

Hello all, please see your monthly update for Whitehawk and the Marina, written by PCSO's Hall & Ridley.

Unfortunately, we cannot put loads of detail regarding our activities this month. PCSO Hall has been very fortunate to have annual leave and therefore have not been in work for a large portion of October. Whilst PCSO Ridley is very busy tutoring a new officer, but please rest assured this has not affected the policing presence we have as although busy instructing, he is also managing your reports as they have come in.

Current issues:

Current hot topics that we are managing are similar to our previous update, as our priorities in the ward still include the antisocial riding of motorbikes, the recovery/prevention of stolen bikes and reporting of ASB.

During this month, Sussex Police recovered a stolen motorbike from Sheepcote Valley that appeared to have been joy ridden and then dumped. We are continuing to patrol the area when possible, in order to disrupt similar activities from taking place. PCSO Hall has also placed some signage up near entrances to Sheepcote Valley, reminding the community that it is an offence to ride motorbikes in the area.

We must stress that this relates to many versions of electric e-bikes too. Both PCSO Hall and PCSO Ridley are regularly seeing these bikes being ridden dangerously and at high speed around the estate by the younger generation of the community. These can be seized, if deemed suitable by officers if they are committing any offences. We are appealing to the residents of our ward to please stop and think before letting your child out on these.

A further emerging issue revolves around ASB and criminal damage in the Graffham Close area. Reports are linked to groups of youths causing issues for residents in the area. Police are aware and are dealing with the reports made to us, and it is likely that residents will see further police patrols in the area to disrupt this activity.

While we have received some reports linked to ASB, we have seemingly managed to avoid any large scale or major incidents/disruptions over Halloween. This is very positive news as the ward has many families and children that were able to enjoy their night without having major issues.

Future meetings:

For residents of Manor Paddock, PCSO Hall is in contact with the scheme manager and hopefully will be able to attend a meeting scheduled for mid-November. This is the only meeting currently on our upcoming radar but please contact either of us if you would like to arrange something.

Festive warnings:

As we move into the winter period we would like to remind everyone to take care when out and about. Both weather conditions and darker evenings mean we must all stay vigilant when travelling on, around, or near the roads.

Furthermore, as we approach the festive holidays, we often see an increase in scam attempts. In particular, scams involving a false email/text, claiming to be from a delivery company saying there's an issue with a parcel you're expecting or the same of Christmas hampers!

Naturally during this time of the year, a lot of people are waiting for parcels, so it's easy to fall victim for these types of scams. If you are unsure, please either attend your local delivery office or contact them through the known/trusted company phone number. Please do not send any money online, release personal details, click on hyperlinks or call numbers listed in emails or texts (that don't match the actual number on the company website). Further details on scams and how best to protect yourself can be found on the Sussex police website or the Action Fraud website.