

# **JULY REPORT**

## **SEDLESCOMBE**

I have been keeping up my foot patrols around the village both on early and late shifts. My car patrols are spent around the lanes and in woodlands. School attendance is a daily part of my patrol where possible. Speed checks are done on average once a week.

I attended the Crime & Safety meeting on 01/07/08. The current monthly reports show that all matters on the previous survey list are matters that I have been dealing with and have achieved positive results. With the continued cooperation of the local residents I shall continue to tackle local issues as they arise to the best of my ability.

As from 01/06/08 I shall no longer be covering Mountfield or Whatlington. My new patrol will include Staplecross, Cripps Corner and Ewhurst.

A tent was pitched on private grounds in Pestalozzi village. Litter and beer cans have been left scattered. Witnesses have pointed to the same group of local youths. The youths were approached and warned. They heeded the warning and took the tent down.

Local youths were kicking a ball on the garage doors at East View Terrace. When requested by garage owner to go to the playing field he was met with abusive behaviour.

Attended the school fete. It was great to see the children having fun and I was really pleased to see so many children approach me for a chat and a laugh.

Local youths were reported kicking a ball on the village green and when approached by a member of public and advised that it could be dangerous because of passing cars they were verbally abusive.

A dangerous driver was reported in the village. Details of the offending vehicle have been passed on to the Road Policing Unit. The informant was made aware of Operation Crackdown that tackles any anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles. Information can be obtained from the Sussex Police Website or go to [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org).

A suspicious vehicle was reported. Follow up shows no incidents linked. However it's very good to see members of public being vigilant and acting immediately.

I have been paying reassurance visits to several vulnerable people in the area.

I have been to all local pubs and shops in the area to warn them of a donations scam and to report any person/s approaching them regarding this.

A meeting was held at Battle Youth Club with Orbit Housing, Rother Homes, youth leaders and the ASBO officer to discuss the anti-social issues in the village. We discussed how we are to move forward to take action against offenders and to work as a partnership. We concluded that the first step was for the ASBO officer to visit all persons who have reported incidents to take statements. All reports are dealt with confidence and persons can remain anonymous if they wish. Reports are then put on record of individuals and then the appropriate action can be taken. We urge people to make sure that if anti-social behaviour is witnessed to take note of offenders to give as accurate descriptions.

Local youths were reported smashing a car windscreen. The youths that committed the offence were named by the aggrieved and are currently being interviewed by Police.

Local youths have been inconsiderate by a bus shelter to local houses. These are young children taking the school bus to Claverham. I have visited the school and spoke to the Head regarding the incidents. I have also spoken to youths on the school bus. The bus driver was also told to park outside the bus shelter and not short of it as it will encourage youths to congregate outside peoples' houses.

Roadworks have been taking place on the B2244. Some complaints have been coming in regarding the lack of signs on the A21. Highways were contacted and made aware of this.

Two males had broken into the pavilion at the recreation ground. They were believed to have been drunk at the time. Nothing appears to have been stolen and no damage caused.

A shoplifter was reported at the Village Stores. The number plate of the vehicle was taken and the offender was traced. CCTV footage is being looked at. Once all evidence is gathered an arrest will be made.

Some hay was set alight on the kickabout field. The Fire Brigade attended and put the fire out. A couple of youths are suspected but there were no witnesses.

Occupants of a car was reported taking road signs and cones. The registration number was taken and the vehicle was stopped later on. Drivers details were taken.

## **STAPLECROSS**

As from 01/07/08 I have taken over from PCSO Sam Kemp as the local PCSO. I shall endeavour to continue her good work in the villages.

Attended the village fete and met some of the locals. It was good to see some familiar faces. I thank all those who made me feel welcome.

A traffic accident involving 3 vehicles happened on Sunday 13/07/08 on the Staplecross Road towards Northiam on the bend near Ellenwhorne Lane.

## **EWHURST GREEN**

A suspicious vehicle was reported parked in the area. A police check was done on the vehicle and showed no history. Owner of vehicle turned up. A false alarm but it's always good to be vigilant.

2 dogs were reported missing in the area. Dog warden was informed.

Attended a function for an ethnic minority group. It was a pleasure to help and to observe their interesting culture.

A barn was broken into and a quad bike was taken. Investigations are currently taking place.

## **CRIPPS CORNER**

Speed checks are done on average once a week.

A dog biting incident was reported. The victim suffered minor bruising. I visited the dog owner and gave advice to avoid further incidents. The owner was extremely upset about the incident and was very apologetic. He had contacted me a few days later to say that he is taking his dog for training.

A dangerous driver was reported. A good description of the person and index of car was taken by the witness. The offender was consequently warned and placed on police records.

If you have seen anyone or anything suspicious please report it to the Police and if you can help with any of the above crimes please let me know.

Thank you  
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