

Warden Monthly Report

September 2024 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	84	ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents reported to us TOTAL:	1
Foot	63	Noise	1
Vehicle	21	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	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	2
Reports into Police TOTAL:	7	Fly tipping	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	1	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	0
Verbal	5	Drug litter	0
E-Mail	1	Hazards	0
Media Reports TOTAL:	24		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	24	Community events attended	18
Admin hours	15	School contact	6
Vulnerable people welfare checks	8	Youth engagement	15
Signposting	17	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0

KEY:

- ASB: Anti-social behaviour
- 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
- PPC: Pulborough Parish Council
- WSCC: West Sussex County Council
- WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue
- CSAS: Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

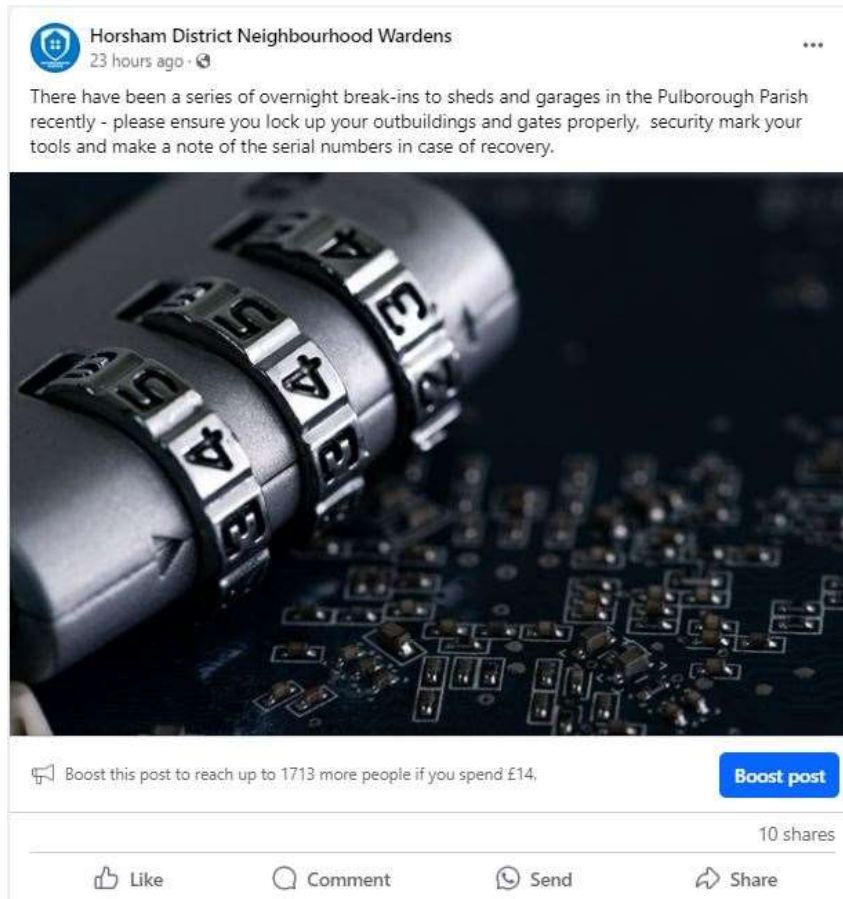
ASB/CRIME

Break-Ins to Sheds and Outbuildings

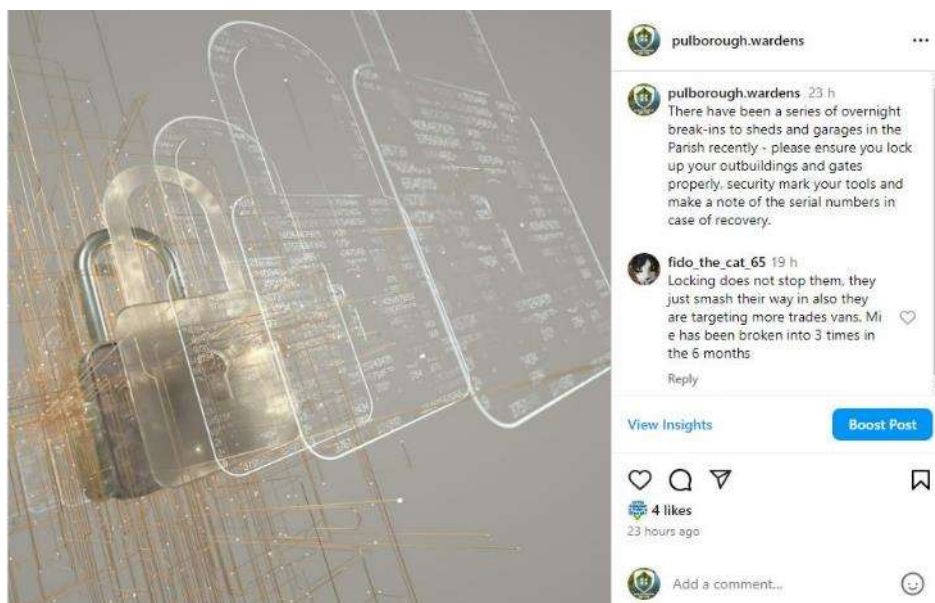
Sadly, early September saw several reports of sheds being broken into and garden tools stolen at homes in Pulborough. We spoke to some of the victims and shared information on our social media channels.

Shed security advice can be found here:

<https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/garden-security/secure-sheds-outbuildings>



A screenshot of a Facebook post from 'Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens' posted 23 hours ago. The post text reads: 'There have been a series of overnight break-ins to sheds and garages in the Pulborough Parish recently - please ensure you lock up your outbuildings and gates properly, security mark your tools and make a note of the serial numbers in case of recovery.' The image shows a close-up of a silver combination lock on a metal cylinder, with the numbers 1-9 and 0 visible. The background is dark and filled with electronic components like a circuit board. Below the image, there is a 'Boost this post' option for £14, 10 shares, and interaction buttons for Like, Comment, Send, and Share.



