



August 2025 – North Laine & West Hill Ward Update

From your local PCSOs: Bates, Baskar, Ford & Pullen



Introduction

Hello to all residents of the **North Laine and West Hill Ward**,

This month's update comes with some news and changes to your local policing team. As of the end of September, the following changes will take place:

- **PCSO Baskar** is leaving the team to become a Police Constable – we wish her all the best in her new role!
- **PCSOs Ford and Pullen** will be moving to new wards to continue their excellent work elsewhere.

PCSO Bates will remain on the ward and will be joined by two new PCSOs once their training is complete. We thank Baskar, Ford and Pullen for their dedication and support in the community over the past year.



Crime Statistics (August)

Below is a breakdown of key crime figures for North Laine and West Hill:

Crime Type	Number of Reports
Burglary	0
ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour)	7
Vehicle Crime	1
Shoplifting / Theft	37



Key Priorities



Anti-Social Behaviour

Increased patrols have been taking place, with officers engaging members of the public to offer reassurance, advice, and encouragement to report any concerns. Our visible presence also acts as a strong deterrent.

Shoplifting

We continue to carry out high-visibility patrols, support local businesses, and work closely with the Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) to reduce theft and related offences. Shop staff are encouraged to report all incidents and share intelligence with us.

Drug Activity

We are actively patrolling areas affected by drug-related activity and engaging with individuals to offer support or signpost services where appropriate. Community reporting is vital in identifying hotspots — please continue to let us know what you see.

Multi-Agency Work

We're actively involved in several partnership meetings to help address wider issues across the city:

- **Central Area Cluster Meeting:** A collaborative meeting involving police, housing officers, the council, security teams, and residents.
- **North Laine & West Hill ASB Working Group:** Monthly meeting (most recently on 18th September) with the council and local agencies to tackle ASB issues.
- **London Road Action Group:** Last held on 29th July, with the next meeting scheduled for September 30th.
- **New Road Strategy Meeting:** Held on 18th September in response to increased activity in the area over the summer.

Local Updates

The Level


The Level was a hub of summer activity, from youth boxing classes to a city-wide drum & bass bike ride!

While it's fantastic to see it being enjoyed, we remain mindful of anti-social behaviour and misuse of the space.

A reminder: The Level is subject to a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which prohibits alcohol consumption in the area. We work closely with council enforcement teams to uphold this and keep the park safe and welcoming for everyone.

If you witness anti-social behaviour or feel unsafe:

 Call **101** (or **999** in an emergency)

 Report online at sussex.police.uk


New Road

Our Hotspot Team has launched a new problem profile for New Road. Increased patrols, arrests, and proactive enforcement measures are ongoing.

On the 29th of September, the removal of the benches along New Road started following a two-year plan lead by the local council. We are hoping the removal of these benches will disrupt the ongoing continuous issues with ASB and we can see an improvement in the flourishing businesses, the litter and our relationships with local partners.



We're reviewing Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) and Community Protection Notices (CPNs) issued previously. These tools help us manage persistent offenders and can lead to enforcement action for breaches.

 Not sure what these are?

- **CPW:** A formal warning to stop engaging in anti-social behaviour.
- **CPN:** Issued after repeated breaches of a CPW and can lead to prosecution.

London Road

Youth-related ASB remains a concern and is being actively monitored. London Road has been designated a Hotspot Area, meaning more officers will be seen patrolling regularly.

It's also being targeted under Operation Parachute — Sussex Police's citywide initiative to combat youth-related crime. Expect to see more patrols in the area.

Gloucester Passage

Thanks to ongoing work by PCSO Bates, incidents in Gloucester Passage are decreasing. Only two reports were received in September for drug or ASB concerns — a positive sign that joint working with charities and outreach services is making a difference.

The Lanes

The Lanes continue to attract high footfall, especially in summer. We're grateful to all the local businesses and residents who've worked with us to report incidents and keep the area safe.

We're still working closely with Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership and strongly recommend businesses consider joining for access to shared intelligence, safety tools, and support.

 Learn more: [Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership \(BCRP\) | Business Safety & Crime Prevention](#)


Final Thoughts

As always, your local PCSOs are here to support you. Your reports and feedback are essential in helping us tackle crime and keep our communities safe.

With team changes coming up at the end of September, we thank PCSOs Baskar, Ford and Pullen for their commitment, and welcome the new officers who will be joining soon.

 Report non-urgent crime via **101**

 Report online: www.sussex.police.uk

 Call **999** in an emergency

We look forward to working with you through autumn. Stay safe, and thank you for your continued support.

– Your North Laine & West Hill Neighbourhood Policing Team

PCSO Bates (remaining on ward), with Baskar, Ford & Pullen signing off