

## **Steyning Parish Council**

### **Neighbourhood Wardens Report March 2015**

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Following a routine patrol on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March we intervened and removed a small group of youths from the children's playground of the Memorial Playing Field. Upon returning to the park later that evening and after a thorough search of the area, we found some small cannabis bags. This group were not known to us and we were unable to conclusively prove that they were associated with drug taking. We are however, continuing to monitor the area and have not seen this group return.

We have been contacted by a resident in South Ash regarding suspected cannabis smoking in the children's play park. The police have been informed and on one occasion called by the resident due to an incident of anti-social behaviour. We have been regularly patrolling the area and have spoken to the resident to reassure of our presence there. The resident has given us good descriptions of the youths including the vehicle registration numbers of a car and a moped and the owners are known to us. The police did stop one of the vehicles but had no grounds to search.

We have increased our dog patrols over the Easter break as we tend to see an increase in dog fouling over the school holidays, this may be due to younger children walking their dogs and not picking up. It is during this time we look to engage with the youngsters, hand out bags if necessary and educate children on the importance of picking up after their dog.

#### **Community**

We took part and assisted in the running of the "mocktail" alcohol awareness initiative at Steyning Primary School.

We took our members of the Dingemans & Friends club for a garden centre visit at Pulborough.

We also assisted Emma Edwards with a youth trip to Horsham bowling & laser quest.