

## **PCSO Monthly Ward Update**

### **Ward Update**

*Dare I say it has been a quieter month in Patcham and Hollingbury.*

*With some relief from operational demand, I have had the time to get out and about in my ward and enjoy some community engagement!*

*I attended Carden Primary School on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November to speak to the reception children. 2 classes enjoyed trying on police uniform and having a go at doing some police fingerprints. The children loved sitting in the police car and looking at all the kit and as we have come to expect, they especially liked the blue flashing lights (the best bit!).*

*Adult Safeguarding Week began at Asda Hollingbury on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. I spent a morning engaging with members of the public who were out shopping. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> I visited M&S Carden Avenue along with PCSO Harffey and some of my other police colleagues. It was lovely to engage with the community and help raise awareness around fraud and scams – an issue which impacts everyone, however some of our more vulnerable community members often get caught out. Lots of literature was handed out and lots of crime prevention advice given – please help us and ensure if you have any vulnerable friends or family that you share information with them and try to protect them from fraud.*

### **Incidents of Note**

*There have been a few reports of youths smoking cannabis around London Road. A group has been seen around the back of Bourne Court causing a nuisance and making residents feel uncomfortable. We have increased patrols and have spoken to several young people when in the area.*

*If anyone has any further information on this, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

### **Festive Season Advice:**

*With this year coming to an end. I would just like to remind everyone to be aware and mindful. December can be very busy so when out and about keep alert and be aware of your surroundings, especially in busy shops and crowded streets where thieves and pickpockets may well be operating. Keep a close watch on your valuables and try not to keep them all in one place.*

*I hope you all have a happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2025 😊*