

Warden Monthly Report

September 2023 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	86.5	ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents reported to us TOTAL:	5
Foot (high visibility)	61.5	Noise	0
Vehicle	25	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	2	Driving/vehicles	3
Verbal warning	0	Bicycles	2
Parking alert	2	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	9
Reports into Police TOTAL:	11	Fly tipping / flyposting	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	1
Verbal	11	Drug litter	3
E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)	0	Hazards	3
Media Reports TOTAL:	17		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	17	Community events attended	20
Admin hours	29	School contact	9
Vulnerable people welfare checks	2	Youth engagement	7
Signposting	17	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	1	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

WSSC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue

CSAS: Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

ASB

Now that the new school year has started, we have seen a reduction in reports of anti-social behaviour involving young people. There is still a lot of concern locally about anti-social behaviour in the village involving the use of and dealing of illegal drugs. We are working with Sussex Police to identify offenders and carrying out patrols in key areas.

On Saturday 16th September we attended the Pulborough Village Market alongside representatives from the Parish Council and PCSO's from Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team to talk to residents about anti-social behaviour and the importance of reporting drugs related incidents to either the Police or the independent charity CrimeStoppers in order to help identify hotspots, trends and people involved in the supply of drugs to the local area.



Advice and information about County Lines can be found here:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/cl/county-lines/>

You can report drugs information and incidents to Sussex Police by telephoning 101 or online at:

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

You can give information anonymously to CrimeStoppers by telephoning 0800 555 111 or online at:

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>



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Did you know?

COUNTY LINES is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more areas (within the UK), using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of "deal line".

They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move (and store) the drugs and money, and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.

Parking/vehicles

Further problems with vehicles parking on the large verge at Arun Prospect/Poplar Court owned by West Sussex County Council have been reported and we are currently liaising with them to see what can be done about this.

We have noticed that the issue of bad parking around St Mary's Primary School has been discussed again this month on the Pulborough Village Facebook page. We are in contact with HDC's team of Civil Enforcement Officers from Parking Services, and they do factor Pulborough into their rota of school patrols and we patrol when shifts and other commitments allow. With regards to parking issues in the area of New Place Road and surrounding cul-de-sacs a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) would be required to improve the ongoing parking issues in the vicinity, but consideration needs to be given that this may then have a long-term effect on residents and their visitors being able to park.

More information about TRO's and how to apply for one can be found here:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/about-tros/what-are-tros/>

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

Whilst out on vehicle patrol in Hill Farm Lane we noticed a pile of fly tipped rubbish. As we have litter pickers and rubbish bags in the car, we cleared away the rubbish and disposed of it. One less job for our team from Hop Oast.

We also located three more nitrous oxide cannister which we have reported, logged, and taken to the Hop Oast depot for disposal. We were also contacted by a local resident who had found a discarded cannister which we collected from their home address and reported and took for safe disposal.



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

The Hub (Pulborough Library)

We have been fortunate enough to visit the Monday Hub twice during September. Louisa persuaded several of the senior residents to bring in some photographs of when they were children in the Pulborough parish and surrounding rural parishes and also their wedding photographs, life on the farm etc. It has prompted some lovely discussions about how Pulborough has changed over the years.

Parish Council Priorities/Objectives Meeting

On Tuesday 12th September we were invited to sit in and join discussions on what key objectives the Parish Council should focus on. Topics under discussion were Youth Provision, the Sports Pavilion, a Community Garden (one of our bigger projects), Nature/rewilding, a Repair Café and the Multi-Use Games area on the main recreation ground. The meeting was a positive one, and we were pleased to be asked to join.

Storrington & Pulborough Rotary Club

Also, on Tuesday 12th September we met with Roger Jamieson from the Storrington & Pulborough Rotary Club. Having met Roger briefly at a drop-in at the leisure centre in Storrington last year, we had a catch-up meeting at the Pulborough Garden Centre to find out more about the work of the Rotary Club, how we can work in partnership with them, and it gave us the opportunity to ask Roger about the funding that may be available for community projects.

Steering Group meeting

Our third meeting of the day on 12th September was our quarterly Steering Group meeting. This meeting is chaired by the warden supervisor and is attended by us and the Clerk to the Parish Council and at least two elected parish councillors. In attendance this quarter were Councillors Penny Hands and John Wallace. At the meeting we discussed the community projects we are supporting/working on as well as both Horsham District Council and Pulborough Parish Council's current objectives and how our work fits in with them.

Village Market

On 16th September we attended the monthly village market - See ASB section above.

Harvest Fair

Saturday 23rd September saw the return of the annual Pulborough Harvest Fair and once again the sun shone down on this fabulous community event, which was well supported by young and old alike. A particular highlight of the event was watching the Chair of the Parish Council pedal a smoothie bike, whilst dressed as a banana!



