received reports of someone riding a motorbike on the Cousins Way recreation ground (Parish Council Land) and the privately owned Newey Nursery, without permission. We carried out some enquiries and patrols in the area and advised Sussex Police.

Lych Gate at St Mary's Church

We have received some complaints about a group of young people meeting at the Lych Gate at St Mary's Church. As time has gone on, they have begun to create more noise, drop litter and the smell of cannabis has been permeating the air. We have patrolled the area when able to and have updated PCSO's Lisa Bowley and Joel Beasley from Sussex Police and asked if they too can monitor the area when in Pulborough.

Steps at the United Reformed Church

As well as at St Mary's Church, a group of young people have also been meeting on the steps leading up to the URC. Much like St Mary's, the United Reformed Church do not have an issue with young people meeting but unfortunately litter etc has been left and members of the Church have had to wash down the steps before their Sunday service, so we are monitoring this area on our later shifts as well.

Memorial Gardens, Lower Street Car Park

A group of young people have been gathering at the memorial gardens again and we are monitoring the area.

We ask that if members of the public witness or experience any anti-social behaviour from these groups that they report it to Sussex Police by telephoning 101 or via their website:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Parking/vehicles

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order New Place Road

We have noticed a significant improvement in the flow of traffic around the Primary School and surrounding roads after the implementation of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order in New Place Road which has prevented parking and waiting along the section between the junction with the A29 and the mini roundabout by Cousins Way and Nutcroft.

We continue to monitor the traffic along both the official and unofficial routes and report our observations to our supervisors at HDC (Horsham District Council) and the Parish Council who are liaising with WSCC (West Sussex County Council) Highways department.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Drugs litter memorial gardens, Lower Street

A large food grade canister of Nitrous Oxide (NOS) was found in the Memorial Gardens and passed on to us, which we took to HDC's Hop Oast depot for disposal.



Nitrous oxide (NOS) is a colourless gas sold in canisters, and when used recreationally is usually inhaled using a balloon. It has become increasingly popular amongst young people.

We plan to do some work on our social media channels during March about the risks and negative effects of using drugs such as this.

Drugs litter can also be reported to WSCC at the link below:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/report-problems-in-your-area/report-drug-litter/>

Pipes in hedge - Broomers Hill Lane



Whilst out on patrol we found some plastic pipes in the road and hedge at Broomers Hill Lane. We moved the pipe that was hanging over the road out of the way and reported them to our Hop Oast depot for removal. Whilst these may have fallen from a lorry using Broomers Hill Lane and probably not dropped on purpose, they posed a hazard to road users.

We are pleased to report that we did not find any other fly tipped rubbish in the parish during February.

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

Caring Café, United Reformed Church

Louisa attended the monthly Caring Café at the URC on Thursday 2nd February. A warm welcome was received as always, and Louisa was really pleased to see that the number of attendees had increased since her last visit. The long table of ladies was full of chatter and discussions, whilst the men were concentrating on a hard-fought round of Dominoes! It was a close-run thing!

Joint Warden and PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Meeting

On Friday 3rd February, our team met with some of the local Police Community Support Officers at the Steyning Centre. The meeting enabled us to talk about issues both in our individual parishes and in the district as a whole and for us to build on our information sharing between organisations and how we can best work together to tackle community problems and make our communities happier and safer. This was the first meeting, which we felt was useful and we will continue to meet quarterly at various locations within the district.

School Lunch visit

We visited the children at St Mary's Primary School at lunchtime on Tuesday 7th February and enjoyed speaking with them and joining in on some of their games! Unfortunately, other commitments on the subsequent Tuesdays after half term meant we were only able to attend once this month.

Community Trigger Review Meeting

On Wednesday 22nd February we participated in a multi-agency review meeting regarding repeated ASB being committed by a tenant at a block of flats in the village and the considerable impact that these behaviours are having on other residents within the block. Actions were agreed and we continue to monitor and offer support.

Traveller Education Meeting

On Thursday 23rd February we attended, with some of the wider warden team, a meeting with Claire Painting and Andy Brash from WSCC Traveller Education Support Team. They gave us an informative input about the Traveller community and the issues they face around education and within communities.

Village Market

On Saturday 25th February Louisa attended the village market to hold our monthly meet and greet session, alongside Parish Councillors Len Ellis-Brown, Paul Clarke, and Edna Henly. Although a few different topics were discussed, the main one on everyone's lips was the landslide at Church Hill and the meeting being held on Monday 27th.

Public Meeting – Church Hill Landslide

On Monday 27th February, a public meeting arranged by HDC, and Parish Councillor Paul Clarke was held at the Village Hall. The meeting gave the opportunity for residents and businesses to hear from West Sussex County Council and Horsham District Council about the A29 landslide and road closure. The meeting was so well attended that a second, consecutive meeting was quickly arranged in order to try to accommodate all those in attendance. Ross was able to attend the second of the two meetings.

At the meeting, HDC described the support package they were giving to local businesses and there was a brief address from the WSCC Education councillor about the school, but most of the presentation was by the WSCC Highways manager, Matt Davey, about the landslide and the reasons for the delay in reopening the road plus answering many questions. It was reported that geologists say that both banks are unstable and WSCC are negotiating with the two landowners to have access to stabilise the banks. It is hoped agreement would be reached this month. There are three phases being planned, Phase one to reopen the road with traffic lights and single way alternate access guarded from further falls by concrete blocks on each side. This could happen within two weeks of being agreed. It is not an ideal solution and will create queues but is a way of getting access again. Phase two is to

investigate the banks thoroughly to understand the makeup and then, using that information, to plan the third, a long-term solution to give two-way traffic flow again. Phase three would inevitably mean closing the road again so there would be consultation with the community to decide when that closure would be.

