

Monthly Report

Steyning Parish Council

April 2014

Anti-Social Behaviour

There have been several occasions when we have had to intervene with large groups of young people congregating in Fletchers Croft Car Park causing noise nuisance and acting in a rowdy manner. The group is often made up of males and females whose ages range from 15yrs to 25yrs. There is usually two or three older males who are drinking alcohol openly and we believe are supplying alcohol to some of the group who are under-age. These are often pupils who attend school. Some are in gainful employment and others not in employment or education. Some live in Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding, and others are from Storrington, Ashington and Henfield. Several young males have cars and transport members of the group around the Parishes. The incidents of Anti-social behaviour are not limited to Steyning and there has been similar ones in Upper Beeding.

We have been working in partnership with the Police and Anti-Social Behaviour Team to address the problem and several warning letters have been sent to various members of the group. We have also had to confiscate alcohol from an under age girl and a male member of the group has been issued with a fixed penalty fine by Police officers for public disorder. A young driver, who is also a member of the group, is being dealt with by officers from Police Traffic, after we reported a particularly dangerous driving incident.

Community

We are working with Emma Edwards on staging a Youth event as part of the Steyning Festival involving a low scale outdoor music event on the Steyning Downland area of the Wiston estate and will also be supporting other events throughout the Festival.