

Warden Monthly Report

April 2023 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	58.5	ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:	4
Foot (high visibility)	38.5	Noise	4
Vehicle	20	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:	5
Reports into Police TOTAL:	5	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	3
Intelligence report	1	Litter	0
Verbal	3	Drug litter	2
E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)	1	Hazards	0
Media Reports TOTAL:	5		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	5	Community events attended	13
Admin hours	53	School contact	3
Vulnerable people welfare checks	2	Youth engagement	10
Signposting	15	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	1	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

WSCC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue

CSAS: Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

ASB

We were advised of a makeshift shelter up at the Newey Nurseries, with associated drink & drug use and other antisocial behaviour involved. We have spoken to and reassured the complainants and spoken to the landowners, who have removed the shelter and disposed of it accordingly.



With the weather starting to improve we have started to receive complaints about ASB in and around Pocket Park which we are monitoring and patrolling when we can.

We have attended a further Community Trigger meeting regarding the occupant of a property in the parish where noise and drugs related ASB has been committed. The case has become more complex, and more agencies are now involved.

We have also continued to liaise with residents in Chestnut Walk due to issues with footballs coming over from the recreation ground and damage being caused to fencing due to people climbing over to retrieve their balls.

Parking/vehicles

HDC Civil Enforcement Officers have attended the roads around St Mary's Primary School again during April to monitor parking issues in the area and speak with parents.

We have received complaints about vehicles parking on the pavement in Lower Street and are monitoring this. We are conducting checks to make sure that a vehicle is located doing this that there is adequate room left for pedestrians, mobility scooters, wheelchair users and push chairs to be able to pass by safely.

We have also renewed some of the parking signs in the village that remind people to park sensibly to allow emergency vehicles to be able to gain access.



Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We are pleased to report that we did not find, nor were we alerted to any incidents of fly tipping or graffiti during April. We did pick up small amounts of litter whilst out on patrol.

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

Games Café

Louisa attended the Games Café at the Village Hall (Rother Hall) on Thursday 13th April and was interested to learn of plans by the Baptist Church to add a 'Wellbeing' element to the Café, which sounds very positive.

A reminder that the café is run every Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm and is open to all residents.

Meeting with local PCSO

On Friday 14th April Louisa met with PCSO Lisa Bowley, where we discussed the current issues in Pulborough and exchanged some information and intelligence.

Quarterly Warden Team Meeting

We both attended our quarterly team meeting at Parkside on Wednesday 19th April where we discussed situations/challenges relevant to our own Parishes and shared our ongoing project work with the other warden schemes. These meetings are a good opportunity to discuss what is and what is not working in our areas and to share good practice.

Village Market

We both attended the market on Saturday 22nd April, and although it was a quieter one than normal, it was still a great engagement opportunity, and we were able to signpost residents to organisations that could help and support them. Not many issues were raised to us directly. As we share our table at the market with Pulborough Parish Council most of the discussions were about the forthcoming elections.

Pulborough Community Volunteer Forum

During the afternoon of Tuesday 25th April, we attended the quarterly Pulborough Community Volunteer Forum Meeting, held at the United Reformed Church, which provides us with the opportunity to update people from some key Pulborough organisations and the churches about our current projects and also to hear what they are working on in the community too.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

During April we have carried out our usual patrols of the parish. During our vehicle patrols we have paid attention to our fly tipping hotspots and outer lying roads. During our foot patrols we have stepped up our patrols of known ASB hotspots and have been monitoring issues with signage and potholes and reporting our concerns, along with those of the residents, to WSCC Highways.

Older, vulnerable people and youth

Older Persons Groups

Louisa attended the Craft Café at the United Reformed Church on Tuesday 11th April. A warm welcome was received as usual, to which we are incredibly grateful. Some of the attendees ask about what the Warden role entails, and it was nice to be able to explain more about the community projects that we are currently working on.

Louisa took time to visit the Monday Hub at the library on Monday 3rd and Monday 24th April. It is really positive to see so many people attending this group. It really is a great community asset.

Vulnerable People

We are working in partnership with Horsham District Council's 'Community Link' team visiting clients who have lifeline personal alarms and pendants in their homes. The visits enable us to get to know our older and vulnerable residents better. During the visits we have been checking that the installed equipment is working correctly and seeing if those visited need referring to other services. It also provides the opportunity for us to make them aware of some of the groups running in the village that they may like to visit, to prevent social isolation.

If you would like to know more about the Community Link service, please follow the link below:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/community-link>

We also rely on the residents of the Parish to let us know if they have any concerns about friends or neighbours that may be vulnerable and just not on our Community Link list.

One such situation arose when a resident called us to let us know that her elderly and vulnerable neighbour was having some work done in her garden and she was not very happy with how the contractors were acting.

