## <u>Preston Park Monthly Ward update – PCSO Rob Bartholomew 39789</u>

#### Ward Update

Currently, some key concerns in the area include:

- Youth anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Preston Park
- Speeding on Preston Drove
- Drug using in communal areas

In response to these issues, I am increasing patrols and presence within Preston Park and plan to take the Speed Indicator Device out to Preston Drove.

I am also adding the problem communal areas to my ward patrols and am engaging with everyone we meet there.

Please continue to report any issues to us online or via 101 as this will inform our policing priorities and ensure these issues get the attention they need.

## **Community Meetings & Ward Days**

- I am planning a ward day for Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, when I will be around the park all day. Please do come and find me!
- I am keen to get involved with any community meetings or visits. I can attend nursery schools, schools, community centres, community meetings or meet with local businesses. Pease don't hesitate to contact me. You can do this by contacting 101 and quoting PCSO Bartholomew 39789. We can then get something arranged!

#### **The Preston Park Ward**

You can find updates about the Preston Park ward and crime statistics on the Sussex Police website - Preston Park | Your area | Sussex Police | Sussex Police

# **Incidents of Note / AOB**

We have been getting more reports of Youths jumping fences into construction sites. This is very dangerous for them and others and if you have young people at home, please ensure they are aware of the dangers and consequences of entering construction sites, especially if the site has been abandoned.

We have also had more issues with thefts from front gardens, specifically metal garden furniture. Our advice is to bring metal garden furniture indoors, into the back garden or into a shed.

If you are having issues of Antisocial behaviour or thefts, please report these issues via 101, 999 or using the online reporting system.

We've made it to March – the month where the weather can't decide if it's winter or spring. Starting the day defrosting the car and leaving the house in a winter coat, regretting it by

lunchtime and wishing you brought your sunglasses, then being caught in a surprise hailstorm on the way home. The good news is the days are getting longer and we're starting to remember the warm feeling of the sun on our skin again.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed their Valentine's Day and, more importantly, pancake day as now Easter is on the horizon and no matter what others might say, it's not too early to eat easter chocolate. So stay safe, keep your sunglasses, umbrella and scarf close by at all times and look forward to those long weekends that are slowly approaching.