Kemptown Ward update November 2025

Priorities

St James's Street remains a divisional priority for Brighton & Hove division under Operation Hotspot, especially coming into the winter season. It is expected to be exceptionally busy, as always for the businesses of Kemptown, with a total of 28 foot patrols from PCSO's and PC's having been conducted this month with local businesses engaged with, to tackle ASB and to act as a crime deterrent for shop lifting.

12 Patrols of Kemptown have also been conducted for the wider area of Kemptown focusing on Hampshire Court, St George's Road and other residential areas of Kemptown Village

The safety of the residential area of Kemptown in the hours of dark has also become a priority for the local ward officers, as burglaries are known to rise this time of year. These patrols are to deter these occurrences and to best safeguard the community before the crime is committed. We would like to strongly encourage residents to be vigilant and suspicious of any behaviour out of the ordinary this time of year.

We would like to raise awareness of ASB on the scaffolding of Wilshire house, if anyone sights youths or unauthorised persons climbing the external frame of the building, please contact the emergency services

For business awareness, patrols in Kemptown by local ward officers will sometimes involve the business crime reduction radio to focus specifically on retail crime.