

Steyning Parish Council

Neighbourhood Wardens Report April 2017

Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime

We have had a report regarding youths climbing scaffolded areas in both Church St and Tanyard Lane. We have stepped up our Patrols and Monitoring of these areas.

We have had reports from members of the public regarding Youths smoking Cannabis in Fletchers Croft. We have passed intel to the police and a group of youths were intercepted by Police and Cannabis confiscated.

We have received a report from a member of public regarding the flying of a drone on the memorial playing field. It is unclear if it was fitted with a camera. The member of public was concerned as there were a lot of young children on the recreation ground at the time. The Police have been informed. The use of drones is forbidden in any congested areas which include recreation grounds if the Drone is fitted with surveillance equipment. We have stepped up our patrols of the area in order to intercept the individual concerned.

A shed was broken into sometime between the 7th April and 13th April in Roman Rd Steyning Tools were taken

Police Appeal

Police are appealing for a jogger who might be able to help in a sexual assault enquiry.

The woman was running along a path alongside Steyning Cricket Ground at around 4pm on Friday, April 7. She stopped and spoke to a teenage girl who was stuck on a bush as she'd attempted to get back to the path.

The woman was running towards the Downs and had a small dog with her. She was wearing running clothes.

Detective Constable Andy Roe said: "The girl was leaving the area where she was assaulted at the time she spoke to the jogger. She could hold important information to be able to help us."

If this jogger was you please contact police online or call 101, quoting serial 1229 of 07/04.

Fraud Alert

There has been a series of recent incidents reported to Action Fraud where a lone fraudster has approached victims whom they believe to be unfamiliar with the local area. They make an excuse to talk to the victims such as enquiring about directions or offering a recommendation for a good hotel.

After this interaction, several other fraudsters will intervene purporting to be police officers in plain clothes and will sometimes present false identification as proof. The fake officers will then give a reason to examine the victims' wallet, purse or personal items. They may also examine the first fraudster's items or try to tell victims that the first fraudster is suspicious in order to gain victim trust and appear more realistic in their guise.

After all the fake police 'checks' are finished, victims have then reported being handed back their personal items only to later realise that a quantity of money or valuables were missing.

Community

We are working with Age UK to help plan a summer event for the residents of Dingemans Court.