A screenshot of an Instagram post from 'pulborough.wardens' posted 23 hours ago. The image shows a padlock with a glowing digital overlay of a circuit board. The post text is identical to the Facebook post: 'There have been a series of overnight break-ins to sheds and garages in the Parish recently - please ensure you lock up your outbuildings and gates properly, security mark your tools and make a note of the serial numbers in case of recovery.' A comment from 'fido_the_cat_65' posted 19 hours ago says: 'Locking does not stop them, they just smash their way in also they are targeting more trades vans. Mine has been broken into 3 times in the 6 months'. The post has 4 likes and an option to 'Boost Post'.

Parking/Vehicles/Road

Pavement Parking

We are aware of a social media post on the Pulborough Village Group on Facebook about vehicles parking on the pavement in Lower Street. Whilst it is not an offence to park on the pavement in West Sussex, causing an obstruction is and we are monitoring the situation and liaising with our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

Useful vehicle related links:

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

Fly Tipping

There was an incident of fly tipping reported at the Recreation Ground during mid-September where a sofa was abandoned in the youth shelter. As this is Parish Council land, we assisted the Parish Clerk with its removal and disposal.



We also reported a bag of fly tipped commercial waste. Sadly, HDC is finding that a large majority of fly tipped commercial waste is made up of roofing materials.

Useful links for reporting litter, fly tipping or graffiti:

You can report litter issues to HDC at the following link:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/litter>

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter bin here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

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.

You can also report it direct 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” website at: www.trolleywiseapp.co.uk

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>

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We have been focusing our patrols on the areas of the village where we have seen anti-social behaviour occur at this time of year and as we do each month, 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 debris. We have even managed a patrol on the brooks in sunnier weather.



Events

Quarterly Warden Team Meeting – Tuesday 3rd September

We attended our quarterly team meeting at a new venue this month – Horsham Fire Station.

We were welcomed to the station by Neil Fairhall, Horsham SWFRS Station Manager and shown around the new premises by Steve Bridle, Fire Watch Manager. Thank you to them. It was very interesting to see their new training facilities.

