

## Steyning Parish Council

### Neighbourhood Wardens Report – October 2016

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

On the evening of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> we engaged and broke up a large group of younger people drinking in the Orchard area of the Memorial Playing Field. Several members were under age and we confiscated one bottle of Vodka, a bottle of wine and several bottles of beer. Two of the Adult members of this group are known to us as well as the Police. Further Information regarding them has been fed into the Police as well as the Horsham District Council ASB Team.

We spoke to a group of young people whilst on patrol of the school grounds. The group consisted mainly of young females, we alerted them to the presence of a nearby group of men drinking outside the primary school. The girls were unaware of their presence and decided to leave the area shortly after. After a conversation with the head teacher we have increased our patrols of the school grounds due to security concerns.

We have received several calls and complaints regarding the playing of football on the green space adjacent to playpark in Chandlers Way. A resident has told us that on several occasions footballs have been going into his garden and on one occasion struck his wife. The resident concerned considers this ongoing situation to be a nuisance, we have also received similar complaints from another resident. We have been advised that a large mobile goalpost is being brought over the fence and is causing damage. Following a call from a resident we spoke to group of young people who were playing football there and informed them that ball games were not permitted in that area and suggested the MPF as an alternative.

On the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> we spoke to a group of young people in the Fletchers Croft car park who had been drinking. Most of the group were of age, however one of them was only 16 and extremely intoxicated. We ensured that the individual was returned home safely as we believed him to be vulnerable. The rest of the group left the area.

There have been no crimes included in the weekly updates from Horsham Police for the month of October.

#### Community.

We have given several residents at Dingemans “Sorry, no trick or treat” signs as requested. Also used social media (Twitter feed) to encourage people to call us if they do not wish to engage with trick or treaters.

We have distributed Second edition booklets of the “little book of big scams” to various public places across the parishes. These can be found at the Steyning centre and at Dingemans.