## **PCSO Monthly Ward Update**

## **PCSO** Kerry Keane

Welcome to your monthly ward update. I'm Kerry Keane, one of 5 PCSOs who currently look after Regency Ward.



I joined Sussex Police almost a year ago and am currently working towards the final stages of my apprenticeship. I am based at John Street Police Station and because Regency ward covers a large proportion of the town centre, there is always something going on!

## **Ward Update**

Although I cover the whole of Regency, my focus recently has been concentrated on Regency Square and Norfolk Square due to concerns over drug-related activity and general anti-social behaviour in and around these areas. I have increased my patrols in these areas and my colleagues also try and cover them on their patrols as well. I have also conducted a large letter drop around these 2 Squares as I wanted to hear directly from residents and businesses who are most affected.

I'm always keen to hear from residents about the issues which mean the most to them, because if we don't know about them, we can't try and make things better, which is essentially what I am passionate about doing.

During the summer months I spent time patrolling along the Kings Road Arches and engaging with the businesses. I also made good use of the police engagement hut located next to the West Street underpass, opposite the seafront toilets.

# **Community Meetings**

I recently had a meeting with some residents of Norfolk Square, and it was a great to be able to put names to faces, especially those who I have been in email contact with regularly. I also had a meeting with a carpark manager from Brighton and Hove City Council to discuss some concerns I had over the security of the carpark on Regency Square.

## **Next Steps**

As we head into Autumn, I'm looking forward to seeing what new challenges arise on Regency Ward. With the cooler days coming, it will naturally change the dynamic of the town centre and of course the weather can hugely effect people's behaviours. I will continue to focus on the 'Squares' and I do hope that the work I have done has made a noticeable change. I will also invest time in supporting any homeless/street community members, who will be even more reliant on receiving support now summer is well and truly behind us.

#### Contact

I want to encourage anyone to come and have a chat with me if they see me out and about – it doesn't always have to be to report something, I just really enjoy meeting everyone!

I am here to support you so please, if there is anything you would like to speak with me about, any meetings you would like me to attend, or anything else you feel I should know, then please do get in touch with me via the Sussex Police Website contact form and ensure you use my collar number 43274.

#### PCSO Charlie Stavrou



My name is PCSO Stavrou and I have worked for Sussex Police for 2 years as PCSO. During my time on division I have worked as a ward PCSO for Regency I have been eager to get involved with things in my ward. I think community engagement is really key to ensure that there is a good level of communication to enable us ward officers to be aware of issues ongoing in the area.

Recently I have been engaging in targeted patrols in areas where there has been an increase around drug dealing and drug using. I feel like this is important to allow the residents and the community of the area to feel safe.

I am aware of the ongoing issues within the area and myself and the other ward officers are working hard to try and make the community a better place!

I look forward to meeting you all – please come and say hi if you see me out and about!

### **PCSO Jasmine Soffe**



Hello! My name is Jasmine Soffe and I have worked for Sussex Police for 7 months as PCSO. Even though I have not been in this role for a long time, I have a strong passion for this job and enjoy learning new things every day!

I am one of the ward PCSO's for Regency! The key issues I am aware of now in the area are anti-social behaviour such as loud music late at night and also drug dealing/ taking. I would like to work with the residents and businesses in the community to offer support to address these issues or any other issues that I should be aware of.

In order to do that I will be conducting regular patrols where I can engage with members of the community. Along with this, I will be holding community meetings as I believe I can get more of a sense of the areas in the community which are causing concerns or issues and with this, build rapports with members of the community.

Over the past 3-4 months of my apprenticeship, I have done regular foot patrols around Regency and have established some of the main concerns and issues. I like to visit the Regency area as many times as I can during my days working as I like to show a presence and deter any anti-social behaviour.

I have not yet attended a community meeting in Regency, so I am looking forward to putting names to faces and meeting other members in the community!! I will communicate with the other Regency PCSO's and they can give me dates of the upcoming ones so I can get a better idea of what is occurring in the area!!

If you see me out and about, don't hesitate to say HELLO! I am very friendly and love to hear any issues you have. Even if it is for a chat and non-police related; I am happy to speak to you! My collar number is 43600 so keep a look out (3)

Thank you for reading! Hope to see you guys soon.

Jasmine 😂

#### **PCSO Louisa Ellwood**



I'm Louisa, a PCSO dedicated to the regency ward as well as the wider Brighton area.

I have been in the role for nearly a year and have since completed multiple stages of training. I am however still in the process of completing my apprenticeship for a qualification in community policing!

Within my role as a PCSO, I particularly enjoy the engagement aspect as this allows me to meet and interact with all members of the community.

I have recently taken on the issues in the Montpelier area and have been doing plenty of work in the background including linking in with colleagues and businesses to do determine next steps and options available to us.

I hope to see many of the Regency residents out and about on my patrols and look forward to having some positive interactions.