

Woodingdean Ward Monthly Update

From PCSO Leo Podesta (43598)

Serving the community of Woodingdean | September 2025

Introduction




Hello Woodingdean!

My name is Leo Podesta, and I've proudly served as your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for just over a year.

Before this role, I briefly worked as a **Police Constable**, but found that the PCSO role allowed me to connect more closely with the community — which has always been my passion since my early days as a **Police Cadet**. These experiences give me a well-rounded understanding of community policing and how best to support you.

Ward Priorities – September 2025

Here are the **top 3 concerns** for Woodingdean based on resident feedback and police intelligence:

1.  **E-bikes and E-scooters** being ridden on pavements
2.  **Dirt bikes** in public green spaces
3.  **Speeding** – particularly on:
 - a. **Cowley Drive**
 - b. **Warren Road**
 - c. **Falmer Road**

We are actively working to address each of these issues with targeted patrols and enforcement.

Ward Update – September Activity

On **29th September**, I completed a **Ward Day** across the Woodingdean district. This involved:

- Visiting several **local businesses**
- Conducting **high-visibility patrols** in busy areas such as **Warren Road** and **Warren Way**

I've received reports of **suspicious activity near Warren Way**, which has prompted increased police presence and focused patrols in the area.

👁️ If you witness suspicious activity, please report it:

- **101** or
- www.sussex.police.uk
- In emergencies, call **999**

Neighbourhood Watch & Community Engagement

You're invited to our next Neighbourhood Watch Community Meeting:

- 📅 25th October 2025
- 🕒 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- 📍 Location TBC

After the meeting, a Police Engagement Van will be parked outside — a private and informal place for you to speak with local officers. Whether it's a concern or just a chat, we're here to listen.

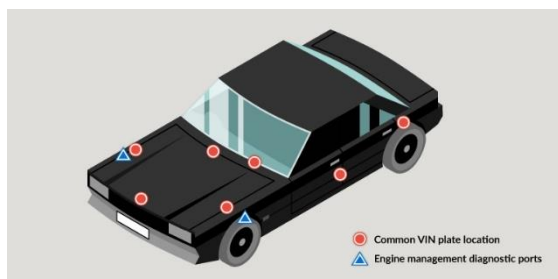
🚶 Patrols in Woodingdean

Regular patrols have been carried out throughout the area, particularly where reports and intelligence have directed our attention.

The central park and children's play area are being patrolled on foot to ensure they remain safe and free of hazards for families.

🚗 Crime Prevention Focus: Vehicle Theft

This month's focus is on **how to protect your vehicle from theft**.



🔗 Visit: [Keeping vehicles safe | Crime prevention | Police.uk](https://www.police.uk/keeping-vehicles-safe)

Top tips include:

- Park in **well-lit areas**

- Keep **doors locked** and **valuables hidden**
- Install a **car alarm** or **tracker**
- Consider using an **Apple AirTag** as a low-cost tracking option

Community Visits

I haven't attended any events this month, but I'd love to be involved in any upcoming community meetings or local events.

If you'd like me to attend:

- Please give as much notice as possible so I can arrange my shift
- Submit requests via the Sussex Police website using my collar number: 43598

Thank You, Woodingdean!

I hope you've found this month's update helpful. As always, I'm here to serve and support our community. Stay safe, and I look forward to providing next month's update.



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