

Warden Monthly Report

STEYNING, BRAMBER AND UPPER BEEDING

JUNE

Hi vis Patrol hours TOTAL:	68.5	ASB incidents TOTAL:	5
Foot - Steyning/Bramber/Upper Beeding	49.5	Noise	1
Vehicle - Steyning/Bramber/Upper Beeding	19	Neighbours	2
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	4	Driving/vehicles	2
Verbal warning	2	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	2	E-scooters	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Alcohol	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	4
Reports into Police TOTAL:	5	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	1
Online	2	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	1	Litter	0
Verbal	2	Drug litter	0
		Hazards	2
Media Reports TOTAL:	8		
Press release/Community magazines	2		
Social media posts	6	Community events attended	13
Admin	15.75	School contact	3
Vulnerable people welfare checks	11	Youth engagement	5
Signposting	4	Reports to DVLA	1
Safeguarding referral	2	Reports to Operation Crackdown	1

ASB crime

Steyning:

- We met with a resident whose property backs on to the old School site in Church Street. She is concerned that people have been going on to the site via her back gate. We met with the new owner of the site. He has informed us that he has employed random security dog patrols to patrol the area. The site has had hoarding erected which should make unwanted access more difficult. We will also monitor the area on our patrols.
- The Police received a call regarding a disturbance that took place in Toomey Road. It was alleged that a female was making threats in the Road itself. Together with our PCSO, we knocked on doors in the Road to try and find any witnesses to this event. One witness did come forward but was out when we called. This will be followed up by the Police.
- We received a phone call of a group of people kicking doors along Charlton Street between 9-10:30pm. The following day a football was kicked at a parked car along Charlton Street, no damage was caused but it was antisocial in nature. We recognise some of the group but do not know their names. We have sent the images to the school and PCSO to identify.
- We received a report and images from Ring doorbell of a person that had walked through a property late at night. Nothing was stolen. We visited the resident that made the report. They have already reported this to the police.

Bramber:

- We have been carrying out regular patrols of Bramber Castle and the surrounding area. We have not come across any litter. Some dog walkers are asking for pooh bins to be put in the area.

Upper Beeding:

- We received some information from two separate residents who live in Upper Beeding. There is a lot of shouting (arguments) coming from an address adjacent to them. We visited the residents that raised the concern and have identified the house where the shouting is coming from. One believes this could be attributed to domestic violence. There is a small child that lives at the address who can be heard sobbing and screaming. We will investigate further. **Update: We have informed the Police and sent a safeguarding referral to West Sussex County Councils Safeguarding referral team.**
- We received a message regarding trees which had been cut down in the skate park area of Small Dole. There is an electricity substation in situ. It seems this has been approved works to clear the trees, vegetation from the front of the substation.



UPDATES FROM MAY:

- We have identified two youths who are displaying signs of ASB by knocking on doors and running away. **Update: After the parents were informed, this behaviour has ceased.**
- We were contacted regarding damage being caused to a fence. **Update: We called in on the owners of the fence backing on to this property who assured us this isn't criminal damage. Badgers are the cause of the damage!**
- We were called to visit a barbers shop in Steyning High Street. The barber was very concerned that for the past few months he has been visited by different gentlemen on a regular basis asking to buy his shop and acting in an intimidating manner. **UPDATE: We visited the barber with the PCSO. We gave him a CCTV poster to put on a display as a visual deterrent. The PCSO encouraged him to call the police, and we made enquiries in other shops to see if they had also been visited. We will continue to visit for reassurance. To date, no repeat visits by these people has happened.**
- While on a joint patrol with the PCSO we visited the Co-op. They were able to show images of people that are shoplifting on a regular basis. We were not able to identify them, but the PCSO will follow leads to try and find out their names. **Update: Still ongoing but a significant reduction of shoplifting has occurred.**
- We were informed that there would be a party at the rifle range for year 9 and 10 students. We passed the information onto the PCSO as it was on a day we were not on shift. **Update: We are working with the Downland scheme to patrol and monitor this area.**
- Drug paraphernalia was reported to us from a trustee of the Steyning Festival. We have reported this to the Police; we will also keep an eye on the festival as much as we can. **Update: No further drug paraphernalia was reported.**
- The young lady that was living with Autism and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder was visited by us with our PCSO. **Update: This lady now has a Pegasus card. This lets the Police know she struggles with communicating with them should they approach her. Details of her condition have been put on the Police system, and it was agreed by this lady that her picture can also be used on the system. Hopefully, this will go a long way to help all concerned.**

