PCSO Monthly Update

This is your ward update for South Portslade, by Corriene Lynfield

Introduction

My name is Corriene, I have had South Portslade as my ward for a while now. Sadly, due to an injury I have not been able to get out into my ward recently.

However, if you see any of my colleagues out and about, feel free to say hi to them.

CURRENT WARD PRIORITIES

Shoplifting taking place at some stores on Boundary Road as well as the supermarkets in the area.

ASB including irresponsible use of e-bikes.

WARD PATROLS

As mentioned above, I have not been able to get out into my ward due to my injury. My esteemed colleagues have been kind enough to be doing patrols in the area for me.

Community Meetings

Nothing planned at this moment. However, if you have a meeting coming up which you want some Police support of attendance. Call on 101 and quote my shoulder number: 43268 and I will find someone to come to the meeting on my behalf.

Other Key Support

Food, energy & other essential costs

Extra help is available for households struggling to pay for food, energy and other essential costs. The funding is part of the UK Government's Household Support Fund. Due to the limited nature of this fund: we are only able to make one award to each household; we will not be able to accept subsequent applications to this fund from the same household; we may not be able to help every household who applies. The funding does not provide cash. We'll offer vouchers or find another way to help you access essential goods and services.

If you receive benefits and need help to pay for essentials you can't live without, apply for help from our Local Discretionary Social Fund at <u>Get emergency help with food</u>, <u>energy bills and other essentials</u>. If you already claim Housing Benefit or Universal Credit and need extra help to pay your Council Tax, <u>apply for discretionary council tax</u> <u>support</u>. Further information is available at: <u>Request help and support</u> and <u>Cost of living support</u>.

Help for families

Families can access support through Family Hubs. We provide information, advice and guidance on a range of different subjects including help with cost of living, accessing affordable food schemes, and support for families to get benefit calculations.

Familyhubs@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Professionals can refer to Family Hubs any families who need more specialist support or are in financial crisis and in need of food: Refer a child or family to Front Door for Families