

# AGENDA ITEM 5a

## Community Wardens report for the City March 2023

Well, I was going to talk about the lovely spring, but it appears winter is not yet done with us, as I was greeted with snow this morning. The city has been quite busy the last couple of months, and has only dropped the last couple of days, which I would expect due to the cold and rainy weather.

Graffiti seems to have increased in the city especially around the multi – storey car park , Waitrose and South Street, we have one tag “Bave” who seems to be determined to come into the city in the late hours, about once a week to put their tags up. We are just as determined to get them back down again and we’re out last week cleaning them off South Street and getting our contract services to do the multi-storey.

As well as the multi-agency walk rounds around the ADC car park and skatepark with regards to anti-social behaviour and the smoking of cannabis. I am now going to the college about once a week working with the Chichester College Community Support Officers to provide support and share intelligence with them which is working well.

There has been an increase in begging again I have noticed, unfortunately most of the beggars I am dealing with presently, know that I have no enforcement powers so tend to carry on anyway. However, I do notify the police when I see them doing it, and ask individuals who report it to me, to also let the police know.

I have also increased my visit to the hub (Glassworks), firstly as a supportive role to the staff and to share information, especially if they have individuals, they have concerns for individuals, that they haven’t seen for a while, so I can keep an eye out for them. It also helps me get to know all our street community by face and name, and for them to know that I am there to help them if they need it.

I continue to work very closely with the police and intelligence sharing which works well and do joint patrols with the local PCSO.

Shoplifting continues and seems to be on the increase I do a lot of work with BID security to try and tackle this issue, but although the shops are very good at reporting theft to us they, but unfortunately not to the police. The BID and I always reiterate the importance of reporting all the time, as this will help to get more of a police presence in the city, but this is still a struggle.

Hopefully it will be getting nice and warm soon and my favourite time of year will descend upon us, and everyone will want to do my job again.....until it’s winter. 😊

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