



HORSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS' REPORT

June 2019

Criminal damage

DENNE

- Reported graffiti for removal (Needles play area, Horsham Park, Remembrance Gardens, Blackhorse Way).
- Reported offensive graffiti (Swan Walk car park).

DENNE & FOREST

- Identified graffiti locations to pass onto Police for community resolution to take place as a punishment for the male we previously identified as doing graffiti (Chesworth Farm and Horsham Park).
- Reported for removal and updated a police report on the "SPOOKY" tags and a new "RACK" tag that have appeared and may be linked (Comptons Lane, Horsham Park, Norfolk Road, and Chart Way).

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

DENNE

- Followed up on and undertook regular patrols of Denne Road Cemetery. We had received reports that the currently empty building has been broken into previously and that people are lighting fires in the cemetery in the evening.
- Responded to a report about a man begging in town, we arrived shortly after but he was not to be seen.
- Asked two people to stop begging in town (West Street) and offered them support.
- Asked a town visitor to not leave his items unattended (West Street).
- Took details of 2 young people who we suspect were smoking cannabis in an emergency exit stairwell of the Forum car park. They have been issued with a banning letter and their details were passed onto the police.
- Advised a member of the public to report drug use to the police when it is witnessed outside of his property (Piries Place).
- Patrolled areas of the town centre where we have been made aware a town visitor is regularly being verbally abused in a hope to ID the group responsible.
- Reported a large group of young people smoking cannabis to the police (Horsham Park).
- We attended a meeting regarding the Forum car park so that measures can be taken to reduce ASB and gave feedback on where the activity is happening.

FOREST

- Issued 2 x Yellow Warnings (written warning) to people smoking cannabis. A copy of the warnings were passed onto the Police.

TRAFALGAR

- Submitted intelligence over two males suspected of drug use found in an area where drug litter has been found. They were given information on the risk of using illegal drugs and informed of possible legal consequences of drug use. An additional two intelligence reports were submitted over suspected drug dealing and use witnessed by residents in this location (Riverside Walk near Redford Avenue).

- Followed up on a report that a group were smoking cannabis in Riverside Walk. The group had left by the time we arrived. The resident was requested to report this to the police. We submitted an intelligence report about the location where there is regular cannabis use and details of a vehicle that may be linked to drug use (Riverside Walk near Redford Avenue).

Parking

DENNE

- Parking patrols carried out at Arunside Primary School. 3 extra patrols were carried out in response to a near miss at the school due to unsafe driving.
 - 9 x driver asked to park elsewhere due to parking in an unsafe place.
 - 5 x vehicles reported to Operation Crackdown for causing a dangerous obstruction. This includes parking on zig zag lines, not stopping at a zebra crossing for pedestrians and causing a dangerous obstruction.
- Parking patrol carried out at St Mary's School:
 - Driver reminded not to stop on School Keep Clear zig zags
- Issued parking alerts:
 - 2 x Tanbridge Park (obstructing the pavement and emergency vehicle access)
 - 1 x Guildford Road (parked on pavement and cycle lane)
- Asked a car to move that was parked at the zig zag lines at the pedestrian crossing on Blackhorse Way.
- Followed up on reports of parking issues at various times, including school finishing times – all was clear but will gather more information (Tanbridge Park).
- Reported a car to Operation Crackdown for not having an MOT (Arunside).
- Moved on an ice cream van that did not have permission to trade in a pedestrianised area and reported them to Operation Crackdown (Sussex police website that deals with antisocial driving and abandoned cars) for having no MOT and driving through a red light (West Street).

FOREST

- Issued Parking Alerts:
 - 2 x Tanyard Close (parked too close to a junction).
 - 14 x Elm Grove (parked too close to a junction) – one of which was reported to the DVLA for expired road tax.
 - 2 x East Street for parking on kerb stripes.
 - 1 x Fletchers Close (parked too close to a junction)
- Carried out a parking patrol at Millais school:
 - 3 cars asked to park elsewhere (1 stopped on zig zag lines, 2 parked on a junction).
- Asked one vehicle to park elsewhere as they were parked on the junction (Queensway).
- Placed 'Considerate Parking' leaflets on vehicles that could have made safer choices when parking.
- Followed up on a car alarm sounding without owner present – passed to Environmental Health (Fletchers Close).
- Followed up on reports of 2 abandoned vehicles – both had tax and MOT and didn't appear to be abandoned (Elm Grove).
- Reported a car with no MOT on Elm Grove to Operation Crackdown.
- Requested that a driver park elsewhere as they were blocking Station Road.

TRAFLAGAR

- Spoke with a resident about local parking concerns and followed up with Parking Services (Blunts Way).
- Requested that a driver parked between two bays moved the vehicle to only take up one bay (Blunts Way).
- Requested that a driver move their vehicle and park elsewhere (Bishopric).
- Issued parking alerts:
 - 3 x parking on kerb stripes and 1 x blocking a dropped kerb (Bishopric).
- Carried out a parking patrol at Greenway school:
 - Reported 2 cars to Operation Crackdown for parking on zig zag lines.

Cycling

DENNE

- Asked cyclists to dismount:
 - 19 x West Street (2 failed to dismount)
 - 3 x Guildford Road
 - 1 x Albion way subway
 - 1 x North Street underpass

FOREST

- Asked cyclists to dismount:
 - 3 x North Street underpass (Winterton Court side)

Licensing and Street Trading

DENNE

- Asked two males on a paintballing stand to pack up as their pedlar's license had expired and they did not have a trading license for their table. The expired pedlar's license was passed onto the Metropolitan Police (the issuing Police Force in this case) and HDC Licensing team for illegal street trading.
- Attended a meeting to discuss a plan of action for buskers and pedlars that are not adhering to conditions of their permits/licenses.