We were also given a presentation by Ben Applin, WSFRS Safe and Well Manager. Ben talked about the free safe and well home visits carried out by the team, where they give fire prevention and safety advice. More information can be found at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/home-fire-safety/safe-and-well-visit/>

Also, during the meeting we all gave updates on our community projects. We also discussed the current Community Safety Partnership priorities, received an update from HDC Community Safety Officer Shelley Gosden about the council's Anti-Social Behaviour process and received some training on a social media management app called Orlo.

Horsham Older Persons Professional Network Meeting – Wednesday 4th September

Once again, we joined the very informative online Horsham Older Persons Professional Network Meeting arranged by Hayley Dower at Age UK. We heard a very informative talk from Zuher Panju about the work of the Stroke Association and about the Sussex Stroke Recovery Service (SSRS)

<https://www.stroke.org.uk/finding-support/support-services/coastal-west-sussex-stroke-recovery-service>

Visit by Jane Eaton, CEO HDC and Martin Boffey – Wednesday 11th September

We were joined by Horsham District Council CEO Jane Eaton and the Leader of the Council Martin Boffey for a few hours during the afternoon of 11th September. Jane and Martin are visiting all of the warden schemes in the district, to spend some time with us all and see what we were currently involved in, in our communities. We took them on a tour of some of the larger projects we have going on in the village at the moment.

PEER Group Conference – Thursday 12th September

We attended the online confidential multi-agency meeting to discuss young people in our community who are coming to notice for Anti-social behaviour or who are at risk of being exploited.

This group is not intended to discuss young people who are already involved in the Criminal Justice system, regularly going missing or have an allocated Social Worker. Instead, this project targets individuals for early intervention with the aim of diverting young people away from potential criminal activity and exploitation.

This project is a Community Safety Partnership initiative, and meetings are chaired by a Horsham District Council Community Safety Officer.

Organisations can nominate young people to be discussed at the meetings by completing a nomination referral form and returning it to the Community Safety Team at HDC.

If you would like to find out more or suggest a young person for discussion, please email:

shelley.gosden@horsham.gov.uk

St Mary's Primary School – 'School Council' Meeting – Thursday 19th September

Members of each year-group put themselves forward and are voted by their peers to be on the School Council. Ross joined in the session to meet the group and to see if we could build our Youth Forum project with some of the attendees. The meeting was useful and there was some initial interest amongst the Council in our wider 'Youth Forum' community project. Further meetings will hopefully be attended to gauge ongoing interest.

Visit to Ladybirds Playgroup at St Mary's Church – Thursday 26th September

We haven't visited Ladybirds for some time, so we decided to call in to say hello. The group is currently small in number but very welcoming for both parents, carers and young children. The group runs every Thursday morning during school term time, between 10am and 11:30am at St Mary's Church.



Come and join us for a chat and a play
Stories, crafts and refreshments
Thursdays (term time) 10-11.30am

Ladybirds

St Mary's Church

Everyone welcome
£1 donation

Follow us on Facebook - @stmarysladybirds
Contact Tony Holloway 01798 874146
stmaryschildschurch@gmail.com

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

Older People

Silver Bullet Men's Group – COMING SOON!

We have been working with Age UK to replicate a Horsham men's social group here in Pulborough. We have a fantastic volunteer to run the sessions and through the kindness of Macklin's @ the Riverside, we have our venue. The group will meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month, starting on the 5th November, between 2pm & 4pm.



MACKLINS

Silver Bullet

Men's group in Pulborough

The 1st Tuesday of every month 2pm – 4pm

STARTS 5TH NOVEMBER



Macklin's @ The Riverside
Swan Bridge
Pulborough
RH20 2BJ

For more information call 01403 260560 or email
info-horsham@ageukwsbh.org.uk
No booking necessary - just turn up!

