

Steyning Parish Council

Neighbourhood Wardens Report – December 2017 - Date

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & CRIME

December has seen a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour across the three parishes.

There was a very serious incident on January 6th in Shooting Field where a fight broke out involving approximately 20 people. One man was arrested and charged with using threatening behavior, obstructing police, and assaulting two female police officers in the execution of their duty. The Police helicopter was called to assist in the search for another individual who assaulted a Police Constable. The two individuals are known to us, one has been bailed prior to appearing in court but the other is still wanted. We are in communication with the Police regarding this individual and are searching for him on regular patrols of the area.

Following an intervention with a group of young people drinking in the fletchers croft car park, we noticed approximately 20 used canisters had been left on the ground in the immediate area. These canisters contain Nitrous Oxide also known as laughing gas and are an illegal and very dangerous drug. The group were insistent that the canisters were already there and that they had not been using the drug. The Police attended the scene, searched an individual and no subsequent drugs were found. We litter picked the area as the group left and have been closely monitoring the area since.

A resident called to alert us to the presence of a man acting suspiciously in Steyning. It was reported that he was walking aimlessly, back and forth and looking into houses. We saw the individual around school kick out time go into St Andrews churchyard and not come out the other side. We foot patrolled though the churchyard and when the man saw us he made a very hasty exit in the opposite direction. We have increased our patrols at school times in light of this but haven't seen the individual again.

We've had reports of a repeat offender who has been shoplifting from the Co-op. We are going to speak with the manager about this as we know the individual in question. We are hopeful they will have some CCTV Footage so we can positively identify him stealing and get the Police involved.

There was an incident in the high street where an elderly ladies bag was snatched and cash stolen. If any residents witnessed this please contact the Police on 101 as any additional information could prove helpful.

COMMUNITY

We organised and ran a Christmas race night for residents of Dingemans, the event was very well attended. We organised food and drink and also a raffle.

On the evening of Saturday 16th December we organised transport for 13 elderly residents from Steyning, to attend a Christmas pantomime at the pavilion in Worthing.

