

## **Monthly Ward Update**

Welcome to your monthly ward update for Westbourne & Poets Corner Ward. This month has been REASONABLY quiet in Westbourne. There has still been an increase in Police presence around Stoneham Park after the reports about anti-social behaviour in the area.

I have also been carrying out patrols on Portland Road, after the reports of shoplifting there, and general anti-social behaviour.

There has been work done to Stoneham Park to aim to reduce the anti-social behaviour here. The bushes which were very overgrown, have been cut back completely. This has resulted in the park being less secluded from the outside, and this has resulted in far less reports of anti-social behaviour and residents reporting that the atmosphere in the park has been much nicer.

I will be continuing to carry out patrols around the area to reassure residents and provide a visible police presence in the area. Hopefully this will also deter any anti-social behaviour.

During the festive period, I urge people to be vigilant around what boxes are left outside of properties and be wary of the increase in burglaries around this time. For more information on how to help protect your property, advice can be found on [Keep burglars out of your property | Sussex Police](#).

I urge anyone to report any concerns to 101, so that Sussex Police can be made aware of it. If it is an immediate emergency, then please use 999.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. I look forward to hopefully meeting more of you out and about. As always, please do come and say hello if you see me around.

Thank you.

PCSO Verney