We visited the caller and together we paid a visit to the elderly neighbour. After a chat with her and a subsequent conversation with her son (who lives out of the area) we were happy that we had done all we could do to safeguard her.

Youth

Youth Boxing Programme update

We are now a couple of weeks into running our boxing sessions at our new venue at the Village Hall and things are going well. Attendance numbers are still good, but there is still room for more young people to join the programme. The boxing team are hopefully going to be able to hang bags to allow the attendees to practice their techniques on a bag, this in turn will speed up their ability and stamina.

School Lunch visits

We continue, where possible, to visit St Mary's Primary school during their lunch break play sessions, to engage with pupils across all year groups. Our intention is, over time, to get to know all the pupils and for them to see us as trusted people in the community.

Bushcraft Event

Louisa attended a bushcraft event for children at Jubilee Fields in Billingshurst on Friday 14th April. The event was organised by Julie and Barry, Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens and is something that we would like to replicate for children here in Pulborough Parish during some of the school holidays.

Nick, who ran the session took the children for a walk, and talked about the different trees they could see, and which leaves, berries and flowers can be eaten, under adult supervision.

Then it was back to camp for the children to carve a stick into a fox's head and to practice lighting fires in a safe way. At the end of the event Nick spoke about the importance of leaving nature the way you found it.



Dog related issues

We have continued to conduct patrols of the dog fouling hotspots in the village.

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 April.

Parish specific/other

Landslide At Church Hill

With a collective sigh of relief, the A29 reopened without the 'predicted' meltdown... The lights are manned and managed during the day (including both rush hours) and traffic is flowing nicely up and down the hill with minimal congestion at the roundabouts.

We do not, as yet know how long the lights will be with us, nor when the next phase of works is to begin, but traffic around the other key roads in the village and particularly and importantly, around the school has eased dramatically.

Shed breaks Rectory Lane,

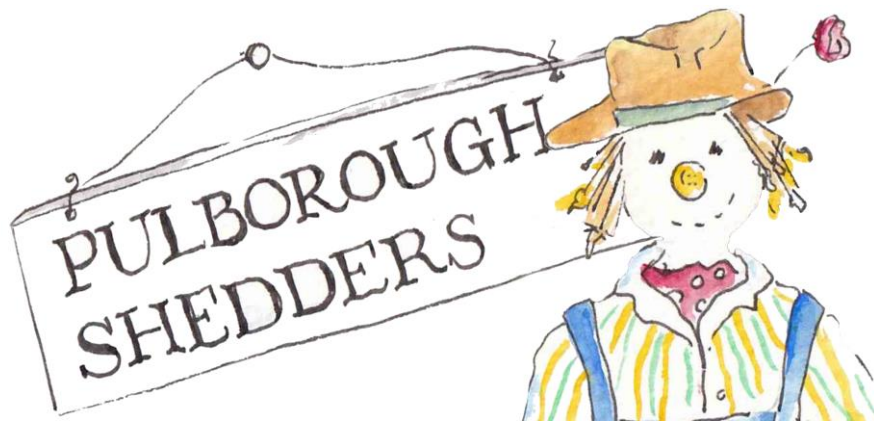
Sadly, during the first week of April three properties in the Rectory Lane area had their sheds broken into. One of the victims telephoned Sussex Police at the time of the break in who attended and searched the area. Louisa visited the victims and gave reassurance and crime prevention advice. She also encouraged one of the victims to report their break-in to Sussex Police due to some evidence they had.

Pulborough Shedders

26th April meeting:

Ross attended the meeting to see what progress had been made and was pleased to hear that, on the marketing front, the URL pulboroughshedders.org has been purchased and that the shiny new website will soon be going live! There is also an Instagram account to follow @pulboroughshedders and they have a page on Facebook too, just search for Pulborough Shedders.

Funding applications are being worked on, but they are looking for additional help in the fund-raising and marketing areas.



Social media/press

We have had some new social media assets designed by HDC's Senior Graphic Designer Kerrie Braham for our youth boxing programme, so a big thank you to her.

A promotional graphic for the Community Youth Boxing Programme. It features a photograph of a young woman in a black tank top and boxing gloves. A pink circle with the word "FREE" is overlaid on the photo. To the right, a blue box contains the text: "For young people age 11-17", "Wednesdays 5pm-6pm", and "Pulborough Village Hall, Swan View, RH20 2BF". Below the photo, the text "COMMUNITY YOUTH BOXING PROGRAMME" is written in large, bold, blue letters. To the right of this text are two logos: "NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS" (a blue house icon) and "WBC CARES UK" (a red boxing glove icon).

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

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

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