

Warden Monthly Report

STEYNING, BRAMBER AND UPPER BEEDING

JULY 2026

Hi vis Patrol hours TOTAL:	75.25	ASB incidents TOTAL:	13
Foot - Steyning/Bramber/Upper Beeding	52.75	Noise	1
Vehicle - Steyning/Bramber/Upper Beeding	22.5	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	8	Driving/vehicles	10
Verbal warning	4	Bicycles	
Parking alert	4	E-scooters	2
Yellow card warning (ASB)		Alcohol	
Community Protection Warning/Notice			
Fixed Penalty Notice		Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	7
Reports into Police TOTAL:	2	Fly tipping / flyposting	4
Phone (including 101 and 999)		Graffiti	
Online	2	Dog fouling	1
Intelligence report		Litter	
Verbal		Drug litter	
		Hazards	2
Media Reports TOTAL:	11		
Press release/Community magazines	1		
Social media posts	10	Community events attended	16
Admin	13.5 hours	School contact	2
Vulnerable people welfare checks	15	Youth engagement	3
Signposting	5	Reports to DVLA	1
ASB	6	Other	12
Safeguarding referral	2	Reports to Operation Crackdown	1

ASB crime

Steyning:

- Last year there were reports of modified nails and screws being left along Charlton Street which were causing punctures in car tyres. We sent a letter to the residents asking for information about who is responsible if anything had been witnessed and the behaviour stopped. Unfortunately, a similar behaviour may be happening again where cars are being interfered with when parked along this street. **If you are parking here, please be cautious and check your car when driving until further investigations and enquiries can be made.** The PCSO was informed and the affected resident was signposted to report to the police directly.
- We have carried out welfare visits to the shop owner of the barbers shop that has been mentioned in previous monthly reports. He has not received any further visits from people trying to intimidate him to sell the shop. We will continue to visit when possible.
- We have received complaints from residents along Charlton Street regarding youths kicking or banging on their front doors. We obtained ring bell door footage of five of the youths. We went to Steyning Grammar to visit the year heads. These youths have all been identified by the School. Four youths attend the Towers and one youth attends the Rock Road campus, Thakeham. Their parents have been informed. We have let the residents know.
- We checked the Rifle Range following up on reports that youths on mopeds are riding which is intimidating other users. These bikes are illegal. Unfortunately, we are seeing more and more of these bikes in the High

Street. The Police and our PCSO are aware. We will try to identify the addresses where these bikes are coming from.

- We received an email from a resident in her nineties who believed she had been the victim of a Scam. Person/s had gained access to her contact list and then sent a plea to all her friends asking for money for a sick young girl, claiming to be our resident. Only one of her friends did give money (amount unknown). Fortunately, her friend managed to get her money back from her Bank. Our resident took her laptop into a shop who made sure no viruses or scammers had access to her details. This has now been cleared. We gave her assistance to set up a WhatsApp account so she could join her family's group. We have left her the latest Police edition about Scams. Update: **Follow up visit to this couple. The husband was having problems with his email account log in and gaining access to his TESCO account. We rectified this for him and left them happy.**
- We met up with our PCSO (Tracy) to carry out a reassurance visit to two properties, one in Steyning, the other in Upper Beeding. The properties are isolated, with lots of land and contain either a workshop or outbuilding detached from the main house. Thieves are targeting power tools. We went and spoke to the victim in Steyning. They believe the theft took place in the afternoon when people were at home, which is quite concerning. They will be making further security measures. We have reassured her by saying we will carry out reassurance patrols of the area. She thanked us for our visit. We later met with her Husband in Steyning High Street who again thanked us for our support. Again, as in Upper Beeding, as the outbuilding is not attached to the main house, the Police don't treat this as burglary and therefore don't send a Police Officer out or Forensics to investigate!

Bramber: Nothing to report

Upper Beeding:

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UPDATES FROM JUNE:

- Children kicking/punching doors in Charlton Street in June were all identified this month, School made aware, as were the parents. All of these kids have been spoken too.
- No new fly tipping reported at the rear of Priory Fields.
- No new complaints of the building work going on in Manor Road. We spoke to the owner of the property and the builder directly, informing them they can't store materials in the Twitten.