Parking/vehicles

Steyning:

- We were contacted by a resident that needed to gain access to part of their garden which had been blocked by a parked car. The car was reported to have been parked for 5 to 6 weeks without moving. We passed on the details to the PCSO who was able to make further enquiries. If the owner was local, they will make contact and ask for the car to be moved to gain access to the garden.
- We were contacted regarding the parking along the High Street. Unfortunately, we as Neighbourhood Wardens do not have the powers to enforce with parking offences. We signposted the resident to Horsham District Council to pass on their feedback to the Parking team.
- We witnessed a Sur-Ron moped being driven along Steyning High Street. This bike had two young people on it (Both are known to us). There is some confusion regarding the law around using these bikes on the road, we are confident that in this particular instance this is illegal behaviour. We are checking our dash cam and have involved our PCSO (Tracy). More to follow.
- We received a report of a Moped parked strangely in Kings Stone Avenue. The bike has valid Tax and a valid MOT. The bike is not causing an obstruction, but we will see if we can speak to the owner to ask them not to park so close to the corner. **Update: The Moped had gone the following day.**

Bramber: Nothing to report.

Upper Beeding:

- We have patrolled around Upper Beeding Primary School due to irresponsible parking by parents. We are still trying to educate them regarding their parking.
- We assisted a resident with an enquiry he had regarding his Blue Badge. We contacted Horsham District Council ourselves to resolve the problem for our resident.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Steyning and Bramber: Nothing to report.

Upper Beeding:

- One of our Councillors reported some fly tipping in the Twitten, off Manor Road. The materials come from an address that we have already visited, asking them not to use the Twitten for storage etc. On this occasion, we spoke to the builder working on the property. He said it was flashing for the extension. He has been informed he can't use the Twitten as a place to leave materials. It can be deemed as fly tipping as it had been there for at least two weeks. He did apologise and moved the materials into the property whilst I waited. There is some waterproofing that will need to be cut back once the job is completed. We hope this will be an end to the matter.



Community engagement/events/meetings

Steyping:

- We had a meeting with the coordinators for the Steyping Festival to discuss what worked well/needs improving for the next festival in 2 years' time.
- We attended a multi-agency meeting to discuss a recent survey of St Cushman's Road. We were also joined by a student on work experience.
- We held a drop-in at the Leisure Centre and were joined by Age UK officers.



- We were asked to give a talk at the Older Peoples Forum meeting which was held at the Steyping Centre. We set up a PowerPoint presentation explaining the role of a Neighbourhood Warden, how to contact us and what we are responsible for. Although the forum wasn't well attended, we feel this is something we would like to continue doing in the future.
- We held our monthly board games café at the Penfold Hall. This has always been a great way for the most socially isolated residents to meet up for a cuppa and a chat.
- We were invited by Steyping Primary School to deliver a talk on Independence, staying safe when out in SBUB and how to deal with different incidents they may come across E.G: Witnessing bullying, littering, fighting amongst other things. The PowerPoint presentation went down really well. We made sure there were lots of ways for the students to engage with us and to give their own opinions. We held two sessions with approximately sixty children. Feedback from the Teacher who sat in with us was for very positive.
- We attended the Good Grief café at the Penfold Hall. This is such a worthwhile event to get involved with. We are hoping a couple more residents will attend our Board Game Cafés.

