

Warden Monthly Report

March 2024 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	80	ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents reported to us TOTAL:	5
Foot (high visibility)	59	Noise	0
Vehicle	21	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	1	Driving/vehicles	2
Verbal warning	0	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	1	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	3
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	1
Reports into Police TOTAL:	2	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	0
Verbal	2	Drug litter	0
		Hazards	0
Media Reports TOTAL:	3		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	3	Community events attended	9
Admin hours	18	School contact	4
Vulnerable people welfare checks	7	Youth engagement	10
Signposting	13	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	1

KEY:

ASB: Anti-social behaviour

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



We were incredibly sad to find there has been deliberate damage caused to a tree planted on the recreation ground. Each branch has had the end broken off. This tree was planted in memory of a late Pulborough resident, and the damage caused is extremely disrespectful.

We received a report that a local resident had walked past two young males on Rectory Lane and that one of the males had poured their drink over the resident in an unprovoked encounter. We believe from comments made that the two males are brothers. We carried out a reassurance visit to the resident and have carried out CCTV enquiries.





Criminal damage was caused to the Parish Council bus stop at New Place Road during the evening of Tuesday 26th March. The damage we believe was caused by a catapult. Due to the nature of this anti-social act we had to spend more than 2 hours clearing away the broken glass the following day so that the bus stop could be re-opened.

Parking/Vehicles/Road

Parking/Vehicles



During March we have received complaints about inconsiderate parking in Church Place and in particular around the entrance to the cinder path and The Anchorage care home. Whilst there are no enforceable parking restrictions here, we do ask that residents and visitors park considerately in the area and keep the bend clear for larger vehicles. We are monitoring the situation.

To report a vehicle with no MOT and/or no tax please see links below to the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-no-mot>

<https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

For anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles, please report to Operation Crackdown at:

<http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>

Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti



Someone has recently replaced their carpet but sadly the old one was not disposed of correctly and ended up dumped in Gay Street Lane! A report was made to our cleansing team for removal.

If you witness fly tipping in action, 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>

Abandoned shopping trolleys can be reported on the “Trolleywise” app on your phone.

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

Age UK Networking Meeting

On Wednesday 6th March we joined an online networking meeting organised by Hayley Dower from Age UK, Horsham. During the meeting there was a useful input from Ben Applin – Rural Engagement Officer for WSFR about their Safe & Well visits and how to make a referral. We also learnt more about the Tapestry Day Club for people with dementia.

<https://www.tapestrydayclub.co.uk/>

Pulborough Society AGM

Also, on the 6th March we attended the Pulborough Society AGM after we were invited by Ian Ellis. We gave the members an update on all the community projects we have been working on and also about future projects we have in the pipeline. Our presentation was well received, and we have been invited back in the future to give members a scam awareness presentation.

Meeting with Andrew Smith from HDC

On Wednesday 13th March we were joined by Andrew Smith, who is the new Head of Housing and Communities at Horsham District Council. Andrew is a great supporter of the Warden Scheme and has spent time with each of the seven warden schemes in the district finding out more about our role and the issues within our communities. It was also lovely to be able to tell Andrew about successful projects like the Pulborough Pantry.

Pulborough Pop-In

We continue to support this great drop-in event at the library, which is held on Wednesday mornings between 9-11 am.

You can read more information about all the good that the Pulborough & District Community Care Association (PDCCA) do, here on their new website <https://www.pdcca.org.uk/>

Pulborough Village Market

Ross attended the village market on Saturday 23rd March to talk to residents and stall holders.

Further information and future dates about the market can be found on their Facebook page:

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

Monday Hub

The Hub at Pulborough Library continues to be a warm and inviting place for residents to meet and to help prevent social isolation. Around 25 people attend, and we continue to receive a positive welcome, answering questions and checking on older residents' welfare.

The hub operates when the library is closed to the public on Monday mornings between 10am and midday.

Craft Cafe

We visited the Craft Café on Tuesday 26th March and as usual it was a hive of crafty activity. Next year is the 10th anniversary of this wonderful group and the ladies have begun to make the most beautiful bunting in preparation of celebrations. The amazing talent we have in Pulborough really shines through. Again, we thank them for their hospitable welcome.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

Due to the anti-social behaviour mentioned above we have been focusing our patrols in these areas of the village and as we do each month, we have focused our vehicle patrols on the fly tipping hotspots on the more rural roads of the parish and checked that the carriageways are kept clear of debris.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

Older/Vulnerable People

On Thursday 14th March we met with village agents from Age UK - Hayley & Megan – Sometime ago Age UK launched a group for men in Horsham called the Silver Bullet, which runs on the first Thursday every month at The Coot. The group has proved extremely successful and following on from this of the group Age UK would like to launch the Silver Bullet in Pulborough. We have visited the new landlord at The Oddfellows Arms who has agreed for us to use the pub and Age UK are now looking for a volunteer to help run the group. It will potentially be one Tuesday afternoon a month.

