

## **Preston Park Monthly Ward update – PCSO Rob Bartholomew 39789**

### **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 Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, 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. Please 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**

Compared to last year we have seen;  
A 33% decrease in Criminal Damage,  
A 15% decrease in Anti-Social Behaviour,  
A Slight Increase in Burglary,  
And a small increase in Thefts.

Home Safety should always be important and for advice with keeping your home safe visit:

[www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/](http://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/)

### **Incidents of Note / AOB**

There has been a cannabis grow found in a property. All the plants have been seized and disposed of. If you see, hear or smell any of the following, please make a report to Sussex Police;

Blacked out windows,

Frequent visitors to a property at unsocial hours,

Electricity meters being tampered with,

Lots of work or deliveries of equipment to an address like heaters and lighting

And/or an excessive amount of plant pots, chemicals, fertilisers and compost.

Happy New year! We've all made it through the holiday season and eaten all the leftovers, making it to January – the only month with 81 days, or so it feels. Good luck to all those with the 'new year new me' resolutions, but if you're still eating chocolate for breakfast and pretending the gym doesn't exist, you're in good company.

After the excitement of the holiday season, January can feel long and dark. If you know someone who is struggling, then please reach out to us or mental health services and let's get through this long month together.

Stay warm, stay positive, and remember, February is only round the corner.