

## Steyping Parish Council

### Neighbourhood Wardens Report March 2016

#### Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime

The following recorded crimes have taken place during the month of March

Between the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March Power Tools were taken from a Vauxhall Astra in Kings Barn Lane

On the 14<sup>th</sup> March a property was broken into in Cripps Lane between 6.30pm - 9.45pm. A quantity of silver and antiques were stolen.

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> March we received a text message from a resident concerned about a "Rave" due to take place at the Flint Barn on SDS Land. The resident advised this was mainly Steyping Grammar school pupils. From 7pm onwards we engaged with several groups of youths who were making their way across the Memorial Playing Field and tried to dissuade them from attending. After speaking to two young males (aged 15 & 16) we decided to intervene as they were concerned for their friends whom they couldn't contact and informed us there was likely to be drink and drugs at the event. On entering the barn there were a large group of young people approximately 100 in number and quantities of alcohol being consumed by males and females of an age ranging from 14-17yrs. It was clear to us that many were in a state of intoxication. We confiscated alcohol from minors and put a stop to the proceedings, and also extinguished a fire that had been started.

Concerned for the young people's safety (The majority were year ten pupils) We then escorted them off the land and down into Steyping Town.

We spent a further 3 hours dealing with the smaller groups that had broken off into, in the High Street, Fletchers Croft & surrounding areas. During this time we confiscated a bottle of vodka from a fifteen year old male of whom we requested name and address details. We also spoke with the landlady at the Checkers Inn who reported bottles being smashed by youths in the high street and we assured her that the situation was being dealt with. We made certain that all groups contacted their Parents to pick them up or used public transport to leave the area. The Police arrived on the scene at 22:45 to assist.

Following this incident we have a name of a young male who coordinated and organised the event and will be taking further action. We will be visiting the school to talk to the Head Teacher to discuss how we can educate both pupils and parents on the dangers involved and the impact these events has on the environment and local community.

This may prove a good opportunity to work alongside community youth worker Emma Edwards ,Police Schools Liason Officer Angie Keeley and Steyning Downlands Scheme Manager Matthew Thomas.

### Community

We are planning a Schools in the Community litter pick for Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding during the May Half Term and would welcome Volunteers from the Council to help us plan and carry out the event.