

## **Ward Update for June 2025 – Whitehawk & Brighton Marina**

Hello all and welcome to the Whitehawk and Marina ward update for June 2025, completed by PCSO Ridley.

I have been internally requested to publish this update by the middle of the month going forward in order for these to be viewable upon Sussex alerts, so I am afraid this update will only be covering the initial part of June. I have looked upon Sussex alerts today to see that only one member of the community in recent months has logged on to read the ward update. I am hoping that this update will be viewed by further residents within our area.

An extension to this is that only a handful of residents within our ward area have logged on in the whole 2025 which means that these updates are being missed by the majority of our community. As such, if you are reading this monthly update and you know of others that live within the ward area who have Sussex alerts, could you please spread the word about the monthly ward updates so we can spread our messages further! This will be greatly appreciated by both Tom and I.

### **Ward Patrols:**

This month we have been conducting patrols throughout the ward paying particular attention to the areas of Twineham Close, Graffham Close, Manor Green, Manor Hill, Manor Way, Manor Road, Whitehawk Road, Swanborough Drive, Wiston Road, Wiston Way, The Marina, The multi storey carpark in the Marina, Marine drive, The Bristol Estate, East Brighton Park and Whitehawk FC.

There have been various anti-social matters around the ward area which have involved multiple youths that reside within our community, and these have been dealt with on attendance by officers. Unfortunately, due to recent operational requirements, both Tom and I have been regularly extracted into the City itself to manage other emerging issues however, we are attempting to keep our presence seen around the area and manage issues when located.

### **Recent incidents of Note:**

**Stolen electrical bikes** – Tom and I are regularly seeing reports of stolen E-bikes within the ward. There has been a recent spike of these thefts from bike racks that are located within the Marina. Sussex Police are looking at tactical options to apprehend those responsible, but we cannot divulge what that involves at this time.

For now, we recommend cyclists use good quality bike locks (even considering to double lock the bike) and to register your bike through a scheme such as “Immobilise” however there are many others to choose from which will make it easier to identify as stolen by police.

If your bike is of high value, then further recommendations are made for you to look at potentially covering this via insurance and should consider attaching some form of GPS tracker to this bike which updates you regularly which will assist Sussex Police in locating and retrieving this item(s).

### **Other matters of Interest:**

The weather has recently been nice which is a lovely change for the UK, however, as the weather is starting to improve, darkness is commencing later, resulting in longer period of light and this results in our younger community “out and about” for a longer duration of time causing a prominent spike to ASB within our community. Sussex Police are noticing things such as youth related anti-social behaviour, Criminal Damage being caused to residential addresses and Illegal motorbike usage in and around the estate area. This is all being targeted by Officers and as such, please be on the lookout for this behaviour. If this is identified, please report this to the police so we can tackle these matters and improve safety and personal satisfaction within the community, this includes the use of

off-road motorbikes, which as many of the area know is a constant issue we are dealing with as a division.

The illegal use of these bikes is a country wide issue, but we are aware there is a high number of these bikes operating within the Whitehawk Estate. If officers locate these being ridden, we must be very careful when dealing with these individuals due to the risks involved to the rider which often limit our options in how to progress this.

Because of this, your reports of these bikes and the information you can provide about the riders are vital for police to apprehend them in a safer manner, even if this is at a later date and they are no longer riding the bike, if we have evidence we can and will take action against them.

The more information we can obtain when you report these bikes will support us in intercepting these riders and assist us in stopping the dangerous use of these bikes which will in turn make the community safer for everyone.

As the Summer Holidays approach, we are preparing for a higher volume of youth and tourists within the city. This will involve a heavy footfall within the city itself, along the beach and in the Marina and around the residential areas of the Ward. One priority of Tom and I will be to patrol these areas regularly, deterring and intercepting any Anti-social or dangerous behaviours. The Marina security also have arranged an uplift in staff and will too be patrolling regularly to ensure the safety of public and residents alike.

Recently whilst being on patrol, I have noted that road users along Whitehawk Way are clearly travelling in excess of the displayed speed limit. Can I request that you please travel safely at the displayed speed limits whilst travelling throughout our community in order to keep everyone safe. With the rise in ASB motorcycle use and identified speeding vehicles, Tom and I will be looking to complete speed checks throughout the coming weeks in and around the ward area, with positive action(s) taken against any offenders identified.

Well, this is all for the June's update – I look forward to seeing you whilst I am out and about during the month on patrols!

Kind regards and Stay Safe,

Mark & Tom