



NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS



Horsham
District
Council



Denne, Trafalgar, and Forest Neighbourhood Councils

Neighbourhood Warden Report March 2025

Patrols

In March, I was on foot patrol in the community for 109 hours 45 minutes. This allows me to complete Hotspot patrols and provide a high visibility presence in Horsham.

Patrol time included 58 hours 45 minutes in Denne. Most time of the time in Denne is spent in the town centre. This gives me an opportunity to link in with the shops and businesses, market, residents, and young people. However, I also covered the residential areas in Denne.

I spent 27 hours in Forest which included covering areas such as Bennetts Field and New Street.

I spent 24 hours in Trafalgar this month and visited Greenway school during pick-up times.

Community engagement/events/meetings.

Shoreham Airport trip with Age UK's Silver Bullet Club:

The Silver Bullet Club, who meet at the Coot Pub in Trafalgar on the first Thursday of each month, went on a group trip to Shoreham Airport. It was a great trip, and I was pleased to have the opportunity to support it. The members had a great time and a special thank you to David who organises the group so well. The Silver Bullet club is always open to new members and is a friendly and welcoming environment.



Horsham Market:

I continue to stay in close contact with Horsham Market and speak with the market stall holders. Horsham Market is a wonderful hub of the community, and I would encourage anyone to attend on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday.



Please take a look at Horsham District Council's events page to stay up to date:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/events-in-horsham-district>

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Safety Meeting:

We held our monthly WSFRS Safety Meeting in Albery House. This gives us an opportunity to talk about buildings and places that potentially could be of concern. We discussed the fires in Southwater and the break-ins at two fire stations that lead to a large amount of life-saving equipment being stolen.

We also discussed a few events which would benefit from a WSFRS presence. WSFRS also complete 'Safe and Well' visits to vulnerable people. If you know anyone who may benefit from this then please get in touch. More information on 'Safe and Well' visits can be found here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/home-fire-safety/safe-and-well-visit/>

Sussex Police and Anti-Social Behaviour

Sussex Police:

As a Neighbourhood Warden I have regularly patrolled with our Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and continue to share Information with them. We have a dedicated 'Town Team' of six PCSOs. During March, I had approximately 32 calls with the PCSO Town Team, and we completed 20 joint patrols. Sussex Police have issued three Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) to individuals who were acting anti-socially in town and the CPWs contain conditions the individual must follow.

In Forest Neighbourhood, PCSO Christina Laws is the local PCSO. This month I attended a follow-up meeting regarding New Street in which several agencies lead by Horsham District Council and Sussex Police discussed our joint plan to improve this area and rejuvenate the communal space, (More info on this to come...)

In Trafalgar Neighbourhood, PCSO Kyle Berriman is the local PCSO. PCSO Berriman and I frequently meet to discuss Trafalgar Neighbourhood and attend community events together. I spoke with Kyle this month to discuss a few vulnerable residents, and we worked together to find the most appropriate support.

If there any community events you believe would benefit from a visit from the Neighbourhood Wardens and / or PCSOs then please get in touch, and this can be arranged.

ASB:

We issued a Community Protection Notice (CPN) this month to an individual who had been acting anti-socially. The CPN dictates what behaviours cannot continue and the available options of enforcement.

Cycling

This month I have seen a reduction in cycling on West Street. I asked 4 cyclists to dismount, all 4 dismounted. I have received a report of anti-social cycling in Horsham Park. I have passed this on to the Neighbourhood Policing Team for awareness and will increase my patrols in Horsham Park.

Bike thefts are still prevalent, and members of the public can order their own anti-theft stickers from The Bike Register <https://www.bikeregister.com/>

Sussex Police have also shared information on how to secure your bike appropriately: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/how-safe-is-your-bike/>

Older residents, vulnerable people and youth

Youth engagement:

Please keep an eye on our events page for holiday activities and events for young people during the school holidays. This Easter Break we have: Crafts at Horsham Museum, Easter Trails, a dinosaur exhibition and more...

Please keep up to date with our events on our website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/events-in-horsham-district>

I also visited 4theYouth Horsham Youth Centre on Hurst Road this month. It was great to see their youth club so busy on a Tuesday with so many different groups of young people all sharing the space.

School Engagement:

I visited the Queen Elizabeth II School this month with PC Bailey to discuss our jobs at their Careers Week. It was so lovely to see the children excited and engaged with us and discussing their futures and prospects.



Older Residents:

AGE UK continue to provide activities and support for our older populations. Please see February's activities and join in. <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/westsussexbrightonhove/about-us/contact-us/>

Vulnerable Residents:

I encourage members of the public to support local charities such as Horsham Matters <https://www.horsham-matters.org.uk/> and Turning Tides <https://www.turning-tides.org.uk/> should they wish to donate to support anyone they believe to be homeless.

Signposting:

I had 26 conversations described as 'Signposting' this month. This can be anything from our local foodbanks and community fridge to reporting abandoned trolleys. During our foot patrols

we spend a lot of time discussing with residents the support and resources available to them. Please see our resource page for the services we regularly signpost to.

Safeguarding:

Our approach to safeguarding is changing slightly at Horsham District Council and new Safeguarding Champions are being trained within the Council. This is in response to WSCC having an incredibly high demand with safeguarding referrals. This will ensure we have tried to utilise all resources and services available before we complete an official safeguarding referral.

Safeguarding is still a constant responsibility and although I did not complete any official safeguarding referrals to WSCC in March, I continue to signpost and refer to services of support for those who require help.

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

999	101	Crimestoppers.	British Transport Police	Horsham District Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A crime is happening now.• Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.• Property is in danger of being seriously damaged.• A serious disruption to the public is likely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To report crime 100% anonymously.• Crimestoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities.• Information given will be shared anonymously with the police.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-emergency incidents on a train or at a station can be reported direct to the British Transport Police online: www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime.• There is also a Railway Guardian app.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council.• You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: www.horsham.gov.uk/report.

See it. Report it.
Reporting crime and ASB means we can work together to reduce it.

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