

- **Ward Update August 2025** -

Hello to all the residents of the Northlaine and Westhill Ward.

This is your monthly ward update for the area by your ward PCSO's; Bates, Baskar, Ford and Pullen.

CRIME STATS:

Over the last month, there has been a wide variety of crimes seen in the West Hill and Northlaine ward. Below is the statistics for this:

BURGLARIES - 5

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - 4

VEHICLE CRIME – 2

SHOPLIFTING - 61

POLICING PRIORITIES:

Anti-Social Behaviour – Increased patrols, engagement with visitors to the area to provide reassurance, advice, encourage reporting and to act as a deterrent.

Shoplifting – High visibility patrols act as a deterrent, engagement with businesses and security to offer support, advice and to gather information. We are working closely with the Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership who enable businesses and shop staff to feel confident in their abilities to share information and report crimes.

Drug dealing and drug related activity – Increased patrols in areas known to be affected. Engaging with those involved to offer support and signpost people where suitable. Engagement with the local community, residents and businesses to encourage reporting of drug related crimes.

MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS

There has been a **Central Area cluster meeting** held in relation to all issues raised in Brighton central. Housing officers, the police, the council, engagement officers, security guards, tenants and residents were all in attendance.

A **North Laine and West Hill ASB Working Group** is between the council, ourselves, and partner agencies. This meeting is to discuss the ongoing issues with ASB across the ward, what actions need to be carried out and current situation across different agencies.

The usual **London Road Action Meeting** was on 29/07 and the next one is scheduled for late September; this was positive from the Policing perspective. Issues which were raised have been and are being dealt with.

OP PARACHUTE

Officers have been assigned to patrols around the City Centre every day in the afternoon, relating to Youth Disorder and ASB, residents will see a heightened police presence in a variety of different locations in and around Brighton & Hove. This has already proved useful in tackling the anti-social behaviour brought on by groups of youths causing issues around the town centre. If you have any concerns regarding groups of youths report it through 999.

THE LEVEL

With the nice weather coming, the Level will remain to see a high-visibility police presence in the area to ensure everybody can enjoy themselves whilst remaining safe. We are aware that several individuals using and enjoying the space at the Level are unaware of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) that is in place. We have received complaints of smashed bottles as a result of this. We have been working alongside City Clean to ensure the Level is a clean and enjoyable place for everyone.

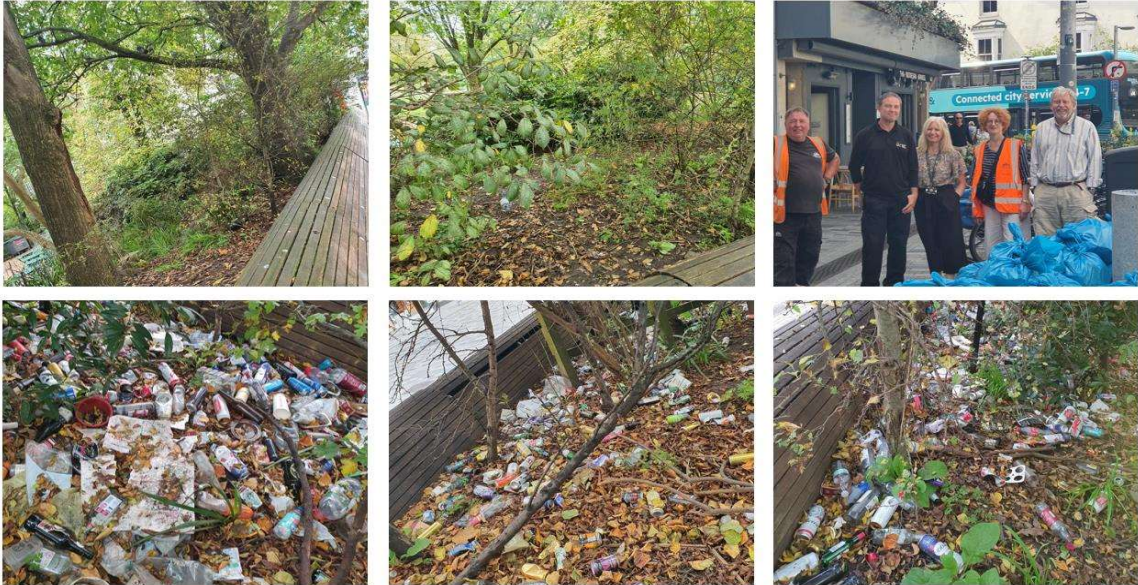
If you come across areas of which are heavily littered, graffitied or require some TLC, please make a referral on the link below -

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-streets/streets>

NEW ROAD

New Road is known for its lively benches and the heavy amounts of foot traffic in and around the Pavillion Gardens. New Road is a PSPO area which is a (Public Space Protection Order) which means this is an area where alcohol cannot be drunk. This is a council by law which prohibits open containers of alcohol from being consumed in a public place unless on a licensed premises. There is power for the Police to seize alcohol and move on those who are consuming alcohol and causing a nuisance. If you see any behaviour that seems unruly, or anybody acting in a manner which is causing alarm or distress please ring 101 or 999.

As previously mentioned in the June ward update there was a big clean up on Friday the 25th of July 2025 in the morning. PCSO Bates and PCSO Ford were joined by Garry who is a volunteer from the environmental services. There was lots of help also from business owners and staff from the royal pavilion, as well as many volunteers. In total 45 bags of rubbish were collected and there was lots of positive feedback from the community.



LONDON ROAD

We are aware of shoplifting activity taking place within premises on London Road. We are working with the Business crime reduction partnership (BCRP) to help tackle and identify these nominals. The BCRP and Sussex Police have regular days of action including in depth patrols and visits to provide advice and reassurance to our local community.

London Road also sees youth related anti-social behaviours, our neighbourhood policing team have Youth related operations daily, of which 'hotspot' areas for these activities are heavily focused on. We have several recourses deployed to this operation daily, of which London Road is included within the locations focused on.

GLOUCESTER PASSAGE

The problem-solving profile has been relaunched for Gloucester Passage, this time with a few amendments to make things more effective. If you see large groups of people congregating, any suspicious activity or something that doesn't quite look right, please report this through 999, 101 or the online webform, quoting crime reference, **4725104430**. Although it doesn't seem like it, if we aren't receiving any reports, we don't know what issues are happening. There is lots of operations and days-of-action in the works, so these reports are crucial for allowing us to put things in motion.

THE LANES

Following a community and business partnership meeting that took place on 14/07, It has been raised that there are concerns about anti-social behaviour and drug-related activity around Trafalgar Street, Sydney Street, Tidy Street and Bond Street, which also

floods into the surrounding streets and alleys. PCSOs completed a letter drop to all the businesses on Trafalgar Street and Sydney Street to establish the main cause of the issues and what police resources we can use to tackle this. Please report any suspicious or unkind behaviour that is seen in and around this area. Officers are going to be more visible, and there will be more engaging with the community within this. We aren't receiving many reports for this area in particular, if you do see something, please say something!

BIKE SAFETY

During these summer months, we welcome a heightened number of individuals using pedal bikes to get about. We want to remind bike users that it is a legal requirement to use front white and rear red bike lights, and these must be installed when cycling in dusk conditions/at night. This is for both the rider's safety and for awareness to road users. It is important to note the all-bike users should also comply with traffic regulations.