Neighbourhood disputes

Fly-tipping and Littering

DENNE

- Delivered letters to buildings on West Street to ask for information on individuals who are frequently littering cigarette ends on this street. It also made people aware of the consequences if caught. Update: Letters delivered at the beginning of the month and no cigarette ends have appeared since.
- Fly posting:
 - Informed a company that had previously displayed signs without permission on street furniture (fly-posting) that they had missed one when removing them (Horsham Station).
 - Contacted a company to request they remove their fly-posting. They were advertising an event (East Street).
- Removed litter from the emergency exit stairwell (Forum car park – Core 6).
- Removed and reported drug litter:
 - 4 x small, used cannabis bags (Albion Road underpass, Denne Road Cemetery, Horsham Park)
- Removed 1 sticker and reported several others that have been posted with a known graffiti tag written on the stickers for removal, the police have also been notified due to the link to a graffiti tag (Chart Way, Albion Way, North Street Underpass).
- Responded to a report about a possible abandoned bike (Guildford Road/Hills Farm Lane). Observation of the bike was carried out to determine if it was abandoned, the bike is no longer present.

FOREST

- Reported a broken glass on the pavement (Clarence Road).
- Contacted a business over fly-posting and a duty of care check was requested of the Environment Agency for the waste carrier registration number provided (Station Road).
- Challenged male for littering his cigarette end (St Johns Close alleyway).

TRAFALGAR

- Reported drug litter:

- 44 x small, used drug bags - including what looked like cannabis bags, 1 possible spice bag, 1 with unidentified contents (Redford Avenue/Riverside walk/Victory Road Rec/Kempshott Road)
- Contacted 3 companies to remove fly-posting, two of which have had a previous warning and has failed to remove all of their advertisements.

Dog fouling / issues with dogs

DENNE

- Reported 2 x full dog bin (Horsham Park).

TRAFALGAR

- Reported full dogs bin:
 - Victory Road Rec.
 - Redford Avenue.

Elderly / vulnerable

DENNE

- Assisted the police in searching for a vulnerable young person in the town, they were found.
- Attended a meeting at Tanbridge School to look at photographs of students that have been identified at an Early Intervention Project meeting (multiple agency meeting to discuss vulnerable young people and interventions before their behaviour or situation escalates).
- Reassured a Key Safe holder about the safe's security and suggested methods of keeping the code secure.
- Signposted 2 x individuals to Salvation Army drop in (West Street).

FOREST

- Carried out visits of Community Link (fall alarms) clients to introduce ourselves and help with any community safety issues they may have and provided updates as needed.
 - Carried out a welfare check and provided information on scams following a recent call to a Community Link client.
- Delivered information about Community Transport to an elderly resident who is finding getting transport difficult.
- Welfare visit to a vulnerable person.

TRAFALGAR

- Welfare visit attempted to rough sleeper, he was not located.
- Visits to Community Link clients to check the units are being tested regularly and to introduce ourselves.

ALL

- Attended Salvation Army breakfast drop in to meet local residents with financial difficulties.
- Visited the Butterfly Project (day centre for people with learning disabilities).

Events and Training

FOREST

- We had a stall at the Bennetts Field Fun Day to engage with local residents over safety concerns.

WEEK OF ACTION

Prior to the week of action we held a meeting with the other warden schemes to discuss a team effort to expand our drug awareness initiative district wide (June 24th-30th).

We carried out three joint patrols with the PCSO's for the drug hot spot areas and placed posters in these areas encouraging support for drug users. We carried out an engagement session in Horsham Park and by Horsham Train Station, we attended the 4TheYouth Costa outreach session and spoke with young people about the risks of drug use and we held a street briefing with the police where we handed out information raising awareness on the risks of illegal drug use.

Other

DENNE

- Reported broken fire exit to be fixed (Forum car park).
- Provided directions to town visitors on several occasions.
- Researched the date of an upcoming event for a member of the public.
- Asked members of the public to not smoke in the Swan Walk car park stairwells and signposted them to the Living Room in Swan Walk as a nearby place to shelter from the rain.
- Reported a leak and a flood to HDC properties department (Forum/Sainsbury's basement car park).
- Spoke with a member of the public over fishing restrictions in the town.
- Attended a meeting with residents over parking at Tanbridge Park.
- Reported a fallen tree that was obstructing the pavement (behind Sainsbury's).
- Reported an ASB sign that has been damaged (Remembrance Gardens).
- Asked 2 members of the public not to use the emergency access stairwells unless in the case of an emergency (Forum car park).

FOREST

- Gave directions to train station.
- Reported a bank card we had found to NatWest and returned it to its owner.

TRAFALGAR

- Handed found keys to Police Station.

ALL

- Attended multi-agency meetings that work to reduce anti-social behaviour on the area. Attended the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group and Early Intervention (to work with young people whilst their behaviour is of a low level).

Patrol Hours Log (from 1st June to 30th June)

DENNE	FOREST	TRAFALGAR
28 hours 30 minutes	13 hours 25 minutes	13 hours 45 minutes
ALL NEIGHBOURHOODS		
OUTREACH	MEETINGS	TRAINING
10 hours 45 minutes	7 hours 30 minutes	00 hours 00 minutes