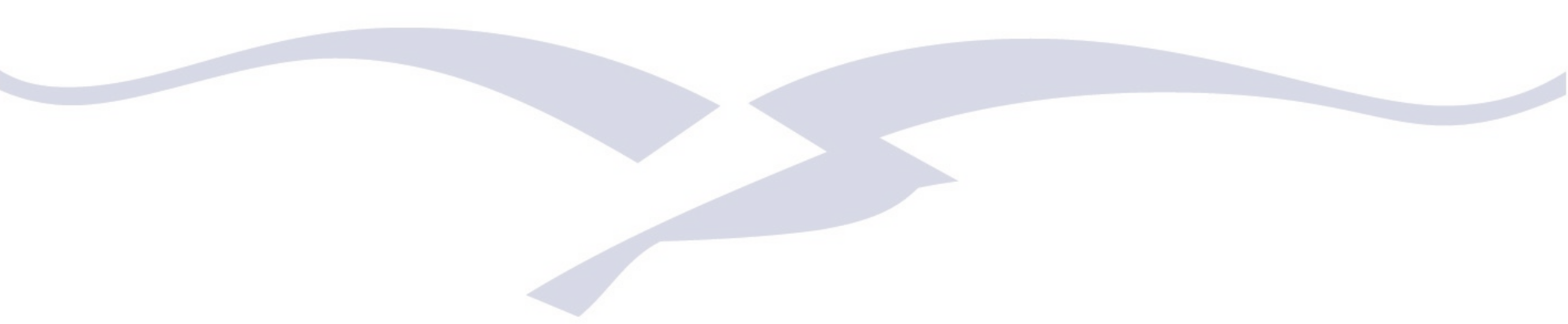




# **Community Safety**

# The Community Safety Team





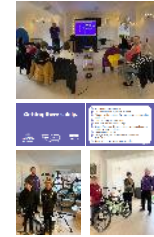
# Community Wardens



# Community Wardens: what we are doing

## Dedicated 'boots on the ground' service

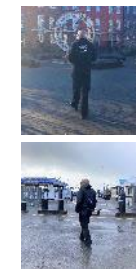
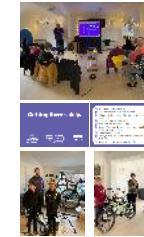
- Carrying out patrols to all town wards.
  - **1,064** patrol hours (January – June 2023)
- Offering a visible and reassuring presence.
- Supporting residents, visitors and businesses.
- Signposting people to relevant agencies and/or wayfinding around the town.
- Assisting vulnerable members of the community:
  - working with street homeless individuals and support agencies.
  - Supporting MIND drop-in sessions.
  - Attending Age UK groups.



# Community Wardens: what we are doing

## Tackling anti-social behaviour

- Responding to live ASB incidents.
- Early intervention action:-
  - to deescalate the situation
  - to disperse perpetrators
  - to support victims
- Provide intelligence (names and behaviour) to Police and ASB team to take enforcement action.
- Supporting people to report crime and ASB.
- Acting as the eyes and ears for local communities to inform local responses.
- Will act as professional witnesses should cases proceed to court.
- Enforcement of the Public Spaces Protection Order.
- Assisting Police in identifying individuals wanted for arrest.



# Community Wardens: what we are doing

## Crime prevention and safety advice

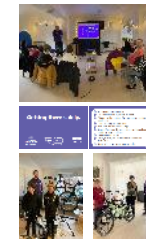
- Fraud awareness presentations:-
  - 8 presentations delivered since January.
  - free and available to any community group
- Free bike security marking.
- Personal safety advice.
- Working with Police to identify and share relevant seasonal messages: keep your windows shut at night in summer, protect your presents at Christmas, theft from vehicles etc.
- River jumping safety advice.
- West Sussex Fire & Rescue Safe & Well referrals.
- Safeguarding referrals.



# Community Wardens: what we are doing

## Preserving our environment

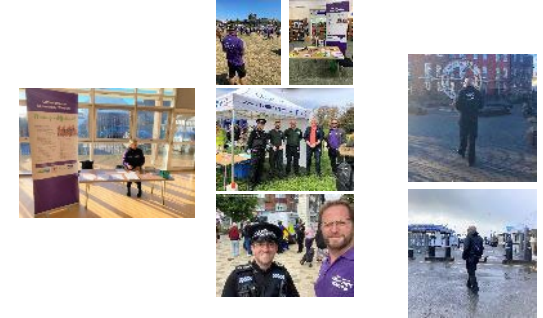
- Community litter picks.
- Removal and reporting of fly-tipping.
- Working with ADC's Cleansing team to arrange early removal of graffiti.
- Removing hazards from the High Street and footpaths: smashed glass, faeces, blood.
- Reporting of drug paraphernalia for quick removal.
- Helping to break the 'broken window' effect of areas where visible signs of neglect and disorder can lead to further crime and ASB.



