

Warden Monthly Report

Trafalgar, Denne and Forest – September 2019

Patrol Hours: 77 hours 00 minutes		No of visits To Elderly/Vulnerable	7	School Contact/Engagement	5
Denne – 48 hours 05 minutes Forest – 14 hours 40 minutes Trafalgar – 14 hours 15 minutes					
Vehicle	n/a				
Clear up/disposal reports	71	ASB Incidents	14	Police Reports Made	13
Fly tipping, flyposting	0	noise	4	phone	3
graffiti	4	Neighbours	0	email	6
dog fouling	5	driving/vehicles	5	intelligence report	1
litter	3	alcohol/drugs	5	E-CINS	3
drug litter	59				
Community Events Attended	7	Youth Engagement/Activities	4	Fixed Penalty Notices	0
Yellow Card Warnings	0	Parking Notices Issued	11	Reports to Operation Crackdown	2

ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage

DENNE

- Called fire brigade on 999 to report a drain on fire. It appeared that someone had dropped a cigarette end down the drain and it set alight dry leaves at the bottom (North Street).
- Requested liquid was cleaned off walls in a stairwell (Forum car park).
- Disrupted a group of young people who may have been smoking cannabis and gave a verbal warning (Highwood Mill).
- Provided a statement to Police to evidence anti-social behaviour.
- Responded to complains about two people begging in town (West Street).
- Met with Neighbourhood Watch coordinators for Denne and Highwood Mill to discuss youth ASB in the area. Received descriptions of individuals and discussed times and days of the activities. We will increase patrols in the area (Highwood Mill).
- Passed on information about a group smoking cannabis in Horsham Park from two members of the public to the police.
- Responded to a report that someone was urinating in public, spoke with an individual about this and directed them to the nearest toilets (Causeway).
- Responded to a report of drug use in Swan Walk car park. When we arrived we observed a group inhaling nitrous oxide and called the Police, passing on the names of known individuals in the group. Police attended.
- Banning letters have been issued to two separate groups of young people who we identified as taking drugs (cannabis and nitrous oxide) in the multi-storey car parks.

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- Reported evidence of a fire and possibly axe and nail gun damage to a tree to the Fire service and Police (Chesworth Farm).
- Police report submitted regarding concerns over tools that people in the area may carrying (Bennetts Field).
- Reported found fence posts and tree stumps to Parks department as they appeared to have been moved or stolen (Bennetts Field).
- Signposted a member of the public to report suspicious activity to the police (Queensway).

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- Submitted Police report for a suspected drug deal witnessed by a member of the public and signposted them to Crimestoppers as a means of reporting anonymously (0800555111).

Parking/Vehicles

DENNE

- Issued Parking Alerts:
 - 1 to a vehicle parked too close to a junction (Denne Road).
 - 1 to a vehicle blocking access for emergency vehicles (Tanbridge Park).
- Made Parking Services aware of a car parked illegally for the Civil Enforcement Officers (Traffic Wardens) to issue a Penalty Charge Notice (Swan Walk).
- Stopped 3 Forest students from holding onto the back of a bus that was pulling them along on their scooters. We contacted the school about this.
- Stopped one person from using an electric scooter and explained they are illegal on public land and can only be used on private land. Advised they contacted the retailer as they were not aware of this (Denne Road).

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- Issued Parking Alerts:
 - 3 to vehicles parked on kerb stripes (Bishopric).
- Requested drivers park elsewhere:
 - 8 vehicles parked on kerb stripes (Bishopric).
- Reported a car to the DVLA for driving without tax.

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- Checked tax and MOT status of a vehicle that appeared abandoned. Both were up-to-date, but MOT due to expire soon so will monitor (Brighton Road).
- Issued Parking Alerts:
 - 4 to vehicles parked too close to junctions (Queensway & Elm Grove).
 - 2 to vehicles parked on the pavement (Queensway).
- Reported a van to Operation Crackdown for parking too close to a junction (3 Parking Alerts have been issued and their behaviour has not changed) (Elm Grove).