Youth

On Monday 4th March we were joined by work experience student Harry, who is studying a Public Services Course at College. Harry joined us to speak with residents at The Hub at the library and we took him out on patrol around the parish. Harry then spent time with the Billingshurst, Horsham Town and Southwater Wardens, completing a full week with the warden team.

On Tuesday 12th March, we joined Dan Fairchild HDC's Youth Provisions Officer and Billingshurst Warden Julie Green at The Weald School where we gave a presentation to the Year 7 students about our plans to start a joint Youth Forum for Billingshurst and Pulborough Parishes. We were really pleased to have 6 young people show an interest in joining. We hope to give another presentation to Year 8 students and also to year 6 at the primary schools in both parishes.

Dog Related Issues

We have received a complaint of dogs not being kept under control whilst walked in woodlands off Hill Farm Lane. This has also been reported to Sussex Police and we ask then when walking dogs in the local area that they are kept under close control.

Although not reported to us directly we note that there are problems in the Stane Street Close area with a resident not picking up their dog mess. Please remember to clean up after your dog. There is no such thing as the “Dog Poo Fairy”!

Dog fouling can be reported via the HDC website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/dog-fouling>

Any attacks by dogs need to be reported immediately to 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/>

Dogs Roaming Free

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, you may wish to consider reporting it to Horsham District Council’s approved contractor on 07512 089777 and they will come and collect. ***This is a 24/7 service, but the dog does need to be contained for them to collect.***

Parish specific/other

Pulborough Pantry (Community Fridge)

The Pulborough Pantry continues to go from strength to strength and our continued thanks go to Maria Lee, Nichola Rogers and the team of volunteers.

During early March Louisa was contacted by Bettina Long, one of the Southwater Wardens, who has heard about the success of the Pulborough Pantry and is trying hard to persuade Southwater Parish Council to set up a similar initiative. On Tuesday 19th March Louisa met with two Southwater Parish Councillors Chris Pearce and Steve Lewis and talked to them about the pantry and how it has evolved in such a short time. Maria, Nichola and Len Ellis-Brown then spent time talking to Chris and Steve.

Maria arranged a Pantry Volunteers Meeting on Wednesday 27th March at The Sports & Social Club which Louisa also attended. It was great to see potential new volunteers and hear about other projects in the pipeline.

Pulborough Shedders

The Shedders continue to go from strength to strength, with new members joining. We called into see the group on Wednesday 13th March, to ask if they could sharpen some gardening equipment for an elderly resident. It was great to see so many people at the “Shed”. It was a real hive of activity with hedgehog houses being made and bug hotels, a bowl being made on a lathe and a trailer being fixed. There was a real buzz in the air.

The latest updates from the Shedders can be found at their website here:

<https://www.pulboroughshedders.org/>

Community Garden/Allotment

Nichola Rogers has been working hard at the “Pulborough Creative Garden” at the Parish Council allotments. Volunteers have helped to clear the plot and we are grateful for all donations that have made. Trevor Gibbs who has recently moved to the village has donated 10 x one hundred litre pots for growing and a large polytunnel for our future site.

Nichola has designed a beautiful logo and the Facebook Page is up and running. So please follow for updates

We will be holding our first working group meeting soon.



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556526658747>

Pulborough “Journey” support group for parents and carers of children with Autism and Special Educational Needs (SEN)

We held the second of our Journey support group meetings on Wednesday 27th March at the Sports & Social Club. There was a really pleasing number of people attending from Pulborough and West Chiltington. Lots of information was exchanged and support given amongst those present. Our thanks again to Storrington Wardens Chris Poore and John Sampson for supporting us with this initiative.

Working alongside the Storrington, Billingshurst and Ashington Wardens we are also in the process of arranging an activity day for the summer holidays in August for the families that attend our support groups.

Further dates for our Journey group can be found on the poster below:



Journey
A group for Parents and Carers
of Autistic and SEN Children

Wednesday 28 February
Wednesday 27 March
Wednesday 24 April
Wednesday 22 May
Wednesday 19 June

10am to 11am
Pulborough Sports & Social Club,
22 Rectory Close, Pulborough, RH20 2AJ

Come along and join us,
have a chat and a cuppa
with other parents on a
similar journey to you.

No need to book, no
pressure, just turn up.
Tea and coffee provided
free of charge.

For more information please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:
Louisa Hull: 07584 337475 | Ross Phillips: 07584 337476
Email: pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk



Refurbishment of Carpenters Meadow Play Area

Louisa attended a meeting on Tuesday 12th March at the Carpenters Meadow Play Area. The meeting was arranged by Anna Chapman, Parks & Countryside Development Manager at HDC and was attended by District Councillor Paul Clarke and 3 local residents. New play equipment and its positioning was discussed, and the project has now gone out to tender with the hopes that works will commence sometime in September.

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>