# Community Wardens: what we are doing

## Public awareness

- Raising awareness of local concerns and sharing of safety messages.
- Reacting to concerns of local people.
- Examples include:
  - Roof running
  - River jumping
  - Halloween safety
  - Christmas safety messages
  - Encouraging reporting of crime and ASB.

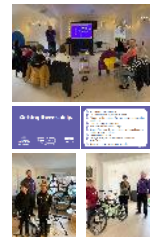




# Community Wardens: what we are doing

## Schools' engagement

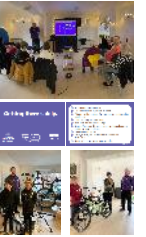
- Anti-social behaviour education.
- Regular drop-in to schools so they can raise any community-based or emerging concerns.
- Delivering seasonal safety awareness messages: Halloween, fireworks, river jumping.
- Joint work with local Police schools' officer to share information and identify place-based issues or problematic young people at an early stage.



# Community Wardens: what we are doing

## Community engagement

- Host drop-in events for people to raise any community safety concerns they have:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at Morrisons
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Creative Heart
  - every 6 weeks at the Library
- Attending local events.
- Visiting community group coffee mornings / meetings.
- Supporting partner agencies in the community.
- Developing a resident and visitors survey to understand more about the issues of importance and what local people want delivered by local services.



"I am the owner of an independent shop in Littlehampton. We have recently had an issue with 3 students, and I just want to say the Community Wardens have been absolutely outstanding with dealing with the matter.

It was all dealt with in the upmost professionalism and speed. I just want to add that Jamie and James are doing an amazing job within the community and always super active.

I see them very regularly and I have seen a massive change in town since they have been around."

**Town centre business owner**

"We know how important multi agencies working across the board is so beneficial and I just wanted to share with you how positive this close working relationship with the Wardens is having for us as Staff at Turning Tides and for our clients as a whole, and hopefully this continues and grows as it's certainly working.

Can you kindly thank the Wardens from us all at Turning Tides."

**Service Manager, Turning Tides hub**

"I believe in credit where credit is due you have a great team who have become an asset to Littlehampton and providing us with useful information."

**Arun Neighbourhood Policing Team,  
PCSO**

"I am the business owner of ..... shop in Littlehampton, unfortunately in the early hours of Thursday morning I had my shop window smashed.

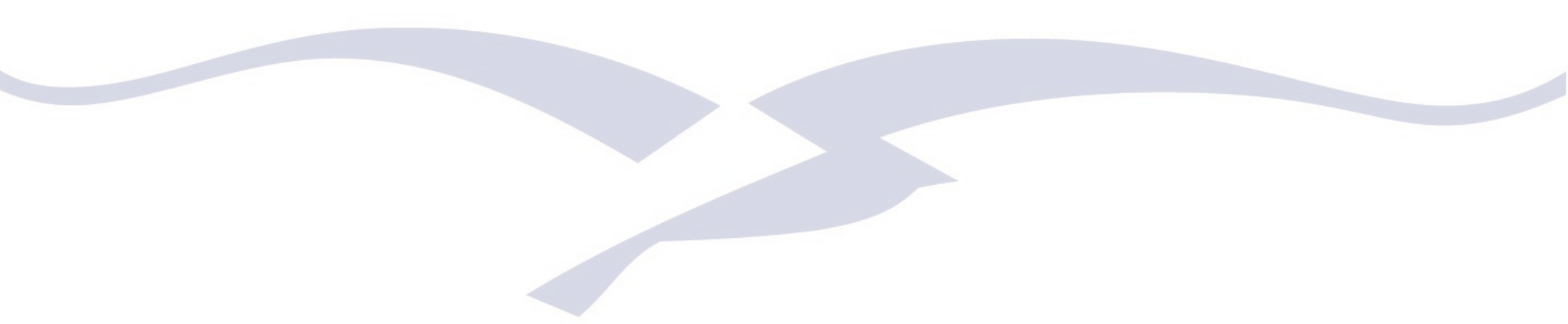
When I arrived at my place of work, within 5 minutes one of your employees James Riggs arrived and I would like to commend him for his help, advice, and support that he provided through this stressful time.

It is very reassuring that James and other employees are involved in the local community and the welfare of business owners."

**Town centre business owner**

"Perfect, thank you for all your help! Your colleague was fab the other day by the way so just wanted to give a bit of positive feedback for him 😊"

**Local resident**



# Peer Group Conference

# Peer Group Conference (PGC)

## What?

A contextual safeguarding approach to protecting children and young people in Arun.

West Sussex District & Borough (D&B) Councils have all adopted PGC conferences as a local approach to Safeguarding.

WSSC, as the authority with responsibility for children's social care, recognise the local knowledge that D&Bs have, and the Peer Group Conference is part of the triage pathway and response to Extra Familial Harm.