Parking/vehicles

Steyning:

- We received several reports of a vehicle on Henderson Way which was parked too close to the junction of Hendersons Walk and Canons Way. This was obstructing the view of oncoming traffic. We left a parking alert on the vehicle to inform the driver that they had parked too close to the junction. The residents were signposted to Operation Crackdown should the car remain parked in an inconsiderate location. The car has been moved back a little bit but this is still not satisfactory. More to follow. **Update: After carrying out checks, the van belongs to Aurora construction company. We spoke to the Operations Manager who confirmed the vehicle had broken down and they thought it was ok to leave it parked there. We informed them it wasn't and that the van is not insured! She told us it is the responsibility of the driver but will sort the problem out ASAP. The vehicle has now been removed.**



- There are three vehicles parked in High Trees Car Park, Steyning. All three vehicles are either SORN, no tax and all have no MOT. One vehicle has a Horsham District Council Notice on it from 2025 stating if the vehicle is still present in 15 days, it will be removed. This obviously hasn't happened. We will investigate further. DVLA will not get involved as all vehicles are not parked on the Public Highway. **Update: The Environmental Enforcement team at Horsham District Council have confirmed they have been dealing with these vehicles. They are all due second visits. We will stay in touch with them to make sure these vehicles are removed.**
- We were called by colleagues of the Civil Enforcement Team (CEOs) to assist them in the High Street car park. They were having problems with an aggressive male. He was not a customer, just someone who wanted to shout at and abuse the CEOs. When we arrived this person had left the scene. One of the Civil Enforcement Officers was punched in the chest. We have pictures of the person, this has been reported to the Police and Horsham District Council. **Update: We were called again by the CEOs on another occasion. This gentleman had returned and was again being abusive to them. The Police were called whilst this person stood on the opposite side of the Road watching. He eventually came over to the Car Park. My colleague asked him not to stand in the road for his own safety. He argued he could stand where he likes! We eventually asked him to speak to us and we sat down to have a chat. We asked him why he is acting in this way; the CEOs are just doing their job. He stated he likes to wind them up! This person enjoys filming the CEOs/Police etc. The Police did arrive and spoke to him; he was just as awkward with them. The Police said they would go away to review the Body Cam footage and then follow this up. We noticed this person had a cut on his hand. We gave him first aid which calmed him down and he thanked us. We are sure there will be more to follow.**
- We met up with the Speedwatch team who monitor Clays Hill on National Speed awareness day. It was really beneficial to meet with them, have a chat about the traffic problems. They do a great job.

Upper Beeding:

- We received a complaint regarding three cars that are in a worse for wear condition, parked on Saxon Weald land parked in the parking area of some garages. The owner of the cars stated to us that he has permission from Saxon Weald to leave them there. The Manager of Saxon Weald for this area believes this is not the case and will take it up with the tenant.
- We came across a motorbike and rider along the bypass in Upper Beeding. The chain had come off. At the same time a car overheated and pulled up in a dangerous position along the roundabout. We carried out traffic management duties. We managed to push the car off the road, into the car park. The driver's friend turned up to take her home. The rider of the motorbike had called the R.A.C and we waited for their arrival. The motorbike was left in a safe position. All ended well. Both parties were very grateful for our assistance.
- Parking alert issued to a vehicle on Hyde Lane, parked too close to the junction. We will monitor this and hopefully offer words of advice.
- We placed a Notice on a van parked too close to the junction at the Driftway. Off Pound Lane. We will continue to check to make sure the owner removes it.
- We received a report of caravans being detached from their vehicles and left parked up in Priory Fields. On inspection the caravans had gone. This isn't a contravention of parking regulations but if we come across the owners we will advise they are taking up valuable parking spaces for residents of Priory Fields.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Steining:

- Nothing to report.

Bramber:

- We received a report of fly tipping on the ground at the rear of Bramber Car park (The Street). This has kindly been reported to Horsham District Council already. We will continue to check the area to make sure it has been cleared.



Upper Beeding:

- We received a report from the clerk regarding fly tipping along the path behind Saltings Way and Priory Field. We were given the reference numbers that were associated to flyposting reports that were made to Horsham District Council to remove the waste. We made some enquiries into why it had not been cleared. The job of removal had been passed from the waste team to the parks team but there is uncertainty who owns the stretch of land where the rubbish is. From speaking with residents, it may be that some of our young people have taken some of the rubbish that has been left outside of houses and used this to make some sort of den. We are working with the Parks team to get the litter removed to make the area safe and will patrol to engage with the young people that spend time here. We will also hand deliver letters to the residents to advise of the consequences that come with fly tipping. **Update: All properties have been hand delivered an advisory/warning letter. After our initial visit to a property that backs on to this location, some of the fly tipping has been removed. Parks & countryside at Horsham District Council have been informed of our actions to date and will remove any fly tipping on HDC land.**
- We received a report from a couple of residents and the Upper Beeding Maintenance Manager. A contractor working around a telephone pole had cut down some vegetation but left it behind. A Highways Inspector has visited the location and will make contact with the Contractor; it is part of their contract. We have reported it too. We will keep checking to make sure the site is cleared.