@ageukwsbh www.ageukwsbh.org.uk

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Youth

Youth Sports Activities

In collaboration with the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, the Parish Council are running multi-sports activity sessions at the Village Hall for young people in our community aged 8-12. The sessions run on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5:15pm during term time.

This has sadly got off to a very slow start with disappointing numbers of attendees. There are always complaints that “there is nothing for the kids to do!” but when you provide it, they do not come. 😞



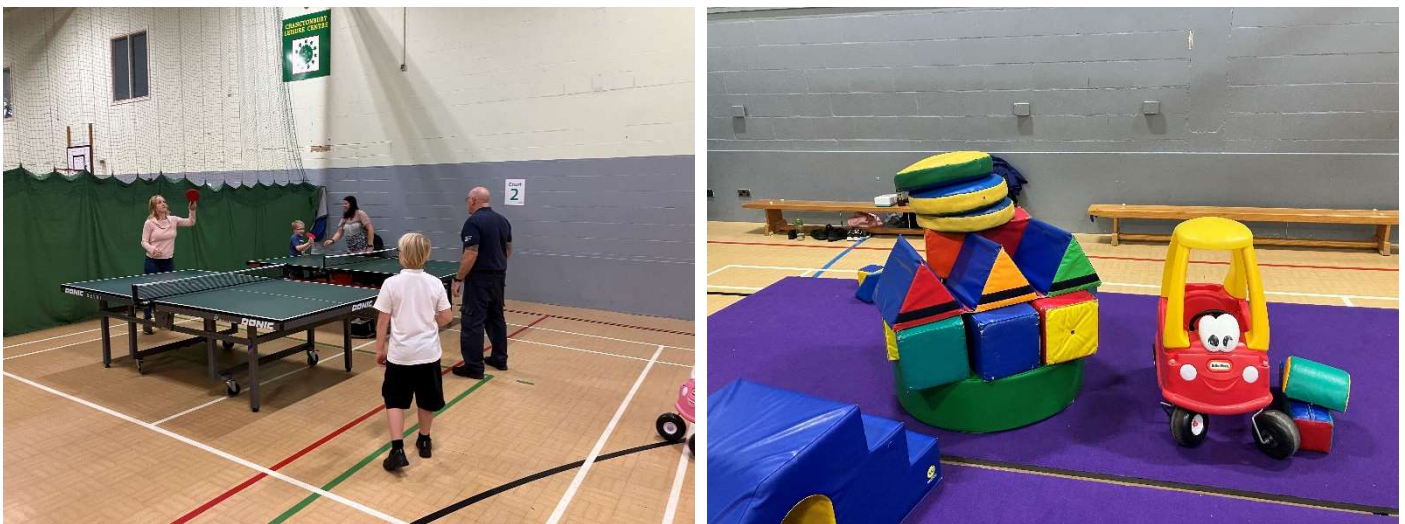
Weekly Multi Sports for Autistic & SEN Children



Our weekly multi sports sessions for Autistic and SEN children and their siblings have also started on Wednesdays at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre in Storrington. Following on from our successful fun day in August and with the support of Andi Dunstan, Director of Chanctonbury Community Leisure we are running a trial to assess need and feedback from parents and carers.

The first session held on Wednesday 25th September saw Louisa and Storrington & Sullington Warden Chris Poore set up a range of activities from archery to basketball and table tennis to soft play. There was also a quiet corner for colouring if things became a little overwhelming.

It was so lovely to hear many of the children laughing and the feedback from parents was that it was so nice to find a group that siblings were welcome too and to have somewhere after school where the children could burn off some excess energy.



Dog Related Issues

We continue to remind people to please remember to pick up after your dogs – There is no such thing as the dog poo fairy!



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.***

***** Please note Horsham District Council does not have dog wardens *****

Parish specific/other

Found Property

We were handed in a set of keys to see if we could locate the owner. Thankfully, through the power of social media, the owner came forward, described the fob that was attached to the car key, and we reunited the set to its grateful owner.



