

November Ward Update

Intro:

Hello all please see your November monthly ward update for Whitehawk & Marina, written by PCSO Hall.

As the nights draw in and the temperature has begun dropping, we have found that Mark and I have had more time to get into the ward and conduct our duties as the local officers.

As such we have completed patrols throughout the ward paying particular attention to the areas of: Swanborough Drive, Whitehawk Road, Whitehawk Way, Whitehawk Crescent, Chiddingly Close, Plaistow Close, Graffham Close, Twineham Close, The Marina, Manor Hill, Manor Crescent, Manor Green and Manor Paddock. We have also been in green areas such as East Brighton Park, Middle Park and the pitches by the Crew Club.

Recent issues:

While we have had a range of different types of reports within the ward throughout November, two key types of incidents include:

Stolen motorbikes – We are still receiving reports or coming across several motorbikes that have been stolen, joy ridden and then dumped in public areas. These bikes can often be found in green spaces such as woods or parks but can also be found parked up on a public road.

Police often do commit a lot of resources to apprehend the criminals that target motorbikes who are in the process of trying to steal them. However, when the bike has been stolen and the crime has gone unnoticed by the owner, we often rely on information and reports from local communities who often spot these bikes and make us aware of their location.

The reports from both partner agencies and local residents are instrumental in our ability to locate motorbikes that have been stolen, and I encourage anyone to contact police should they come across a motorbike that looks to have been stolen.

A good example of this is the below bike which was found in the woods, just off the foot path that links Whitehawk Road and Whitehawk Crescent. Police received a report from a local member of the BHCC team and as such we were able to attend, confirm it had been stolen and subsequently contact the registered owner who took back possession of the bike.



Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) linked to youths – Recently we have had an increase of reports of ASB linked to youths. Some incidents have taken place in public shared places such as Middle Park, green areas (such as the pitches by the Crew Club) and the Marina.

An example of the behaviour in these areas is electric bikes being ridden in an anti-social way. In fact from occurrences I have been to or have monitored I have noticed that there appears to be a new emerging group of teenage males, using these bikes to cause problems and disruption across the city.

Other incidents of ASB have taken place in residential areas where youths have been targeting certain households. We have had an increased number of reports regarding youths acting in an anti-social way in Twineham Close. As a result, patrols have been increased in the area and the ward officers are working to disrupt ASB from happening.

Meetings in the ward:

This month I have attended a meeting at Manor Paddock to speak with staff and residents about a host of issues. A key topic that came up during the meeting was the risks of scams and fraud (especially as we come into the festive period).

I also took part in a multi-agency meeting (including the RNLI, RLSS, Coast Guard, ESFRS, Beach Patrol, Universities and others) held within the Marina regarding water safety. A key feature of the meeting was importance of reminding people of the dangers associated with cold water and the shock a person experiences should they enter it.

We discussed the response times of the various lifesaving organisations, and how the best way to save someone is often to prevent them from entering the water in the first place. This is an important message as December often sees many people celebrating in the city, consuming alcohol, and then being near the sea.

Ward statistics

As we approach the end of the year it is a good time to reflect on how the year has gone, the areas we can improve on and things we have done well. As part of this process, I have included the below information that shows the statistics from the 1st of November 2024 – the 1st of December of 2024.

The map shows the area of East Brighton which incorporates Whitehawk & Marina.

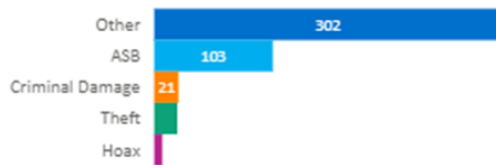
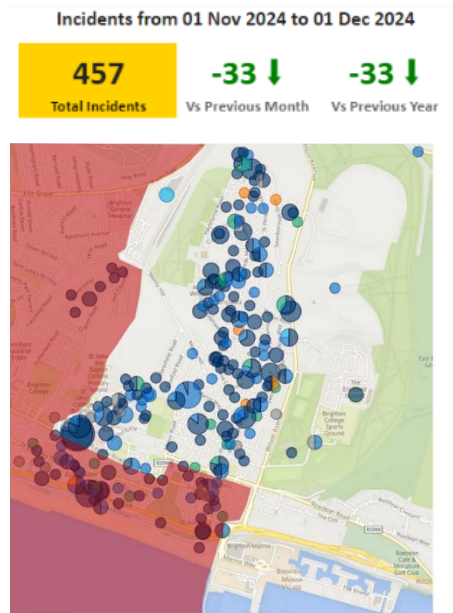
Above the map are the stats for this area covering the difference between November and October 2024. The numbers show that there has been a reduction of reported incidents in November compared to the previous month.

The stats also show that there has been a reduction of incidents reported compared November last year.

The area highlighted in red shows parts of the city that have been included in the East Brighton statistics, however do not fall in the Whitehawk & Marina ward. That means the incidents that fall in the red zone have contributed to the stats/numbers but have taken place in areas covered by other officers.

The graph below the map represents the different types of incidents reported. Specific details of incidents cannot be added to this information, and the data shown only represents reports made and not police action taken.

The dots on the map also do not represent the exact locations of incidents and only show a general area for the report.



Seasons warnings

While it's important to enjoy yourself this Christmas, it is also important to remain vigilant and protect yourselves from potential risks. Things to stay vigilant for are scams/fraud, road safety and alcohol/substance misuse.

Without trying to dampen the mood of the holidays it's important to look out for yourselves and the people you care about as many people often lower their guard as they celebrate and can easily be caught out.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone on our ward a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.