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Community Safety

in the Horsham district

Top line crime survey results

Horsham District Council is a lead member of the local Safe and Well Partnership and in January we launched a survey to collect residents' views on crime and disorder. A number of issues were covered and we were pleased that 774 people completed the survey.



Some of the top-line results are:

- 92% felt very or fairly safe during day and 52% felt very or fairly safe after dark.
- 75% felt a visible police presence would make them feel safer, 44% said CCTV and 39% said better lighting.
- 54% were very or fairly worried about being a victim of crime.
- 21% said they had been a victim in the past 3 years.
- 83% felt lack of respect for others and their property was the main cause of crime. 70% believed it was because of drug abuse, and 70% because there were not enough police.
- Asked about the top three things HDC should focus on, 62% said dealing with drug and alcohol use, 56% said ASB, and 40% said knife and gang crime.

Your views count and this information will now be considered by the Safe and Well Partnership who will ensure that action plans to address crime and disorder pick up on this valuable feedback.

Are you aware of the Community Trigger?

The Community Trigger is a process which allows members of the public to ask their local Community Safety Partnership to review responses to incidents of anti-social behaviour.



The Trigger, introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, came into force in October 2014 and ensures that all agencies are working together to resolve incidents of anti-social behaviour that are affecting residents' quality of life. This will be done by appropriately sharing information between agencies, reviewing the actions that have been taken, using available resources to try and reach a solution and making recommendations that will hopefully prevent the situation re-occurring.

To find out more and for details of how to submit a Trigger click the link below.

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Summer security tips

Despite the ongoing Coronavirus restrictions, burglars are still taking advantage of opportunities to steal your possessions and the latest police data shows that theft and burglary figures are still high.



Taking just a few precautionary steps can make a big difference to keeping your home and possessions safe.

- Lock your front door and close large windows every time you leave the house. Even when you're just out in the garden.
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox. Remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox.
- Install good outside lighting.
- Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition.
- Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage.
- Keep ladders and tools stored away. Don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.
- Mark your possessions with your postcode and house number using an ultra-violet pen and register on www.immobilise.com free of charge
- Consider joining or forming a [Neighbourhood Watch](#) scheme.
- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows and store any high value items such as jewellery and passports in a secured safe.
- Ensure you always lock your car doors, close windows and leave valuables out of sight in the boot - even if the car is on your driveway.

More tips and advice can be found on the Sussex Police website [here](#):

[Residential burglary prevention](#)

[Keep your home safe](#)

Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens

Q3-Q4 2019-2020 report

The Council employ 14 Neighbourhood Wardens who work in specific parishes in the district.

The parishes who currently have wardens are Ashington, Billingshurst, Pulborough, Southwater, Storrington and Sullington, Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding, and the Horsham town Neighbourhood areas of Denne, Forest and Trafalgar.

The Warden work includes, amongst other tasks, patrolling the district by car and foot, using techniques to help decrease anti-social behaviour, supporting vulnerable residents and local schools, and arranging the clear up of litter and dangerous objects.

Despite the Covid-19 restrictions, the wardens have still been working in their parishes and supporting their communities. To find out more information about their work in the last 6 months click the link below.



In the last six months of 2019-20, the Wardens have patrolled for a total of

3120
hours,
1773
of which
were on foot.

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