

- **Ward Update July 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; PCSO Bates, PCSO Baskar, PCSO Ford and PCSO 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:

BURGULARIES - 14

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - 62

VEHICLE CRIME – 5

SHOPLIFTING - 50

POLICING PRIORITIES:

ASB at The Level – Increased patrols, engagement with visitors to the area to provide reassurance, advice, encourage reporting and to act as a deterrent.

Shoplifting – Hi viz patrols to act as a deterrent, engagement with businesses and security to offer support, advice and to gather information.

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** 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 held; this was positive from the Policing perspective. Issues which were raised have been 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 -

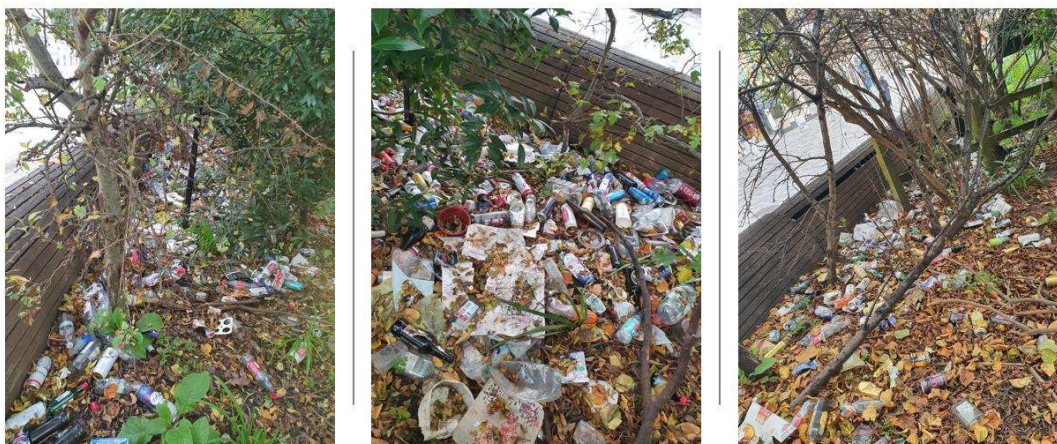
<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-streets/streets>

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 will be a **BIG** clean of the New Road benches taking place. This will take place on Friday the 25th of July 2025 in the morning and the meet up time will be from 09:00. PCSO Bates and PCSO Ford will be holding this with the kind help of Garry who is a volunteer from the environmental services. There will also be lots of help provided by local businesses and the Royal Pavillion staff.



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. 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, so 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 – this includes red lights at traffic lights!

On The Beach

PCSOs have been patrolling the parameters of the On The Beach festival, of which takes place in Brighton. This event has now ended but welcomed many new visitors to the location! As always, we are working hard to keep everyone safe, we hope everyone who attended the event have a safe and enjoyable time!

The beach offers a picturesque area of Brighton for everyone to enjoy, but when the sun is out, this can also welcome underaged drinking. We have seen a surge in underage drinking incidents, of which have results in parents, guardians, and in some cases ambulances called. We want to remind those intended to drink who are under the age, or those who care for minors, of the risks linked to this. We do our best to ensure everyone who needs help is safeguarded and supported, but at times this can be difficult.

If your child is under the legal age, we encourage you have those conversations about keeping them safe and are aware of their whereabouts.

As always, we hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying this (not so) sunny period of the year. As your ward PCSOs we are happy to talk about and discuss any concerns you may have. Please feel free to approach us whilst out on patrol, by calling 101, or by submitting an online request to talk to your local PCSO and the subject of your concerns.