

Warden Monthly Report

Trafalgar, Denne and Forest – October 2019

Patrol Hours: 58 hr 35 min		No of visits To Elderly/Vulnerable	20	School Contact/Engagement	10
Denne – 32 hr 50 min Forest – 13 hr 00 min Trafalgar – 12 hr 45 min					
Vehicle	n/a				
Clear up/disposal reports	41	ASB Incidents	23	Police Reports Made	23
Fly tipping, flyposting	6	noise	0	phone	4
graffiti	5	Neighbours	0	email	8
dog fouling	2	driving/vehicles	8	intelligence report	4
litter	11	alcohol/drugs	15	E-CINS	8
drug litter	17				
Community Events Attended	1	Youth Engagement/Activities	2	Fixed Penalty Notices	0
Yellow Card Warnings	4	Parking Notices Issued	18	Reports to Operation Crackdown	4

ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage

We are regularly receiving reports about drug use and dealing which is a police issue. We are spreading the message of reporting about drugs by contacting the police directly on 999 for emergencies or on 101 for non-emergencies.

DENNE

- Forum Car Park:
 - Disrupted a group sat in the Forum stairwell and warned them that smoking in a building is illegal. One was in breach of a previously issued banning letter and this will be followed up on and the Police have been engaging with him.
 - Asked two people to leave the emergency exit stairwell. We saw them loitering in the car park and signposted them to other places to spend time.
- Disrupted a group that were smoking in Core 4 of the Forum.
- Disrupted a group loitering and acting suspiciously in a car park. We could smell alcohol coming from the group and called 101 to report suspected underage alcohol consumption and submitted safeguarding referrals (Forum).
- Asked a rowdy group in Horsham town to be considerate of other pedestrians (West Street).
- Passed on a report of a large group of girls congregated outside of Pret A Manger to the police.
- Engaged with a drunk male. We checked on his welfare and offered support (Carfax).
- Responded to a report about anti-social behaviour related to alcohol, this included shouting and littering. We contacted the Police on 999 to report male in breach of a Community Protection Notice (prohibiting anti-social behaviour) and requested left litter was disposed of in the bin. The litter was removed (Causeway).
- Provided Police with statements:
 - 1 evidencing anti-social behaviour (Carfax)

- 1 evidencing a breach of Community Protection Notice (Causeway)
- Met with a resident to discuss ongoing ASB (Town Centre).
- Turned off two fire hydrants that had been set off intentionally in the Carfax. We informed the HDC Properties Team, Town Centres Manager and Fire Service.
- Called 101 to report possible breach of Community Protection Notice warning (CPW – a notice that warns against a particular behaviour being undertaken) by a man begging. The police had looked to issue the CPW a few weeks previously, we are unsure if it was issued successfully. The police requested a witness statement.
- Responded to report of young people cycling dangerously in Swan Walk car park and town centre. Could not locate.
- Responded to a report that a group had been throwing a bicycle from level 4 of Swan Walk car park to the ground floor. We identified a group of young people with a damaged bike at the location. Following up with CCTV and witnesses we were unable to confirm these were the individuals responsible. Police report made.
- Spoke with secondary school to discuss anti-social behaviour occurring at the start and end of the school day. Patrols have been arranged to disrupt behaviour and help to identify those involved (Tanbridge).
- Carried out after school patrol of Tanbridge School following reports of students being loud when using a children's play area. This provided a good opportunity to engage with the students.
- Provided a witness statement for Crawley Borough Council regarding an ice cream van that has been trading in Horsham without registering. The van is kept in Crawley, which would be the council the business will need to register to trade with.
- Updated 3 ECINs (multi-agency online case management software) cases. One regarding a group of youths causing ASB in the town centre, the second with actions needed regarding illegal trading and the third about ASB related to alcohol.
- Submitted a report relating to a person wanted by the police.
- Signposted a person to Sussex Police to report suspicious activity.
- Signposted a resident to report graffiti we were unable to locate to the Horsham District Council "report a problem" webpage.

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- Joint patrol with the police of Redford Avenue and Victory Road Rec. Three groups were disrupted in the Recreation ground.
- Checked on location of benches that have been reported to us as a site for littering, noise and possible drug use (Riverside Walk).
- Submitted intelligence report of drug use and dealing to the police (Victory Road Rec).
- Signposted two residents to report drug use directly to the police.
- Issued 3 yellow warnings to individuals smoking cannabis and passed on information about drug awareness (Victory Road Recreation Ground). Their details were passed onto the police.

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- Nothing to report.