- We hosted the Drop-In session at Dingemans Court for the residents that live there.
- **Please see below (Upper Beeding), under the heading “Friendship Lunch.”**

Bramber:

- We attended the Repair Café this month. Good to see the volunteers and residents at this event.
- **Please see below (Upper Beeding) under the heading “Friendship Lunch.”**

Upper Beeding:

- We held our weekly drop-ins at the Hub, Upper Beeding.
- We hosted the board games club at the Churchside Café, Upper Beeding. This is a really good way of meeting our local residents whilst having some fun.
- We assisted with the Friendship lunch at the Hub. Forty-five residents across SBUB had lunch. This event is always a great opportunity for us to engage with the residents. We have some complaints to follow up on for these residents. One complaint may be related to domestic violence. We will investigate this further. The residents were pleased to see us and always ask if we can come again. We have informed everyone of all the events taking place in the SBUB area.
- We attended Upper Beeding Primary Schools summer fayre. We joined forces with the Police and PCSO. Lovely day, lots of residents present.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

Steypning

High Street
Bus Shelter
MPF
Fletchers Croft
Schools
Mouse Lane

Bramber

Bramber Castle and nearby footpath/train line signs
Botolph’s Church

Upper Beeding

Smugglers Lane
Playing field
Small Dole skate park
Beeding Hill/Truleigh Hill
Adur Valley Court
After school patrols

Older, vulnerable people and youth

The Joint Parish Youth Club is arranging some trips in August for its members. They have asked for our support with assisting with transport.

Steypning:

- While hosting our day at the Steypning Festival. A resident spoke to us about visiting their mother as she is isolated and elderly. We passed on our details and have arranged to visit over the next coming weeks to introduce ourselves.
Update: We paid a visit to this residents Mother. She was pleased to see us and happy to talk to us about her life. She enjoyed showing us letters of thanks from different members of the Royal Family. This lady writes poetry and was over the moon to read these to us. She is 98 years of age. It was our pleasure to meet her. We will continue to pay her a visit when we can.

- We, together with our PCSO revisited the resident who is living with Autism and PTSD and her family. Since our last visit, this young lady has applied for a Pegasus card. We provided her with activities within the local area that she could attend. She has started her counselling, which is going really well. Through our PCSO, there is now a marker and photograph on the Police system which explains this person's behaviour and more importantly the causes of it. We hope this will assist all concerned if they are ever called out to investigate any reports of her having a further episode. The family were really positive regarding this course of action. We have informed Mathew from the Steyning Downland Scheme. Our resident does walk on the downs; we felt it was important to let him know how to treat her in case he came across her. The family also have his contact details.
- We received a call from a resident who was concerned about her next-door neighbour who she hadn't seen for a couple of days. We paid him a visit and apart from the heat he was ok. He does have medical conditions and has recently had to give up his driving licence which has left him feeling upset. His front garden is overgrown and makes it impossible for anyone to walk along the pavement outside his house. He is not fit enough to maintain the garden, so Saxon Weald have been informed. Hopefully, we can get this cut back.

Bramber: Nothing to report.

Upper Beeding:

- The staff at the NISA shop raised a concern with us over a vulnerable person that is getting confused when they are coming into the shop. They are buying the same thing over and over again. We notified their scheme manager and social worker.

Dog related issues

Steyning and Upper Beeding: Nothing to report.

Bramber:

- We received a report that a dog had been attacked for the second time by the same dog while walking along the river. We advised the owner of the dog that had been attacked contact the police to make a report. We took a description of the owners and the dog responsible. We will patrol the area at the time the owners are seen and see if we observe the dog not under the owners' control. We will take reasonable action which may be engagement, education or making a police report if needed.

Cycling

Steyning:

- We had a chat with three young people who were riding their cycles outside the Steyning Parish Hall and in and around Fletchers car park. They were using the steps to ride down outside the hall. Words of advice have been given not to do this. We will monitor the area.

Bramber and Upper Beeding: Nothing to report.

Parish specific/other

We have now moved office. We are no longer in Steyning Police Station, we are based in the Steyning Centre.

Steyning and Bramber: Nothing to report.

Upper Beeding:

- We attended the Parish Council meeting this month. We were really pleased to receive such a positive response to what we are doing in Upper Beeding. We have asked the Parish Council to let us know if there is anything they need us to prioritise on. The meeting went well. We feel supported by our Councillors and Clerk.

You can reach us the following ways:

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How/where to report:

Litter issues can be reported to HDC:

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter **bin**:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

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 dashcam footage you may have.

You can also report any fly-tipping you find to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Graffiti can be reported directly to Horsham District Council via their website: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Dog related incidents:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/dog-attacks>

Stray Dogs can be reported to the HDC contractor on **07512 089777** but they must already be contained.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/stray-dogs>