A company called Barr management are responsible for the works and for clearing the site. The Inspector will chase this. We will also report it anyway. We will keep you posted

Community engagement/events/meetings

Steypning:

- We held our monthly drop in session at the Leisure Centre. This is proving to be popular. The Leisure centre would like us to continue using their site.
- We held our Board Games Café at the Penfold Hall. Our regulars as always in attendance. We hosted a new family this month. They will spread the word to friends.
- We held our drop in session for the residents at Dingemans Court. This always goes down well with the residents.
- Attended the Friday youth club at the Steypning centre.

Bramber:

- Met up with the WalkFit group. We spent our time walking through Bramber and along the Bramber riverside. Good to see everyone who braved the hot weather. Checked for fly tipping and dog fouling. All clear.

Upper Beeding:

- We continue to hold our drop in sessions at the Hub, Upper Beeding. We manage to speak to lots of residents. We are grateful for the Hub's support.
- We attended the Repair Café this month. Not as busy as usual, probably due to the weather.
- We held our Board Games event at the Churchside Café this month. We will restart this event in September after the School holidays.
- We assisted at the Friendship Lunch at the Hub in Upper Beeding. This is always a busy event and gives us the chance to speak to as many residents as possible. One of the representatives from the Ladies group have asked us to attend one of their events to discuss the role of the Neighbourhood Wardens. We will have the opportunity to give a SCAMs talk to them and to listen to any concerns they may have.

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

Steyning:

- We were made aware of a rough sleeper who is staying opposite the Downlands scheme hut in the woods off Mouse Lane. We managed to speak to him, he is in his twenties, very polite and looks to be in good health and his personal hygiene was good. He has family in Steyning. We offered him the opportunity and signposted him to Horsham District Councils rough sleeper team but he declined. We will monitor the situation going forward. **Update: We continue to monitor this person, we have spoken to him on several occasions and are determined to find a solution that works for everyone. Streetlink did go and try to find him to offer assistance but he has since moved.**
- We supported the Youth club this month, discussed the arrangements for the youth trips to take place in August.
- We invited a couple into the Steyning Centre to discuss a neighbour dispute that has been going on for some time. They really wanted to chat through their options and get things off their chest. We have signposted them to the mediation service. There isn't anything major to worry about but they know we are here to support them if things escalate. All the information is with our PCSO now for her information.
- We visited one of our local residents who had approached us about responsibly disposing of kitchen knives. He is moving from his property to a new property at Primrose Court, Steyning. We will drop in on him at his new home. We took the kitchen knives and gave these to our PCSO to dispose of correctly.
- We were asked last month to visit a resident who is ninety eight by her daughter who was away in France. We have seen her a few times and have built up quite a rapport with her and look forward to seeing her again. Her daughter is now back in the country.
- We were informed by our PCSO that there was heavy congestion in the High Street. We were only around the corner and made our way. Unfortunately one of our elderly residents had had a fall. He had cut his head and grazed his elbows. He had also just had a hip replacement and was feeling pain from that area. We used our First Aid kit to clean him up and waited until the paramedics arrived. Eventually he was taken to Hospital.

Bramber: Nothing to report

Upper Beeding:

- We were approached during our drop in at the Hub by someone asking for mental health support. We were able to signpost them to several services including their GP, Talking Therapies, Pathfinder as well as Age UK for some potential additional support. They also took information on a Pegasus card which can be used to inform the police when dealing with them of a communication difficulty he may have.
- We still have concerns regarding a lady who lives in Upper Beeding. We have reported this before. She is showing signs of poor mental health. She is still visiting the NISA and the Fish & Chip shop daily on multiple occasions. Her Social worker has been advised, as has the scheme manager where she lives and the Manager

for the area at Saxon Weald. We will continue to offer support and find the right course of action for her.

Update: We visited with our PCSO to try and ascertain if any criminality was happening. How is she paying for the food etc? The Social worker will be checking with her Bank to make sure she isn't being financially abused. Her flat was full of Coca Cola tins, newspapers and fish and chips wrapping (some contained fish and chips still). This lady has now been taken into Hospital for respite and to be assessed further. Her flat is to have a deep clean ready for her return. A care package will also be in place by the time she comes home.