Fly tipping/Littering/Graffiti

DENNE

- Reported graffiti for removal:
 - On the side of the Groundsman's Cottage near Horsham Sports Clubs ground.
 - Swan Walk car park.
- Removed offensive graffiti (Horsham Park).
- Reported and removed drug litter:
 - 1 small cannabis bag, 5 Nitrous Oxide canisters (Forum car park).
 - 4 nitrous oxide canisters (Swan Walk car park).
 - 1 small cannabis bag and 1 nitrous oxide canister (Horsham Skate Park).
 - 1 nitrous oxide canister (Horsham Park).

- 8 small cannabis bags, 2 balloons, 16 Nitrous Oxide canisters (Barrack Field).

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- Reported graffiti for removal (Victory Road Rec).
- Reported and removed drug litter:
 - 20 small cannabis bags (Riverside Walk/Redford Avenue, Victory Road Rec and Merryfield Drive).
 - 1 small bag containing unknown blue substance.
- Reported full litter bin (Guildford Road).

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- Removed and reported drug litter:
 - 2 small, empty drug bags – 1 appeared to have contained cannabis and 1 had white powder residue inside (Chesworth Farm).
 - 1 nitrous oxide canister (New Street).

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

DENNE

- Suicide Prevention Day – we assisted HDC and the Samaritans at a street briefing to give out teabags and advice to members of the public, encouraging people to take the time to talk. We assisted with a stall on Chart Way and another held later in the week at Horsham Market. Over the course of the 2 events we handed out around 600 packs.
- Attended skate park development meeting to discuss design.
- Collected cigarette ends from the Causeway and East Street in preparation for a littering campaign at Collyer's Fresher's Fair.
- Attended Collyer's Fresher's Fair on two afternoons to raise awareness about drugs, littering and mental health support.
- Attended the Americarna event and helped to direct visitors. We also assisted two exhibitors with locating where they should be displaying their car and helped them out of the car park as it was a large vehicle.

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- Introduction and safety discussion with members of the Strawford Centre.
- Attended Chesworth Farm committee meeting to introduce ourselves and discuss our role (Chesworth Farm).

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- Nothing to report.

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- Attended Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group (ASBAG) to discuss solutions to local issues in a multi-agency meeting.
- Attended Warden Team meeting to discuss district wide issues and share best practice.
- Attended social media training to improve the quality of the messages we are communicating on twitter.
- Attended the Salvation Army drop-in for community engagement.
- Attended Rest Centre Management training which enables us to be able to manage a centre that could be set up locally in the event of an emergency. The centre will provide shelter to those affected by an emergency.

Patrols (foot/visible)

DENNE

- After school patrol of Tanbridge.

- Town centre car parks.
- Horsham Park.
- Regular checks of locations with reports of dog fouling:
 - Norfolk Road.
 - Chichester Terrace.
 - Barttelot Road.

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- Victory Road Rec.
- Riverside Walk.
- Redford Avenue – reports of groups congregating in evenings.
- Bishopric – many drivers who are collecting takeaways park on kerb stripes, obstructing a lane.

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- Strawford centre out of hours.
- Winterton Court for noise levels and cycling in private car park.
- Regular checks of Chesworth Farm where there has been reports of dog fouling and youth ASB.
- Queensway – parking at takeaways.

Elderly and Youth

DENNE

- Youth outreach session with 4TheYouth to engage with young people and signpost to local clubs.
- Visited a resident to discuss anti-social behaviour occurring in the area, other issues such as cycling and electric scooters were raised and we followed up. As a result, the 'no cycling' signs are being reinstated in Stans Way and we engaged with the scooter driver (East Street).
- Engaged with a group of young people who have been identified as perpetrators of ASB. We had a chat with them and spoke about our role (Horsham Park).

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- Met with a resident to discuss high hedge complaint. Signposted to Saxon Weald floating support officers and Citizens Advice.
- Visits to Community Link clients to introduce ourselves and our role, as well as testing their fall alarm units.

