

# Warden Monthly Report

March 2023 – Pulborough Parish

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| <b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>              | <b>76</b> | <b>ASB incidents reported to us TOTAL:</b> | <b>4</b> |
| Foot (high visibility)                  | 44        | Noise                                      | 1        |
| Vehicle                                 | 32        | Neighbours                                 | 3        |
| <b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>          | <b>0</b>  | 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         | <b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>    | <b>3</b> |
| <b>Reports into Police TOTAL:</b>       | <b>2</b>  | Fly tipping / flyposting                   | 0        |
| Phone (including 101 and 999)           | 0         | Graffiti                                   | 0        |
| Online                                  | 0         | Dog fouling                                | 0        |
| Intelligence report                     | 2         | Litter                                     | 0        |
| Verbal                                  | 0         | Drug litter                                | 1        |
| E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)   | 1         | Hazards                                    | 2        |
| <b>Media Reports TOTAL:</b>             | <b>4</b>  |  |          |
| Press release/Community magazines       | 1         |  |          |
| Social media posts                      | 3         | <b>Community events attended</b>           | <b>5</b> |
| <b>Admin hours</b>                      | <b>39</b> | <b>School contact</b>                      | <b>8</b> |
| <b>Vulnerable people welfare checks</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>Youth engagement</b>                    | <b>9</b> |
| <b>Signposting</b>                      | <b>8</b>  | <b>Reports to DVLA</b>                     | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Safeguarding referral</b>            | <b>1</b>  | <b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>      | <b>0</b> |

## 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

SECAMB: South East Coast Ambulance

## ASB

On 29<sup>th</sup> March we attended a Community Trigger meeting regarding drug and noise related anti-social behaviour at a property in the village. We are working with the housing provider, Sussex Police and other support services to try and deal with the issues which are impacting neighbouring residents.

## Parking/vehicles

After raising our concerns about parking issues around St Mary's Primary School at a joint meeting with HDC's Parking Services, further concerns were raised by District & Parish Councillor Paul Clarke. Parking Services Civil Enforcement Officers attended and conducted patrols during the second half of the month.

## 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 March. 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

### Young People Matter Event

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March we attended a Young People Matter event held at Hurst Cafe in Horsham. The event saw 60+ delegates and 9 pupils from local schools and organisations come together to share ideas and discuss youth provision in our District.

The event provided us with a brilliant networking opportunity with representatives from organisations such as West Sussex County Council, Sussex Police, 4TheYouth, Allsorts Youth Project, West Sussex Mind, and other members of our Horsham District Neighbourhood Warden team. It also gave us the chance to discuss what matters to Young People and to hear from pupils from Millais, Bohunt and Tanbridge House School who had given their time to attend.





### **Steering Group Meeting**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March we held our quarterly steering group meeting, that had been postponed from late January due to the landslide. We met with the Parish Council Chairman Ian Hare and our supervisor Carol Boniface and discussed the current Parish and District Council priorities and the community projects that we are working on.

### **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.

### **Messy Church**

We visited the Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church's 'Messy Church' session on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. We were made to feel very welcome by those attending and were invited to join them for some food at the end of their session.

### **Courier and Impersonation Fraud Webinar**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Louisa took part in a webinar arranged by West Sussex County Council's Community Safety & Wellbeing Team about courier and impersonation fraud. Courier fraud has now become the most reported type of fraud in West Sussex and we are keen to improve our knowledge on scams and fraud so that we can keep local residents updated and protected as best we can.

WSCC have now produced a recording of the webinar which can be found on YouTube here:

[https://youtu.be/xA\\_3xJqgznc](https://youtu.be/xA_3xJqgznc)



### Community Services Networking Event

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we attended a networking event at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre in Storrington, organised by HDC's Community Services team. The purpose of the event was to improve our collective understanding of the support available from a variety of organisations and to increase partnership working for the benefit of district residents. We had positive conversations with West Sussex Fire and Rescue, Relate, The Library Service, Carers Support amongst others. It also gave us a chance to discuss a variety of topics with the Billingshurst and Storrington & Sullington Wardens.