Parking/Vehicles

DENNE

- Gave 5 verbal warnings to drivers parked on kerb stripes and issued 1 parking alert (East Street).
- Reported to Operation Crackdown:
 - 1 for a car driving without MOT (East Street).
 - 1 for a car driving dangerously (East Street).
- Asked 4 cars to park elsewhere as they were parked on double yellows on a bend at the end of school (Arunside).
- Issued Parking Alerts:
 - 2 to vehicles blocking emergency vehicle access (Tanbridge Park)

- Witnessed a small car accident. We passed on our details and ensured both drivers exchanged details (Carfax).

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- Carried out after school parking patrol (Greenway).
- Asked drivers to park elsewhere:
 - 1 car parked on kerb stripes and blocking a dropped kerb (Bishopric).
 - 1 parked on kerb stripes (Bishopric).
- Issued Parking Alerts:
 - 4 to cars parked on kerb stripes (Bishopric)

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- Asked 2 vehicles to move as they were obstructing the pavement (Gorings Mead).
- Contacted West Sussex County Council to discuss parking concern (Highlands).
- Requested a driver park elsewhere as they were parked on school zigzag lines (Highlands).
- Issued Parking Alerts:
 - 5 to vehicles parked too close to junctions (Elm Grove).
- Reported an abandoned vehicle parked on double yellows to Operation Crackdown and Parking Services (Elm Grove). The DVLA was notified for being untaxed. Update – the car has since been issued with a Parking Fine.

Fly tipping/Littering/Graffiti

DENNE

- Reported litter for removal (Hills Farm Lane).
- Removed 2 cardboard boxes that had been fly tipped and were blocking an emergency exit (Forum car park).
- On 2 separate occasions asked people to pick up their cigarette butts and to dispose of them properly (Causeway).
- Cleared a considerable amount of litter from Cores 5 and 6 in the Forum car park emergency exit stairwells to keep them clear in case of an emergency and reported broken glass for removal. On a separate occasion, we removed a small amount of litter that was obstructing the emergency exit stairwells.
- Requested the removal of signs across the town that were promoting an event.
- Requested removal of 2 signs advertising business/services (East Street).
- Requested for removal of sticker on a bus timetable (East Street).
- Reported and removed drug litter:
 - 2 Nitrous Oxide canisters (Swan Walk car park).
 - Small bag with white powder residue in (Forum car park).
 - 1 small cannabis bag (Hills Farm Lane/Riverside Walk).
- Reported graffiti:
 - Swan Walk car park.
 - Sainsbury's basement car park (details also passed onto the police).
 - Forum car park.
 - North Street underpass.
 - Hills Farm Lane.

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- Met with a resident to be shown an area where groups are leaving a lot of litter on a regular basis. This will be added to our patrol schedule. The information was also passed onto the Horsham District Council Parks and Countryside team to look at designing out the littering/ASB (Riverside Walk).
- Encouraged a school to contact the police regarding a nitrous oxide canister that was found – a group is believed to have accessed the school property after hours.

- Removed and reported drug litter:
 - 4 empty cannabis bag (Victory Road Rec).
 - 6 empty cannabis bags (Redford Avenue/Riverside Walk).
 - 1 empty cannabis bag (Redford Avenue Football Pitch).
 - 1 empty cannabis bag (Nelson Road).

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- Reported full litter bins: Bennetts Field, Kings Road, Depot Road.
- Requested the removal of a sign advertising a past business event (Redkiln Way).
- Reported offensive graffiti to the police, requested removal by HDC and updated the ECINs case (Railway underpass). This was swiftly removed by HDC.
- Removed a sign that had previously been asked to be taken down and was missed by the complying company (Station Road).
- Disposed of a small bag of tobacco (Bennetts Field).
- Removed and reported 1 empty cannabis bag (Bennetts Field).

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

DENNE

- Introduction to Starbucks café (Piries Place).
- Attended Police Crime Prevention street briefing (Carfax).
- Attended meeting to discuss a plan of action to tackle café anti-social behaviour (West Street).
- Visited the Butterfly Project (day centre for people with learning disabilities).
- Delivered leaflets to Burton Court residents.
- Met with the Chair of the Hills Farm Conservation Group and got shown areas of the Riverside Walk.
- Attended a multi-agency meeting regarding the Causeway and a group of street drinkers.

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- Signposted a member of the public to volunteering opportunities.
- Held a multi-sport event with the sports development team (Bennetts Field).

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- Signposted members of the public to report drug use that was witnessed to the police. If it is a non-emergency 101 can be called or can be reported online at www.sussex.police.uk. If it is an emergency and happening at the time, call 999. Crimestoppers can be called to report a crime anonymously: 0800 555 111.

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- Promoted the Community Lottery and Understanding Teenage Behaviour Course.
- We met with Life Spring Church to discuss community services available for signposting.
- Met with the station manager and crew for Horsham Fire Station to discuss fire safety issues we have been coming across the town.