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- Nothing to report.

Licensing

DENNE

- Requested a busker to turn down their speaker (West Street).
- Checked license of street trader (West Street).
- Responded to a complaint about a busker not adhering to licensing conditions and reminded the busker to move on every 30 minutes (Forum).
- Investigated the details of a vehicle's registered keeper so a Community Protection Notice can be issued to an ice cream van that is trading in illegal places. We kept E-CINS (online multi-agency case manager) up to date to share information with HDC Parks and Countryside and the Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens.

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- Nothing to report.

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Dog related issues

DENNE

- Reported broken dog bin (Horsham Park).
- Spotted a dog on its own and located its owner. The owner was advised of the risks of their dog being out of sight and agreed to keep it on a lead (Garden of Remembrance).

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- Reported full dog bin (Victory Road Rec).

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- Reported dog poo bags for removal after they were left behind an electric box (Highlands).
- Replaced 2 faded dog fouling signs with new ones (New Street).

Cycling

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- Asked cyclists to dismount:
 - 1 on the pavement, road side of East Street.
 - 5 on West Street, 2 refused.
 - 4 in North Street subway.
 - 1 on the Forum.

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- Asked cyclist to dismount:
 - 2 in railway subway.
 - 1 on Brighton Road.
- Met with a resident to discuss ongoing issues with large groups of young people cycling and playing in a private area. There have been close calls with cars and concerns raised about noise levels. (Winterton Court)
- On two occasions we've engaged with groups of young people cycling in a private car park. We have spoken with them about the safety concerns and suggested safer places for them to play. Since the start of the month, there has been a significant decrease in young people playing in this private area (Winterton Court).

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- Asked cyclists to dismount:
 - 1 on Springfield Road.
 - 2 on Guildford Road
 - 3 on the Bishopric.

Parish Specific/Other

DENNE

- Gave directions.
- Reported loose wires hanging down from a telephone pole to Openreach (Cricket Field Road).
- Assisted RSPCA with enquiry about a dangerous dog.
- Removed broken china from the pavement (North Street).
- Made Horsham District Council aware of possible protest that is planned to take place at the offices at the end of the month.

- Signposted a town visitor to contact the Council directly about the lack of benches in the town centre.
- Reported for repair:
 - Loose razor wire (Forum car park).
 - Broken sign (Carfax).
 - Loose bricks (Park Place) to WSCC. WSCC responded that an engineer is already dealing with this issue and there is ongoing monitoring.
 - A step to Sainsbury's (Forum).
 - 3 fire doors in the Forum car park.
- Asked a homeless individual not to sleep in car parks and made them aware of the dangers (Swan Walk).
- Reported a missing vulnerable person to the Police and spoke with a friend of the missing person to try and establish their possible whereabouts and checked on these locations. Person couldn't be located at the time, but have since been found.
- Submitted a safeguarding referral for missing vulnerable person.
- Found items and tried to locate owner of the belongings. Could not locate so we secured the items and made contact with the owner for collection (St Mary's Church). Later on in the week the owner of the items was reunited with their belonging.
- Submitted intelligence in response to information provided by a local resident involving possible exploitation.
- Removed an old sign and replaced with an up to date sign detailing the Public Space Protection Orders (Garden of Remembrance).
- Asked 2 people not to use the emergency exit stairwells unless it is an emergency (Forum car park).
- Reported an unattended bag to the police (Carfax).
- Signposted Arunside School to the Love West Sussex website to request the school zig zag lines be repainted outside of the school.

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- A damaged car was spotted in Horsham and we assisted the Police with identifying the location of a car accident in case there was any debris in the road that needed removing or any other vehicles/pedestrians were involved. The location was identified and splintered plastic removed.
- Reported broken glass for removal:
 - Blatchford Road
 - Brighton Road

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- Reported broken sign to WSCC for repair (Greenway).
- Reported overgrown vegetation on the path to WSCC (Blunts Way), they responded that the area has been cut back.