



ASHINGTON WARDENS' REPORT

January 2018

Criminal damage

The people involved in damage to the Warden vehicle have now visited the office and apologised for causing the damage. They are willing to pay for the damage and this is going to be arranged with Horsham District Council.

There have been reports of the lights at the youth shelter being damaged. Some of the youth had put up battery operated lighting which had been removed. We are trying to find who was responsible.

There was a report of a wing mirror being damaged in Hillcrest Drive. This has also being reported to the Police.

Anti-social behaviour & Crime

We have been keeping an eye on a property in the area which we have concerns could be being used for criminal activity. We are monitoring this and are liaising with the Police.

We have had several reports of youths congregating in the Mill Lane area. There are concerns around substance misuse issues. We will continue to liaise with the Police.

There have been reports of anti-social behaviour with regards to footballs being kicked into resident's garden around the Foster Lane area. When on duty we are speaking to children and young people who use the area and are asking them to be more considerate when playing footballs to try and make sure they don't go into residents gardens.

Parking

Parking services have been contacted to try and arrange joint patrols around the village to help tackle the problem of inconsiderate parking and any obstructions. We are hoping that this is something we can arrange at different times throughout the year.

We have done some patrols around hot spot areas in the last month and will continue to monitor and deal as appropriate.

We must remind residents that parking across the whole of the village is bad, this is partly contributed to by the fact that some residents have a lot of vehicles per household.

Cold callers

No reports this month of cold callers.

Neighbourhood disputes

4 x Neighbour disputes – ongoing work with outside agencies such as the mediation service, social services, housing services, Horsham district council and Police.

Fly-tipping

5 reports of fly tipping. 2 x along Billingshurst Road which had asbestos in them and had to remove by specialists who had the correct equipment to handle asbestos and could dispose of it properly.

Dog fouling / issues with dogs

Words of advice have been given to two dog walkers along Old London Road regarding picking up their dog mess. On both occasions it was picked up. We will continue to patrol that area and monitor the situation.

Elderly / vulnerable

More home visits have been done this month. This is due to the fact the clubs were limited this month with Christmas holidays so we haven't been able to carry out welfare checks whilst they are at the clubs.

All clubs now have dates arranged for the year and the minibus has been booked for those dates.

There is work ongoing with 4 youths with concerns over issues going on in their lives at the moment. Safeguarding will be made. Signposting is being done to other agencies who can offer support.

Family intervention work is being carried out within the village with several families to make sure they are getting the help they require with the issues they are dealing with.

Referrals have been made to us on a regular basis from outside agencies regarding residents in the village who require help or support within the community.

Minibus

Minibus bookings are now been taken by Rita Seymour, her contact number is 01903 893965.

Other

Two males were witnessed acting suspiciously down Old London Road. As much detail was obtained as possible and this was logged with the Police who sent out a unit to search for the males. This has provided the Police with some valuable intelligence.

We have litter picked numerous hotspot areas over the last month.