

MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2008

SEDLSCOMBE

I have been patrolling the area regularly on foot on my early and late shifts. It was a real joy to attend the Maypole dance event at the Queens Head and was very happy to see many local residents there. It was also good to have so many people approach me for a chat, and offer me a burger or hot dog. I find the people of Sedlescombe very warm and friendly and feel privileged to have become part of the community.

I have been patrolling the school on a regular basis . It's good to have the children approaching me and having a chat and a giggle.

On Saturday evening 03rd May a group of 8 youths were becoming quite rowdy at the Queens Head. I had been with these youths all evening and wanted to keep an eye on them as I felt there might be trouble. Later on in the evening their behaviour became extremely anti-social, and some of them became very aggressive towards me. Obviously this sort of behaviour will not be tolerated and after several warnings being given and ignored I had no choice but to call for back up. The youths had disbanded at that point and the main offender had been dealt with. I approached the youths a few days later finding them in a more sober state and they were very apologetic.

Some criminal damage has been taking place at the garages on the East View Estate with superglue in the locks and graffiti on the garage doors. I made an appointment to see Rother Homes and informed them that something has to be done immediately. I made a few suggestions and shall follow these up to make sure that they are carried out as soon as possible. We are looking at CCTV, anti-graffiti paint, anti-climb paint and anti-climb bars.

Superglue had been found on the grounds of East View Terrace and this has been sent off for fingerprinting – so watch this space.

Speed camera checks are made regularly along the Street and warning letters are consequently sent out to offenders. Approximately 30-38 people have been caught so far.

Pestalozzi Village have reported incidents of youths in the grounds late at night causing anti-social behaviour. I have made Pestalozzi part of my regular patrol plan and made the late and night turn units aware.

Damage to a vehicle was reported in East View Terrace. Forensic evidence has been gathered and I am awaiting results.

A heavy haulage company have caused an issue with locals, travelling through the village in convoy and on one occasion not giving right of way to a driver and almost causing an accident. I have approached drivers coming through the village and on one occasion the driver was very uncooperative. I had consequently contacted the company and spoke to the management and made them aware. They assured me that their drivers will be informed to drive carefully through the village. I informed them that I shall be making a note of the lorries passing through and would appreciate cooperation and respect to locals.

Some persons have been reported knocking on doors selling pictures. I have kept a lookout and informed locals to be vigilant and to report them immediately if seen.

I have concerns regarding the school bus parking opposite the Green as children tend to cross from the front of the bus and try to peer to see traffic. Some drivers are impatient and do not wait. I have informed the driver and the children to refrain from crossing until the bus has moved off.

An expensive lawnmower was stolen from Hurst Lane. CCTV footage is currently being looked at for evidence.

There have been complaints regarding earth moving lorries in and around Brede Lane. They are using the lane to deliver inert material and hardcore to a local farm to raise the levels of the ground for the erection of a barn (given planning permission last year). A meeting was arranged with owners of the farm and the contracts manager. The meeting was very amicable with the welfare of the locals taken into consideration by all parties and a conclusion reached to complete the deliveries over a short period and avoiding the school rush.

A man cold calling and selling household goods was reported in the area. I approached him and did a check. His details were taken and verified and placed on record. He was asked to immediately move out of the area.

Youths are causing vandalism around the play park near the tennis courts and graffiti on the village green benches. I have been keeping an eye out for any new groups or familiar faces that cause damage and they will be dealt with. Anyone seeing damage being caused or with any information regarding this should contact me immediately.

An attractive young carer reported a possible stalker in a car. She had been followed whilst carrying out her duties. She notified us immediately and the car and driver were located. Our investigations showed that the driver in question works for a wireless checking company and that in order to do the required checks he has to circle a specific area driving slowly. We suggested that in future police be notified as these kind of actions can be misinterpreted and rightfully reported.

A survey carried out last year regarding concerns of locals was kindly passed on to me by Pauline Raymond. I have carefully looked through the list and have taken all comments on board. The list reflects the things that I have been dealing with on a regular basis whilst on patrol in the village.

A drunken driver crashed just outside Sedlescombe towards Cripps Corner. This happened on the evening of Saturday 31st May. The driver was not hurt but was consequently arrested and charged.

MOUNTFIELD

I attended the annual Parish Council meeting on the 7th May. It was to meet the locals and it was reassuring to know that there do not appear to be any major issues.

I have been patrolling the school and the area on a regular basis.

Lead had been stolen from Vinehall school. Persons have been arrested for theft of lead in the Rother area. The incidents may be connected and further investigations are taking place.

A generator from a mobile home was stolen. A suspect is currently being investigated.

Some sheep were loose on the A21 by Johns Cross. At present the owner has not been located. Mountfield Court Farm kindly stepped in and helped take sheep away.

WHATLINGTON

I briefly attended the Parish Council meeting on the 14th May. There appeared to be no major concerns other than speeding. I shall consequently be carrying out speed checks in the village and any offenders will be notified.

Thankyou

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