

PCSO Monthly Ward Update: Woodingdean

Brought to you by your Ward PCSO, Podesta

Introduction

My name is Leo **Podesta**, and I have been serving as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for over 1 year now. During this time, I have developed my skills and knowledge to provide the best possible service to the community.

Prior to my current role, I briefly served as a Police Constable, though I later realized that the PCSO position was a better fit for me. Additionally, I was a Police Cadet during my youth years, which started my passion for helping the community. My experience across these various roles has given me valuable insights into policing, enabling me to approach situations effectively and with a well-rounded perspective.

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As of this month, I have conducted regular monitoring on police systems to identify any concerns in WOODINGDEAN in which there are no patterns or concerns for members of public.

I will be attending to the neighbourhood watch meeting on the 13th of April 2025 at 7:30pm! This will be taking place at the local community centre just beside the library. I encourage anyone with pressing concerns to attend to this meeting, as I can take positive action on the problems raised. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting, if you wish to attend!

Due to operation requirements my presents in the area have been reduced significantly. This is of course not ideal however I do remain keen to be within the WOODINGDEAN area where possible. I continue to monitor police systems for any new rising crimes and detect patterns. I encourage anyone with fears/ a crime, to report in on 999 in emergencies and 101 for non-emergencies.

I am always open to hearing from residents. If you'd like to arrange a community meeting or discuss any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me through the Sussex Police website (using my collar number 43598). I will be happy to engage with you directly.

Educational information

This is a new section which I have added to the monthly ward update, the hope is I can provide awareness about new topics/ concerns each month.

Information sourced at [Scams advice – How to spot and avoid scams | Age UK](#)

It's around cold calling and how to spot common phone scams. Cold call is usually phone calls from a company or person who will try to sell you an item. They aren't always scams, however should be something to look out for.

These scams can include:

- Bank scams
- Undercover police scams
- Computer or mobile repair scams
- HRMC scams
- Council tax scams
- Compensation calls
- Text with fake links

These are only a few of the scams to look out for. WOODINGDEAN does have a no cold calling zone in place and as such companies should not be trying to go to people's houses to sell items. If you do spot anyone who does this, then please let trading standards known or write to the company to voice your concerns. For more information, please review the website link above.

(This information has been extracted from google web search). If any of these come to your attention it's always good to be hesitant & cautious.

Visits attended

No visits have been done this month. I ask if there is a meeting which you would like me to attend, that you give as much notice as possible to allow me time to see if I can get my shifts changed.

If you would like me to attend any other community meetings or events, please submit a request through the Sussex Police website using my collar number 43598.

I hope you found this month's ward update to be informative and look forward to giving out the next monthly update.