

# AGENDA ITEM 5a

## Community Wardens Report for Chichester East and Whyke.

March 2023.

A house backing on to the alley near the A27 has been suffering from ASB. They recently had a window broken by a local child who threw a brick at the house. There is an area behind Whyke Marsh that gets rubbish dumped regularly. We are certain that the bricks came from there. We cleared up the area, unfortunately the children involved are a regular problem and have been spoken to. We hope the children will be involved in the forthcoming activities planned for the Whyke oval.

Phoenix Close has been having a problem with overflowing communal bins due to fly tipping. This has had to be reported to the RSL three times in the last month, and each time they have cleared it.

We reported a large dead bird for collection by contract services, due to bird flu we don't do this ourselves anymore.

We have visited both the UK Harvest pantries in the Chichester East and South, they are still very busy. We believe the move to the Children and Family centre from the Charles Avenue Hub has helped more people access the pantry, especially for young families. Although, we have received complaints that it's now just too far for some people to travel. Cllr Sarah Sharp recently came across a vulnerable lady and her daughter, that are unable to make the journey from Charles Avenue. We assisted Cllr Sharp in supporting the lady and helped to put the lady in touch with the 'Supporting you' team. 'Supporting you' provide an excellent service and are better placed to assist the lady, in a more sustained way than we are able. We have offered to collect any food from the local Pantry, but only as an emergency aid. The lady will be receiving two food vouchers for use in a Supermarket/online. Help with fuel vouchers is currently being applied for. Cllr Sharp has also found a volunteer that will help the lady with food collections. Well done Sarah!

The drop in sessions at the Charles Avenue Hub, have now come to an end. There wasn't enough take up despite lots of people saying they needed it. People seem to prefer to complain to each other on Facebook, rather than report their issues directly to people that may be able to help. We may revisit this in the future, but only as a drop in for Warden contact.

We submitted intelligence to the Police regarding some CCTV footage of a drug dealer going about his business in Charles Avenue. The informant didn't want to come forward, so upon viewing it and concluding that it was as the informant had suspected, we reported it, along with the drug dealer's number plate. Unfortunately the Police rejected the report, as the informant didn't wish to be named, even though we had seen the footage to verify, we found this strange to say the least.

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Another report has been received re ASB in Charles Avenue. The Police and the RSL are aware, unfortunately this has been going on for well over a year with no end in sight.

Florence Park continues to be of interest as suspected drug activity continues.

We received an ASB report from a lady in Elizabeth Road. We visited the lady who informed us that young people have been 'terrorising' her and had thrown water bombs at her door. The RSL was informed and letters were sent out to the suspects addresses. We haven't had any further reports since.

Reports have been received that the Christian Science Church building at the Amphitheatre being used as a place for drug use, also reports of adult men urinating at the side of the building. I believe there are plans for this building but in the meantime it is on our patrol list.

More suspected drug dealing activity has been reported to us, in the St James alley leading up the side of the Cemetery. We saw the suspect enter a block of flats in Elizabeth Road.

The BB gun/imitation firearm incident we were involved in on Swanfield Green is finally reaching an outcome. One of the individuals has now referred by the Police to YOT with a recommendation that he be given a Community Resolution and to write an apology letter to us. Let's hope he has learnt his lesson.

We received a report of a male living in a van in Chatsworth Road. The van was parked in a garage compound. The van was parked in a resident's space for two months. The report has been passed onto the CDC Homelessness Outreach Office.

Both patches have the usual amounts of fly tipping and abandoned trolleys.

We are hoping two abandoned cars in Kensington Road are removed shortly.

We collected a stolen/recovered bike from Swanfield Park which was taken from display from Halfords, their security tag was still attached. The bike had some rust on it and a broken brake lever so it had been used for some time. Halfords were unaware and uninterested in taking it back. The bike will be passed on to someone deserving.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Warden Service.

Carol McClung and Jon Logan