Patrols (foot/visible)

DENNE

- Causeway.
- West Street.
- Horsham Park.
- End of school patrol of Arunside Primary.
- End of school patrol of St Marys Primary.
- Car parks – Swan Walk/Forum/Piries Place.

- After school patrol of Tanbridge.

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- Redford Avenue – football pitch and riverside walk.
- Victory Road Rec.
- Riverside walk.
- After school patrol Greenway.

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- Start of school patrol of Forest.
- End of school patrol of Millais.
- Bennetts Field.
- Chesworth Farm.
- Highlands.
- Tanyard Close.
- Elm Grove.

Elderly and Youth

DENNE

- Attended 4TheYouth Costa drop in session (West Street).

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- Undertook Community Link visits to clients' houses to test the fall alarm units and pass on our contact details.
- Signposted a member of the public to report a suspected break in to the police and made a house visit for reassurance and further signposting to other services available.

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- Spoke with a concerned resident regarding a possible scam cold caller. This information was reported to the police and circulated to other HDC teams.

Licensing

DENNE

- Spoke with a promotions company and directed them to the location they should have been set up in (West Street).
- Informed Events department of a breach of promotion conditions (West Street).

FOREST

- Nothing to report.

TRAFALGAR

- Nothing to report.

Dog related issues

DENNE

- Reported overflowing dog bin (Hills Farm Lane).

FOREST

- Reported large amount of dog faeces that needed clearing in the middle of the path (Station Road).

TRAFALGAR

- Nothing to report.

Cycling

DENNE

- Asked a group not to skateboard in a prohibited area and signposted to skate park (Forum).
- Engaged with a group on bicycles in the Forum car park and warned of the dangers.
- Contacted Deliveroo regarding a cyclist that ran a red light (Blackhorse Way/Worthing Road).
- Contacted the Tesco stores regarding a member of staff that continues to cycle on West Street despite us requesting that he doesn't.
- Asked cyclists to dismount:
 - 7 on West Street, 1 refused.
 - 1 on Queens Street.
 - 1 at the Forum. Bike safety advice was also given as his bikes had no breaks.

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- Asked a cyclist to dismount (Railway Subway).
- Asked 3 cyclists to dismount (Brighton Road).

TRAFALGAR

- Nothing to report.

Parish Specific/Other

DENNE

- Asked a car park user to exit using the main stairwell not the emergency exit (Forum car park).
- E-CINs kept up-to-date on local issues to share information with the Police and Wardens in other Parishes.
- Updated an ECINs case regarding a vulnerable person and spoke with the mental health team.
- Gave directions to members of the public.
- Put up a Public Space Protection Order sign (Causeway).
- Followed up on residential bin complaint (Talbot Lane).
- Picked up lost property and secured in a locker. We made contact with the owner and they've collected the items (Causeway).
- Shown around Piries Place car park ahead of its opening to identify possible locations where anti-social behaviour could occur. Once open we will include in our patrol pattern to monitor.
- Informed West Sussex Fire and Rescue of a fire pit that we have found in the Barrack Field.
- Engaged with a homeless man and provided him with dry socks as he had got very wet in the rainy weather. We also signposted him to the Salvation Army and offered a street link referral to homeless outreach workers (West Street).
- Met with a vulnerable member of the public to pass on information regarding meeting a housing officer and identified action points to improve his situation.
- Updated case workers on a sighting of a vulnerable person that they had been unable to locate.
- Engaged with a group of street drinkers and checked on the welfare of a vulnerable person (Causeway).
- Reported broken light (Swan Walk car park).
- Reported bench for repair (East Street).
- Reported leak in Forum car park.

- Reported a leaning post for repair (Springfield Road). Reported to Love West Sussex as not maintained by SSE.
- Reported a broken fence to Sainsbury's to repair.
- Reported a problem with pedestrian crossing lights (Albion Way).
- Returned a key card that we found in Piries Place car park to the Premier Inn.
- Tried to contact owner of found wallet. Unable to make contact so handed into Police Station.
- The Give Way sign on Madeira Avenue had come off of the post. This was reported to West Sussex County Council for repair.
- Requested new signs for Somergate Park as one has been damaged and the other is badly faded.

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- Reported broken fence to Parks and Countryside department (Riverside Walk).
- Reported a tree that appeared to be unsafe (Riverside Walk).
- Requested a sheet of plastic be removed from a garden bonfire (Redford Avenue).
- A member of the public reported a faded single yellow sign that made it illegible, this was reported to WSCC (Cedar Close).
- Reported a suspicious vehicle driving around the Trafalgar neighbourhood to the police.

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- Reported a missing water meter cover in the middle of the pavement as a trip hazard to WSCC (Kings Road).
- Reported a broken post on a cycle lane sign to WSCC (Redkiln Way).