West Sussex Highways also stated that they will review the signage and attendees were asked to report potholes, which many are already doing. Mention was also made about the decision a few years back to make the A29 a major trunk road for HGVs etc. The WSCC are now possibly reconsidering this.

Craft Café

We both attended the Craft Café on Tuesday 28th February and enjoyed the Fairtrade coffee and cakes! Again, we were really pleased to see so many people there. Ross gave an update regarding the public meeting held the previous evening as quite a few of those at the café had not been able to go to the meeting. We also discussed catalytic convertor thefts in the parish and the fact that this is currently a nationwide issue and not just impacting the Horsham district.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

This month we have focused our patrols around the ASB and dog fouling hotspots as well as monitoring the areas that are susceptible to fly tipping. We have also patrolled in key areas that are being impacted by the landslide and areas where there have been catalytic convertor thefts.

Older, vulnerable people and youth

Older Persons Groups

We called into “The Hub” at the Library on Monday 6th February and were really pleased to see everyone enjoying the 8th Birthday celebrations of the hub. There was a considerable number of people in attendance, and it was lovely to hear all the chatting and laughing.

Vulnerable People

This month has been a busy month for us conducting both planned and unplanned welfare visits to some of our older and more vulnerable residents. As a result, we have completed referrals to and had conversations with adult social care and worked alongside Age UK to ensure their safeguarding needs are met.

We have liaised with youth workers and the school with regards to concerns over young people in the village to ensure that the necessary steps are being taken to ensure their ongoing welfare.

On Wednesday 1st February we attended Pulborough library after a staff member alerted us to an elderly male who they had found collapsed in the cold, outside the building when they had arrived to open. Staff had already called an ambulance but there was quite a wait advised for them to attend so we spoke to the male and found out a little more about him and helped where we could.

Youth

We continue to work with WBC Cares UK on our Youth Boxing Programme and are keen to increase the numbers. It is so positive seeing some of the young people thrive. We have sadly had a small number of young people who have behaved in a rude and disruptive manner and have been asked to either not return or to consider what the boxing programme means to them and whether it is right for them.

Dog related issues

Dog Fouling

We have been carrying out patrols in hotspot areas where we have had an increase in reports of people not clearing up after their dogs. We have put up more signage around the perimeter of the main Pulborough recreation ground and added some additional information stickers to our general waste bins. Did you know that if there are no dog waste bins nearby, dog waste can be disposed of in public litter bins, if they are available, or you can take the waste home and dispose of it in your general refuse bin.





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

Estate Agent Signage

We were advised again of Estate Agent's boards, being tied onto the road sign at Oddstones. Attaching the boards to street furniture such as this causes the road signs to be loosened as the board (and sign) move in the wind. Road

name signage is the property of Horsham District Council, who have the right to remove any such attachment. We continue to liaise with the firms involved to remind them of their responsibilities regarding use and siting of boards.



CIEH (Chartered Institute of Environmental Health) Level 2 Health and Safety in the Workplace

On Wednesday 8th February Louisa attended a Health and Safety in the workplace training course at Parkside, Horsham which was delivered internally by HDC's Health & Safety Technical Officer Michael McGale. Louisa is pleased to advise that she passed.

Preventing Burglary with WIDEN

On Wednesday 22nd February Louisa joined a webinar hosted by the National Neighbourhood Watch Network with guest speaker Police Sergeant Matt Coe, from the Metropolitan Police, giving a presentation about burglary prevention. The talk was highly informative and at the end NHW shared the link to their YouTube Channel, where their webinars have all been recorded and can be found, if of interest, to watch at a time that is convenient.

<https://www.youtube.com/@NeighbourhoodWatch1982/videos>

Homeless Person

We have revisited the homeless person living in a tent in the parish and continue to have regular contact with Nick Wigginton, Turning Tides Horsham District Outreach Worker.

Pulborough Shedders

On Wednesday 1st February we visited Andy Heath, Chairman of the Pulborough Shedders (Men's Shed) to offer support around their web and social media presence, funding applications and to discuss the agenda for their forthcoming meeting.

Ross then attended the meeting of the Pulborough Shedders committee on Wednesday 15th February, where he presented the shiny, new 'Pulborough Shedders' website that we had created for them and showed them their new Facebook page. We discussed additional website functionality and the availability of the amazing artwork of Sarah McKenzie for all their social media and marketing and looked at funding channels to investigate. The meeting was positive, and we look forward to finding out more about their progress in due course.

Social media/press

During February Ross wrote an article ready for the March edition of the Pulborough Community News about the Pulborough Shedders to update residents about the group and to appeal for new members. The article can also be found here:

Pulborough Community News

The Pulborough Shedders

As wardens, we have a very varied, interesting, and rewarding job, with roles in both community safety, community development and much, much more.

Part of the community safety angle is project work and whilst we have our own grand ideas and cunning plans, we are also able to aid existing projects.

One such project (although it was initially set up with the help of the wardens) is the 'Pulborough Shedders' project. This amazing project is part of the national 'Men's Sheds Association' and will be a physical space in the community for people (men, women, young and old) to come together and make, mend, and create, to socialise and to combat loneliness and feel part of something.

The 'Shedders' have the possibility of some land to build on, they have a committee and a bank account (almost), a charity number, a website (almost) and a social media page of Facebook (search for Pulborough Shedders).

They have a Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, but they could still really do with the help of a Fundraiser and a Marketing adviser, oh, and don't forget a shedload of cash!

If you feel you have something to offer, whether that be time, skills, money, or want to be a member of the 'Shedders', message them on Facebook, or get in touch with us and we will pass your details on.

Due to some of the negativity received towards us on social media in January and the confidential nature of our vulnerable persons visits and safeguarding referrals made in February we have not used our social media channels much this month but plan to use them and promote our work more in March.

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>