## **Village Market**

Louisa attended the Pulborough Village Market on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Parish Councillors Ian Hare, Paul Clarke, Elizabeth Hunt, Edena Henly, Ruth Court, Barbara Kay, and Elaine Kipp all attended at various times across the morning to talk to residents. The A29 landslide was still very much the topic of conversation, alongside Terri Ashpool's wonderful Macmillan Easter Egg tombola!

## **Craft Café**

One of our regular events to visit is the wonderful Craft Café, hosted by the United Reformed Church in Lower Street. Our most recent visit on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March was a busy one as we met with HDC Copywriter Hannah Goodall who is writing an article about us for RHTtwenty magazine. Also running was a presentation by a SECAMB Community First Responder who gave the group some CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training and demonstrated how to use the new defibrillator that has been funded by the United Reformed Church and placed on the wall near to the entrance.

## Patrols (foot/visible and car)

During March 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 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**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March Louisa visited The Wednesday Club at the Village Hall. It was our first visit this year and the number of attendees was lower than on previous visits, so we are making sure we promote this wonderful village group when we are visiting our older residents. Louisa spent time engaging with some of the group over a game of Dominoes and then spent time talking about community issues over lunch.

### **Vulnerable People – Community Link Visits**

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>

## **Youth**

Our Youth Boxing Programme has had its last session of the term and its last session at its current venue of St Mary's Primary School, and we are incredibly grateful that the school has been so supportive of our programme and its goals for the young people in the community.

To be able to grow the project, it is moving to the Village Hall off Lower Street (same day/same time).

There are many reasons behind the change of venue, but principally, we will hopefully be able to fix brackets to the walls of the main hall, to hang punch bags from, which will allow for the natural progression of the young people's skills and development, but also, the new venue will allow the programme to continue if we are not present. At the moment, we are having to work on our rest days, or come in and open/close the school in our free time to ensure that the sessions run.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March we had a meeting with one of HDC's Community Safety Officers Shelley Gosden, where we discussed youth provision and safeguarding concerns around some young people and a project for Pulborough where we are looking to work with some residents to become "Community Guardians" to help build a stronger community, champion the views of those around them and bring about positive change.

## Dog related issues

We have been conducting patrols on the main recreation ground and Cousins Way recreation ground to monitor the dog fouling issues we have been made aware of, which are having a negative impact on the sports clubs who use the grounds.

Dog fouling can also be reported via the HDC (Horsham District Council) 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](mailto: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 March.

## Parish specific/other

### **Tent at Junction of Lower Street & Rivermead**

On the 16th of March we were made aware of a tent pitched on the verge by the main road in Lower Street. Despite ongoing observations and investigations, no user/owner was identified.

We revisited the tent early the following week and left a note inside, offering assistance, if it was required. Having not heard back and subsequently received messages to say that the tent was in the highway, we removed the tent on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and are safely storing it and the items of clothing from inside in case the owner comes forward. We have put out a message on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts appealing for information.



### **Landslide At Church Hill**

The latest updates about the current situation at Church Hill can be found at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/a29-pulborough/>

### **Pulborough Shedders**

We have continued to liaise with the Pulborough Shedders Committee to support the project and await their next meeting in April. We have also been speaking to Chairman Andy Heath about some fundraising projects.

## Community Garden & Allotment

We have continued to work on our proposal for a community garden and allotment and are looking to form a committee to help move the project forward. We are also planning a visit to the Petworth Community Garden and Men's Shed projects to speak with them about their successes and to gather information.

## Social media/press

We have used our social media channels this month to try to find the owner of the tent mentioned above that was pitched in Lower Street near to Rivermead.

We have also monitored the local Pulborough Village Facebook page for information and community tensions.

We have written an article about our 'Community Garden & Allotment' project for the April edition of the Pulborough Community News and met with our HDC copywriter regarding a feature for RHTwenty magazine.

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