

## **PCSO Monthly Ward Update: Woodingdean**

*Brought to you by your Ward PCSO, Podesta*

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### **Introduction**

My name is Leo **Podesta**, and I have been serving as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for over 11 months 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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### **Ward Update – March 2025**

Hope this update finds you well. Please see below an update to the WOODINGDEAN area!

This month routine patrols have been completed in the area to which no concerns have been raised. I am always open to speak with residents on any concerns and will do my best to answer your questions. This can be done by speaking to your local councillor or putting in an online report for myself to speak with you.

I am very much aware of the e bikes/ dirt bikes within and around WOODINGDEAN. This is a sessional issue, and we will always deal with those who are caught robustly. Your support on reporting in e bikes/ dirt bikes is much appreciated, we do take notice on your reports made.

With summer near enough here, we have become incredibly busy so our times of responding to less urgent calls might take longer than usual.

As per my community meeting earlier this year, I will list my targets for this month.

### **My focuses for this year (2025)**

- Tackling the ever so growing trend of E scooters being ridden within Woodingdean. I have heard from the community that E scooters are going at excessive speeds along

pavements causing alarm and distress to residents. Furthermore, these E scooters are illegal to ride within public. My solution to this matter would be to see if a day can be allocated for myself and a Constable to conduct patrols on the roads most effected and using the power of 165A of the road traffic act to seize these scooters. Unfortunately, as PCSO I don't hold that power which is why I would need a constable to assist me on this matter. On other occasions when alone I will challenge those with providing strong words of advice.

- Another area I would like to focus on this year is the motorbikes/ E bikes being ridden in the green spaces/ roads around WOODINGDEAN. It's understood this is a yearly occurrence, with the summer seasons being most prominent. These bikes are reportedly ridden in a dangerous manner. I will look into seeing what kind of action can be taken with speaking to rural crime team to look into an operation however I will need to further develop my information around this. Ideally more reports would give stronger grounds to warrant an operation like this.
- I am also looking into the concerns raised by the community of cars/ bikes going above the speed limit set on certain roads. Primarily this is WARREN ROAD and FALMER ROAD however I have also been in talks with JP the chairmen of neighbourhood watch on other roads effected. My plan is to carry on conducting patrols within the area to act as a deterrence along with the use of a temporary speed board whereby I can park up and monitor peoples speed, those who exceed the limit will receive a traffic offence report. I hope to try and get Neighbourhood speed watch running again this year, as it did have an impact on people's speed/ behaviour. If you are interested in joining the speed watch group, please make myself or your local councillor aware so we can enrol you.

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.

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### **WOODINGDEAN Patrols**

In January, I have completed patrols where possible however this month has been less than preferred due to other commitments. I will continue to monitor any rising concerns within Woodingdean and respond to them accordingly.

I appreciate people may not see enough of myself being the WARD PCSO however unfortunately our attention often gets drawn to other areas based on demand (Threat, Harm, Risk). If you have

a particular concern which you would like to raise with myself, please feel free to put in the report that you wish the ward PCSO to review the matter. (43598)

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**Visits attended**

No visits have been done this month. Unfortunately, I have had to miss some meetings this month but will continue to do my best to attend where possible. 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.