

## Ward Update – February 2026

### North Portslade

Hi everyone. 🙌

I am happy to share a new update for activities in February.



### Community Safety

I have been patrolling and monitoring incidents across North Portslade, as well as supporting several concerns in Hove to assist the wider community. This includes widening patrols across Portslade into Boundary Road and to the seafront. I have also been patrolling the synagogues and mosques as part of our ongoing support of these communities.

Please don't hesitate to report any concerns by calling **101**. I'm always happy to follow up and support any actions needed to help keep our community safe.

While Police and PCSOs are here to help, not all issues require police involvement—for example, noise complaints or parking problems. These are often dealt with by Brighton & Hove City Council, including Environmental Health. However, I'm always available to advise, especially where criminal behaviour may be involved.

### Ward Presence & Engagement

In February, I have documented 61 patrols across Brighton & Hove, with the majority being in North Portslade. My patrols will always usually include Valley Road, Wickhurst Road, Wickhurst Rise and Downland Court. In addition, I make additional trips around Graham Crescent, Overdown Rise and Swallows Rise. I always enjoy seeing the children playing outside on Swallows Rise, who always seem happy to see the Police Car.

We've seen an increase in Anti-social behaviour around half-term week, with lots of youths causing issues in Boundary Road, especially KFC. As a result, I have been widening my patrols across Boundary Road, and will continue patrolling within South Portslade as an extra measure. It is important to note that PCSO's have the power to request name and address for anyone causing anti-social behaviour, under section 50 of the Police Reform Act to determine who is causing issues across Portslade.

In February, I have worked closely with Brighton & Hove Council on recent concerns in Downland Court and supported attendance on multiple occasions with myself, and other officers supporting.

If you witness anything concerning, please report it via **101**, or **999** in an emergency.

### **Winter Weather Safety**

We are through the worst of the dark winter and we even saw a day or two of sunshine, however mostly it has been wet, foggy and miserable.

Still remember to stay safe and follow these guidelines:

-  Ensure your lights are working and checked regularly
-  Make sure to use concentrated screen wash to avoid it freezing, and make sure it is checked regularly
-  Check your tyre tread is at the correct amount of at least 1.6 Millimetres
-  Riders - Ensure you are clearly visible, with bike lights and hi-vis clothing
-  Potholes – With the wet and cold weather, the potholes are a major factor on the roads for drivers and cyclists

### **Current Ward Priorities**

-  Police Engagement & Communication
-  Drug Use & Dealing in North Portslade
-  Anti-Social Behaviour

These remain my main areas of focus, and I appreciate your continued support in tackling these issues together.

### **Hangleton and Knoll Project Activities**

Hangleton and Knoll Project have some new activities for North Portslade starting in the New Year, Coffee Mornings and Click and Connect Digital Drop-ins all happening at Warrior Close, Portslade, BN41 2JA. Contact the Hangleton and Knoll Project for more information on dates and details.

I am in the process of looking at a venue for community meetings, please look out for updates on the Brighton & Hove Police Facebook page for updates and dates.

### **How to Report Concerns**

- **Non-emergencies:** Call **101** or report online via the Sussex Police website
- **Emergencies or crimes in progress:** Call **999** immediately

Thank you, as always, for your support in keeping North Portslade a safe and welcoming place to live.

Take care,  
**PCSO Cracknell**