

Community Wardens for Whyke and Chi East City Council Report

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Following on from the loss of Drew, the Community Warden for Bracklesham. We have now been devastated at the very sudden, and extremely sad passing of our Senior Warden Declan Moody. It is such a loss to the team, a big man with an equally big heart. He was here from the very start of the Warden scheme some 20yrs ago. We have been in a state of shock and he will be sorely missed by all that knew him. Thank you for your kind messages of support at this difficult time.

We have been attending the Foodbanks as and when time allows. This has produced a couple of reports of anti social activity, but no other reports of any other issues. The Foodbank at Florence Park is less Publicly known but well attended.

Somewhat worrying times we are in. We hear more and more concerns from the Public that groups of young people are roaming the streets, doing as they please. The Public perception seems to be that the groups carry out ASB and other criminal acts, and that they do this without consequences. From our perspective there does seem to be more reports of people carrying concealed weapons, this makes us very weary of approaching certain/unknown people these days. Especially as we don't receive official reports of who these people may be, so we have to try to find out for ourselves, very carefully.

Electric bikes and scooters are, and will continue to be, a cause of concern for the foreseeable future.

We supported a Street briefing in Charles Avenue. This was organised as there have been reports of gang activity and drug use. The event was supported by the RSL, Police and Well-being. During the three hour event we had a record turnout! We had eight to ten people turn up, in the past we may get three or four people. The nature of the issues raised were quite varied and inconsistent with some of the reports we had received.

Fly tipping is at the 'normal' levels and we anticipate a higher rate as we approach Christmas and the New Year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year