

Steypning Parish Council

Neighbourhood Wardens Report – March 2018

Anti-Social Behaviour

We have been alerted by the Director of Boarding that entry has been forcibly gained to Fletchers Croft Cottage via the front door and window. There is evidence of Anti-Social Behaviour including empty beer bottles and drug paraphernalia. The Police have been informed and we have included the area in our patrols. Although we have reason to believe we know who the culprits are we haven't seen them at the property. However, it is reasonable to suspect that given the new Public Space Protection Order that has come into effect, they are looking for a place hidden away from public view. We have increased our foot patrols of an evening to be able to monitor hidden away areas within the town more closely. E.g. the Churchyard, The Library, The Cottage and surrounding footpaths of the Fletchers Croft Area.

A resident of Shooting Field informed us that a door to door salesman representing a window company was caught on their CCTV, stealing Easter eggs from their doorstep that had been left by a relative. They reported the incident to the Police and provided us with a video of the incident and several still images. We advised the resident to complain to the company directly and to send the pictures they had along with the crime reference number they'd been given, in the mean time we would patrol the area to look for the person in case they were still working the area. The resident contacted us again after conversations with management at the company, the result of which was instant dismissal for the individual involved and compensation for the resident.

A separate incident has also been recorded in Shooting Field where a purse was stolen from a rucksack that had temporarily been left in a porch. £30 cash was stolen and a debit card along with the purse. We would like to urge residents not to leave any personal belongings on display due to the opportunistic nature of these thefts. We have increased our patrols particularly in the Shooting Field Area, we have reason to believe the perpetrator is somebody within the locality.

As reported on last month there have been several recent telephone scams, the most recent is from a company claiming to be "Talk Talk". The callers are asking for money and telling residents that large sums of money have been withdrawn from their accounts. Do not give out any of your account details!

Community

We visited the Youth Club on one of the Thursday evening sessions and have strengthened links with the staff there. We have discussed the possibility of assisting with trips and transport solutions in the coming months.

We continue to run a club for residents at Dingemans and have programmed several sessions and trips over the coming months.