

Welcome to your monthly update for West Hove from PCSO Verney And PCSO LEAMAN, this covers the Wish and Westbourne wards in West Hove.

Ward Update

Overall crime figures for Wish and Westbourne remain low still.

To view crime figures for yourself, you can visit the Sussex Police website, (www.sussex.police.uk), and enter your post code into the 'Find Your Area' box on the front page.

I would like to introduce PCSO Leaman and PCSO Smith as the new PCSO's also covering Wish and Westbourne. PCSO Leaman is covering Wish, and PCSO Smith is covering Westbourne. I will be assisting them with both wards too. We will all be working closely to tackle issues and concerns within the area. If you see us, then please do say hello.

Current Issues & Activity

Key issues that I am aware of at present are:

- Anti-social behaviour in connection with suspected illegal drug use in some housing areas.
- There have been a few reports again of vehicles being stolen, I would like to remind people to be vigilant in positioning of keyless car keys and reporting any suspicious behaviour.
- E-Bikes being ridden anti-socially in and around Hove.
- Anti-social behaviour around the seafront and Wish Park.

My key priorities for West Hove now are as follows

- **E-bikes, reports of anti-social behaviour. Aim to identify those involved. Viewing CCTV where possible and working with other officers.**
- **Antisocial behaviour at Hove skate park, I will do this by working with colleagues to always increase police presence and identify any criminal activity.**

There have been less reports of antisocial behaviour at Hove skate park. I am still working with my colleagues and councillors to aim to maintain order. If you have any reports, then PLEASE report it to Sussex Police.

There have also been some reports recently of e-bikes being ridden antisocially and causing a nuisance around Hove. If you have any reports, then please can you report it to Sussex Police. I am working alongside other colleagues to try and identify the individuals involved. If you have any CCTV then please make an online report and ask it to be passed to myself, PCSO Verney 43285.

There has been a positive reduction in anti-social behaviour at Hove Skate Park. We will still be carrying out patrols in the area to maintain a Police presence.

I have had a meeting with the local councillors of Westbourne to discuss issues in the ward. I will be having regular meetings to find out what the local issues are and how we can tackle it.

There has been an increase in patrols around BNJC, The Synagogue on New Church Road due to the Jewish high holy days which is why you may have seen more Police around the area during the last couple of weeks.

The Importance of Reporting

Please continue to make reports to the Sussex Police, about crime and any policing related matters.

For matters to receive appropriate police attention, it is very important that they are reported through the proper channels, (see below).

How to Contact Sussex Police

You can report any incidents to Sussex Police by telephoning 101. In an emergency, please call 999.

You can also report using the internet portal at the Sussex Police website, (www.sussex.police.uk).

Should you wish to report anonymously, there is the Crimestoppers hotline: 0800 555 111

By reporting through these official channels your concerns can be recorded, and resources allocated.

Crime Prevention Advice

Please look at www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention for effective crime prevention advice that anyone can use.