

# Hangleton & Knoll Ward – Monthly Update

*By Beat PCSO Sharon Baker*

**September 2025**

## A Message from Your PCSO

Welcome to your monthly ward update. I'm PCSO Sharon Baker, your local Beat Officer for Hangleton & Knoll. This update aims to keep you informed about key issues affecting our community, ongoing police activity, and how you can get involved to help make our neighbourhood safer.

### **Current Ward Priorities**

- Youths riding electric scooters in public spaces
- Off-road motorbikes damaging green areas
- Speeding vehicles in residential zones

### **Ward Update: What We're Seeing in the Community**

#### ◇ **Street Fights**

We've received multiple reports of fights occurring in the street, believed to be linked to one specific property. We're working closely with the Council to minimise the impact on nearby residents and to prevent further disturbances.

#### ◇ **Suspected Drug Activity**

Concerns around suspected drug dealing remain active. We continue to gather intelligence and evidence. If you see something suspicious, please keep reporting it—your information is invaluable and can help us take action.

#### ◇ **Ongoing Neighbour Disputes**

Several long-standing disputes are currently being addressed. We're working alongside **Brighton & Hove Mediation Service**, who have an excellent track record of resolving issues—even if only one party agrees to engage. If you're struggling with a neighbour-related issue, we encourage you to consider this service.

## ♦ Concerns Over Electric Scooter Use

Reports have come in regarding a young child riding an electric scooter at high speed on pavements, narrowly missing pedestrians. There are also significant concerns for the child's own safety. We are actively investigating to identify the rider and will take appropriate action.

👉 **Reminder:** Electric scooters are **illegal** to use on public roads and pavements unless part of a government-approved rental scheme. They are only legal on private land **with the landowner's permission**.

## 📅 Upcoming Ward Meetings – Drop in & Say Hello!

Come along to speak with me about any concerns or questions you may have:

📍 **St Richard's Church Hall, Egmont Road, Hangleton, Hove**

Date	Time
Wednesday 15th October 2025	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Monday 17th November 2025	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Monday 15th December 2025	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesday 21st January 2026	5:50 PM – 6:30 PM

I'll be out and about patrolling the area, visiting residents and local businesses. These drop-in sessions are a great opportunity to raise any issues in person.

### ✉ **Need a private appointment?**

Email me: [sharon.baker@sussex.police.uk](mailto:sharon.baker@sussex.police.uk)

*Please note: This email is not for reporting crime or anti-social behaviour. For those, call **101** (non-emergency) or **999** (emergency).*

## 📄 **Incidents of Note This Month**

We've received reports involving:

- A stolen moped
- A smashed vehicle window
- Shoplifting involving teenage girls
- Parcel theft from a doorstep
- Dirt bikes causing damage on the golf course

We've had **3 reported burglaries** in September, which is consistent with last year's figures. ASB reports have been pretty consistent.

Please continue to stay alert and report suspicious activity when you see it.

### **Crime Prevention Advice**

As the evenings draw in, now is the time to:

- Set timers for indoor and outdoor lights
- Check locks and alarms
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Monitor home security cameras, doorbells, and CCTV regularly

### **Thank You**

Thank you for continuing to support our efforts to keep Hangleton & Knoll safe. Your eyes and ears in the community are vital. Please don't hesitate to reach out or stop by during one of our ward days.

Stay safe,

**PCSO Sharon Baker**

Hangleton & Knoll Ward Beat Officer

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