

Steyning Parish Council

Monthly Report July 2014

### Anti Social Behaviour

We were contacted and alerted to a “drinking den” that’s being used by some of the local youths near the memorial playing field. We have visited the area on several occasions and there is a moderate amount of litter within. The main bulk of the litter are sweet wrappers, crisp packets and coke cans etc, with a few beer cans but not enough to substantiate that the area is being used as a “drinking den”.

However, we continue to monitor the use of the area and the youths whom are congregating there, if we do see or suspect any underage drinking we will deal with this robustly and also aim to tackle the littering problem.

We were contacted by Steyning Primary School to make us aware of a group of youths using the school premises for skateboarding. We have been patrolling the area and have not seen this group or received any further reports. A group of skaters often occupy fletcher’s croft and we’ve had reports of ramps and various items being left in the car park. We have spoken to the group and warned them that should this continue any ramps we find laying about will be treated as litter and will be disposed of, this has happened on one occasion. Words of advice have been given and we have warned that they jeopardise their chance of using the area.

In the summer holidays we normally see a spike in dog fouling, this may be due to youths walking their dogs without picking up or having enough dog bags. We have been handing out bags as a reminder to some young people who did not have any bags with them when asked.

A resident contacted us regarding noise nuisance in the Kings Barn area, we visited the resident and discussed the issues and are pleased that a satisfactory conclusion has been made between the two parties, without need for a mediation process.

We have reported fly tipping on the bostal road.

### Community

We assisted Emma Edwards with a young person’s trip to Horsham bowling.

We were heavily involved in the Steyning Downland Scheme discovery day, running a session on littering and the impact on the environment.