A little bit of help

We were alerted to a household that needs a lot of support at the moment. Through the kindness of various community members, the Pantry and other specialist services, they are thankfully receiving that help. They did however have a large bag of rubbish on their drive that they could not deal with, so with the help of the Parish Council pickup truck, we have started to shift it for them.



Community Allotment

This project continues to 'grow' with increasing volunteer numbers and a strong working party driving it forward. We have helped to develop the group's new Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563502016842> and continue to promote it where we can.





Thanks to handy volunteer Mike the community allotment now has a bespoke shed with door and shelving inside for storage and growing.

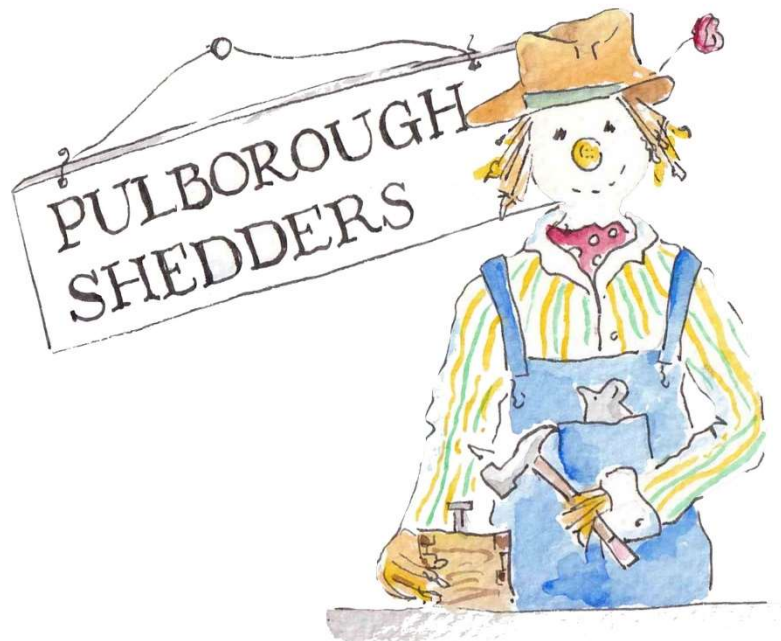


Pulborough Shedders

This incredibly successful Warden initiative goes from strength to strength, and we are working closely with the Shedders over the wider plans to create a dedicated shed on the Cousins Way recreation ground.

Pulborough Shedders Facebook page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/pulboroughshedders>

And their website here: <https://www.pulboroughshedders.org/>



Refurbishment of Carpenters Meadow Play Area (Horsham District Council)

Great news! - After a much-anticipated start, work has commenced on the playground in Carpenters Meadow, much to the delight of the residents that we spoke to at the time.



HORSHAM DC - CARPENTERS MEADOW
QUOTATION REF: 28324





Horsham Matters – Mobile Support Hub

Horsham Matters Mobile Support Hub continues to visit the Pulborough Pantry on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month between 9.30 and 10.30am. Horsham Matters, which supports residents suffering from food and energy poverty, is taking its advice services on the road in a bid to ensure residents across the Horsham District can access face-to-face support on issues such as housing, utilities, budgeting, benefits, and debt. This is very much a use it or lose it service so please do help promote it!

Support on the Move

Come and visit our
advice vehicle for
advice and support.

Advice on offer:

- Benefit checks
- Debt Advice
- Career advice
- Housing

**Pulborough Pantry
Sports & Social Club
Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday
9:30-10:30**

HorshamMatters
Meeting Needs and Improving Lives
CHARITY NUMBER: 1116253

INFO@HORSHAM-MATTERS.ORG.UK
0300 124 0204
WWW.HORSHAM-MATTERS.ORG.UK

Training

Fraud Prevention Training – Wednesday 25th September

The warden team had a very useful input from Hannah Dow from West Sussex County Council about frauds and scam awareness so that we can keep ourselves safe and continue to offer advice to residents.

WSCC also offer free advice sessions for residents and further information can be found here:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/are-you-scam-savvy-free-advice-sessions-for-residents/>

Social Media

Please do follow us at:

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>