

Monthly Report

Steyning Parish Council

May 2014

Anti-Social Behaviour

Further to last months reported anti social behaviour, regarding ongoing issues with a large group of youths. We have continued to work closely with the Police and Anti Social Behaviour Team. Many of the individuals in this group have now received letters. Two types of letter have been sent, the first being an advisory letter, aimed more at “bystanders” of the group; these individuals may not necessarily be committing an offence directly, but run the risk of becoming involved and generally add to the dynamic of the group. The letters are aimed at the parents to make them aware of whom their children are socialising with and alert them to the fact they are coming to the attention of us and the Police. The second is a more strongly worded letter and is aimed at the individuals who we’ve witnessed taking an active role in causing anti social behaviour, for example under age drinking. Some of these individuals may be asked to attend a meeting at the police station regarding an anti social behaviour contract. We have been monitoring the group and are pleased that towards the end of May, we have seen a decrease in incidences of ASB.

There was unfortunately an incident in Fletchers Croft on Friday the 16th when I was called by the duty manager at the Steyning Centre, and alerted to some suspicious activity. On arrival the Police were searching a small group of five youths in the car park for suspected cannabis use. After speaking to the duty manager and checking the building, it emerged that on seeing the Police one of the individuals had run into the building and stashed a bag of cannabis in a radiator. I retrieved this and made the Police aware of what had happened. The incident was captured on the CCTV and the individual, who already has a previous cannabis warning, is now pending court action.

Community

We continue to be involved with the youth club at the Cuthman Centre and are assisting to run an upcoming youth event as part of the Steyning Festival.

We are also assisting PCSO Slaughter in the running of a property marking day in Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding on 11th June.