Wellbeing Walk

On Monday 25th September Ross joined the new Wellbeing Walk organised by Freddie Jones, Social Prescriber at Pulborough Medical Group. The walk is an opportunity for service users and a small number of professionals to get out in the fresh air and chat if they want to. Great for mental health.

Craft Café

On Tuesday 26th September we were happy that we could once again visit the very welcoming Craft Café. Again, the wonderful creations of the very talented ladies attending amazed us, and we are really looking forward to the amazing poppy display that the group are working on ready for November's Remembrance Day. The Craft Café again provided the opportunity for attendees to discuss parish related issues with us in a comfortable environment.

Pulborough Shedders

On Wednesday 27th September Louisa popped into see members of the Pulborough Shedders Group at their new temporary base. It was great to see Tim and Andy tidying up after successfully finishing their new movable work bench, all made from reclaimed and donated wood.



Wellbeing & Games Café

On Thursday 28th September Louisa visited the Wellbeing & Games Café at the Village Hall. There were around 15 older residents at the group, and it was great to see them enjoying a game of UNO on one of the tables and a game of Rummikub on the other. Towards the end of the session Louise got everyone involved in some chair exercises and then a game of chair football. It was lovely to hear the laughter in the room.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

On Friday 15th September we were joined on one of our foot patrols by Harry Quenault, the Clerk of the Parish Council. Harry had been out previously on patrol with Louisa, but this gave an opportunity for Ross to discuss issues from his perspective. We showed him areas that are of joint interest to us both and agreed that the walk was a positive thing and one that should be repeated regularly.



Whilst out on vehicle patrol on 27th September Louisa noticed a Compass bus request stop sign leaning against one of the Parish Council owned bus stops at Brinsbury College. Once back at the office Louisa contacted Compass about the sign as she had concerns that the sign would end up in the highway or falling through the glass panes of the bus stop. The sign has now been moved and is awaiting resetting into the concrete.



Older, vulnerable people and youth

Older/Vulnerable People

Visits to vulnerable residents are often a key part of our work in the community and this month we spent time visiting an elderly resident who has returned home after an extended stay in hospital. It was a pleasure to see them back at home and in much better spirits. However, our visit did flag up some further concerns around their living conditions and we also spent time liaising with a family member about our concerns as well as adult social care.

Youth

We are very happy to have been invited back to St Mary's Primary School for our weekly lunchtime play sessions with the different year groups. We find it an invaluable opportunity to get to know the young people of the community and to continue to develop our relationship with the school. It was lovely to get to meet the new members of Key Stage 1 and to help them with all their grazed knees! On one visit we also spent lots of time helping them put their coats on and turning sleeves in the right way before the rain shower came.

We are pleased that the Youth Boxing Programme run in conjunction with coaches from WBC Cares UK restarted on Wednesday 13th September and we were joined once again by our core group of attendees. There are spaces for more young people to attend, so please contact us for more information.

Dog related issues

Joint event with Bone Canis

On Tuesday 26th September we held a dog advice event in partnership with Mark & Holly from Bone Canis on Pulborough Recreation Ground. We spoke to residents about the importance of picking up after your dog and also about having good control over them too. Mark and Holly set up a small agility area and it was great to also see children coming over to have a look at the end of the school day.



Dog Waste

Whilst on patrol at the main Recreation Ground, we noticed that one of the dog waste bins was overflowing and had unfortunately been filled with normal rubbish. Each HDC dog bin has a handy QR code on the side which you can scan, and it will take you to the reporting page on the HDC website. It will tell you which day the bin is due to be emptied and you can report if it is full or damaged, which we duly did.



Dog fouling issues 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:

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/>

Cycling

Following on from our reports to WSCC re the old/inadequate signage in Potts Lane, we are pleased to see the new shiny 'No Cycling' signs now in place.



Parish specific/other

Broken/Missing Water Main Covers

We were alerted to missing water meter covers on the pavements in the village that posed a risk to safety. These have been reported to Southern Water for rectification.



Fallen tree in Mare Hill Road (A283)

Whilst out on patrol on Thursday 28th September we came across a tree leaning dangerously into the carriageway. Whilst we were assessing the situation with our Parish Clerk, we witnessed several cars clipping the branches with their wingmirrors, so it was an accident waiting to happen, especially later, when it would get dark. Whilst Harry the Clerk was on the phone to WSCC Highways, we were able to deal with the worst of the offending branches and make it safe.



Visit to Rock Farm, Washington

We would like to thank [Rock Farm](#) for allowing us to visit them on Thursday 28th September as part of our research into community gardens. Rock Farm is a working market garden, community space and horticultural therapy project on a 6-acre site in Washington near Steyning operated by One Church Brighton. We received a warm welcome and would like to say a big thank you to Nicky for taking the time to talk to us about the project.



Please check out our social media channels below:

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>