

Steyning Parish Council

Neighbourhood Wardens Report May 2016

Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime

A Window was smashed at Steyning Methodist Church on Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 May in what is believed to have been an attempt to gain entry.

We have received reports from the duty manager of Steyning Leisure Centre over concerns that a group of youths are drinking and have been smoking cannabis at the rear of the centre by the equipment storage container. We have stepped up our patrols in that area. Police units have been asked to pay passing attention to the area.

A man aged 26yrs of Coombe Road, Steyning attended Lewes Crown Court on 29 April 2016 where he was sentenced to a total of 8 years imprisonment.

The man had been arrested on 21 November 2015 in Church Street, Steyning following an assault and for firearms offences. Further firearms were located when a search was conducted at his home address.

He was found guilty at Lewes Crown Court on 1 April 2016 of possession of a prohibited firearm x 6, possessing ammunition without a certificate x 12 and possessing firearms when prohibited x 2. He was also ordered to pay a victim surcharged of £170. The court also ordered that all firearms, weapons and ammunition seized be forfeited and destroyed under section 52(1) of the Firearms Act 1968.

We still continue to receive reports of cars revving loudly in Fletchers Croft Car Park. We have spoken to several young men who regularly meet there and given words of advice .If this is not heeded we will report them on Operation Crackdown and alert the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

We have had no more instances of large groups of young people congregating in the Flint Barn area of the Steyning Downlands.

Community

We are working with the Neighbourhood Police Team in looking out for a vulnerable and elderly male who has become of increasing concern to us through his behaviour. He is known to Social services and there is a care package in place. However he is frequently found out wandering and appears to be disorientated when we speak to him and we have on several occasions brought him home. Appropriate referrals have been made and we will continue to carry out welfare visits.

We have been present at various Festival events that have passed without incident, although on one occasion we had to deter an intoxicated reveller who was causing concern by trying to access a venue without a ticket.

