

Steyning Parish Council

Neighbourhood Warden Report – January 2018

January has been a relatively quiet period in relation to Anti-Social behaviour however we have had cause on a three separate occasions to confiscate alcohol from two individuals who we know have been supplying alcohol to underage males and females within their friendship group. We have taken name and address details and have warned that should this continue, the HDC Anti-Social Behaviour team will become involved and we will also be visiting their parents at home. We are monitoring the behaviour of these two individuals.

Following the theft of a handbag from an elderly lady using a mobility scooter outside the model bakery in Church Street on January 10th, Police are appealing for anyone who may have seen the incident to come forward. A man snatched her handbag from the basket on the front of the scooter and ran off towards Jarvis Lane through an alleyway passing through Steyning Grammar School. The handbag was later found dumped in a garden in Jarvis Lane with £125 cash missing. The thief is described as white, aged 18 to 20, 5'10" to 6'1" and of thin build. He was wearing a grey hooded top with the hood raised and grey jeans.

Following last month's report regarding a fight that occurred near the football club, Police have now confirmed a second man has been arrested and charged with assaulting a woman police officer. He appeared before Crawley magistrates on Monday (15 January) and has been remanded on conditional bail pending further proceedings at Horsham magistrates' court on Friday, 9th March. Police enquiries are continuing and witnesses are still being sought. Anyone with information is asked to report details online or phone 101.

We have received several calls relating to Anti-Social Driving which continues to be an ongoing issue across the three parishes. There are also concerns regarding the use of mobile phones whilst driving. We continue with regular patrols of the area focusing in particular on the High Street, Fletchers Croft and Horsham Road. We are feeding information of offending vehicles into the Operation Crackdown System and directly into the police where necessary. We are looking into the possibility of doing a leaflet drop in the coming months to raise awareness of operation crackdown and encourage residents to use it more.

Speeding is also a concern in Steyning and across the three parishes and we are looking to apply to the Police Property Act Fund to obtain funding for our own Mobile SID (Speed Indication Device) which we can use solely for Steyning, Bramber & Upper Beeding. We are unsure if this is a possibility at present but will report on progress at a later date.