- We have been engaging with our young people in Upper Beeding sports ground. We have had reports of broken bottles in the grounds. We have had no problems with the young people this month. We will continue to monitor the area.
- Whilst at the Hub for one of our drop in sessions, one of our Councillors came in to see us. We have a resident who is living with Dementia. Our Councillor thought it would be a good idea for us to meet her. We were with our PCSO (Tracy) and we were introduced to this resident. She was very comfortable in our presence. We discussed how she was feeling and if she needed any support. She has lovely neighbours who keep an eye on things and family who are very supportive. We spoke to this ladies daughter, who is so appreciative of all the neighbours and ourselves with the support we all give. It's what community should be about. We visited this lady again at the end of the month. We had a nice chat. She was in good spirits.
- Whilst at the Hub a Mother & Daughter wanted to speak to us about noisy neighbours who can also be very intimidating. We agreed they should monitor the situation to see if it improves. They don't want us to get involved yet but we have assured them we will as and when they are ready.

Dog related issues

Steyping:

- Nothing to report

Upper Beeding:

- We received a report of dog fouling taking place along the path at the rear of properties of Church Close. We will patrol the area regularly. On first inspection, no dog fouling found.

Bramber:

- Nothing to report

Cycling

Steyping:

- We received a report of a child bike that has been left on a pavement for a few days. We are unable to take lost property but have taken a photo of the bike to pass onto the police in case they receive any reports matching the description.

Bramber:

- We are receiving complaints regarding cyclists using the non-cycling footpaths. We have made the effort to pitch up our Gazebo on the Bramber side of the Downslink, this is the path that is often used by cyclists when they shouldn't be. We spoke to many cyclists and walkers., most were pleased to see us there but there were some who were riding on the wrong path. We spoke with them and explained the dangers for others who would be using the path to run or walk. The path is designed for people with mobility issues, parents with prams etc. Some apologised as they didn't realise but some knew these paths were not meant for them. We will continue to patrol this area.



Upper Beeding: Nothing to report.

Parish specific/other

Horsham District Council:

- We met up with Jane Eaton (CEO for HDC) and Martin Boffey (Leader the Council party) We gave them a tour of SBUB E.G: Showing them the areas of ASB, the Leisure centre, Bramber Castle, Parks and Open spaces and a walk through the High Street. They were very open with us, asked lots of questions about our area and the problems that we may face.

Steyping:

- We attended the Steyping Full Council Meeting.

Upper Beeding:

- We were informed of a leak coming from one of the fire hydrants along Church Lane just before you come to the Church. There is a leak coming from the road hydrant. This has been passed to Southern Water, they said they would come out within twenty four hours. **Update: The leak has been fixed. Everything back to normal.**

Bramber/Upper Beeding:

- The slip road in Bramber leading up to the Castle has been closed due to maintenance work on the slip road leading up to the Castle.
- Whilst at the Hub a resident came to inform us of a property on the Bramber/Upper Beeding boundary which was quite run down. They had concerns of some masonry that was hanging from the wall just above the bay window. We spoke to a member of the family. Her grandparents had owned the property; they are in the process of clearing the house and repairing any damage. A builder nearby came over to offer a quote to repair the damage above the bay window. We will revisit to see how things are going. **Update: Building Control made aware.**
- We attended the Bramber Parish Council meeting. It is always good to meet with Councillors/ Chair to discuss what we as Wardens are doing, listen to any concerns they may have and what they would like us to focus on. We were invited to attend their next Speedwatch session.
- Whilst on patrol of the riverwalk heading towards the White Bridge link. We came across one of the gates, which was hanging from its hinge, there was also a directions sign laying on the ground. Colleagues from the Parish Councils were already aware and are on top of it. The damage could be from cyclists, local youths or even cattle! A colleague from West Sussex County Council had a meeting planned for 31st July with other colleagues to discuss another project but there are very few measures that can be introduced to stop this

activity other than very restrictive structures, such as kissing gates, but these would limit access for others. There is talk of no cycling signs that could be introduced albeit with the landowners permission.



We have been given additional phone numbers that we can be contacted on. You can now reach us the following ways:

Alison Page: 07734 387889 (mobile) / 01403 215 366

John Sampson: 07734 387888 / 01403 215 366

SBUB.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

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>