**This forum does not replace the need to raise safeguarding concerns to WSSC and Sussex Police.**

# Peer Group Conference (PGC)

## How?

Recognising that children may be vulnerable to abuse and exploitation from:

- Their peer groups.
- The wider community.
- Online.
- Adults.

Traditional safeguarding focused on harm occurring within the home. The contextual approach helps us consider place-based harm within the child's community and beyond the family home.

Information is shared about young people at risk of exploitation and participation in ASB, along with hotspot locations and emerging thematic concerns.

Children and young people are seen as children first and not the presenting behaviour.

An exploited child may not recognise that they are a victim. Children and parents can find information and support at <https://www.reachout-arun.co.uk/>.

# Peer Group Conference (PGC)

## Who?

- **Schools**
  - format has recently been extended to include feeder primary schools
- **Arun District Council**
  - Safeguarding lead
  - ASB team
  - Community Wardens
- **West Sussex County Council**
  - Early Help
  - Serious Violence and Knife Crime leads
  - Child exploitation team
  - Youth Justice
- **Sussex Police**
  - Youth Prevention Officer (Arun Neighbourhood Policing team)
  - Exploitation team
- **Youth service providers**
- **NHS**
  - Safeguarding Children lead



# **Anti-Social Behaviour**



# Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defines ASB as:

**'Acting** in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as (the defendant).'

# Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

## Who:

- Small team of dedicated ASB Caseworkers:-
  - 1 Senior Caseworker
  - 2 Caseworkers
- Established in Arun since 2005.
- Co-located at Bognor and Littlehampton Police Stations.
- Responsible for investigating and dealing with ASB within the district.
- Utilises powers within the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014:
  - Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC)
  - Community Protection Warnings (CPW)
  - Community Protection Notices (CPN)
  - Injunctions

# Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

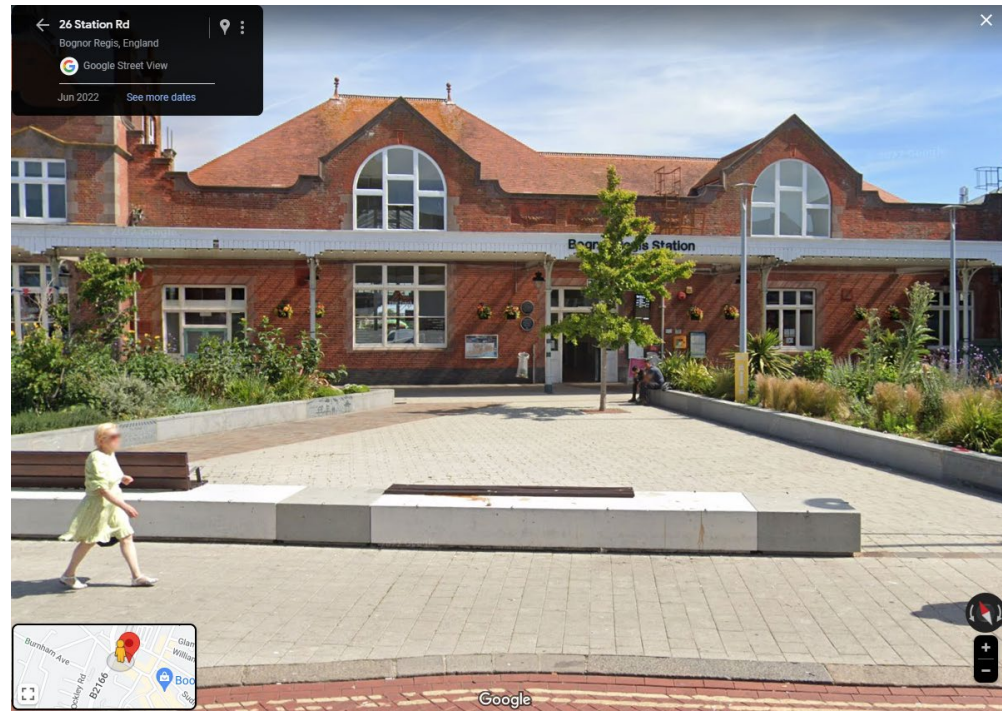
## What:

- Work closely with the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and other external partners to investigate reports of ASB and identify the most suitable means of intervening to reduce risk.
- Conduct site visits to ASB hotspots to assess potential ways in which to reduce repeats ASB occurrences.
- Conduct home visits to both victims and perpetrators.
- Police station intervention meetings.
- Issue warning letters and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.
- Attend Court as professional witnesses.
- Make and take witness statements.
- Chair the multi-agency Hate and ASB Risk Assessment Conference (HASBRAC).
- Participate in monthly drug harm meetings.
- Utilise enforcement powers where necessary.

# Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

## Case Study: Station Square, Bognor Regis

- Ongoing issues reported in this location in terms of street drinking related ASB.
- Reports ebb and flow throughout the year.
- Issues in the past have included:
  - drunken behaviour
  - loud arguments
  - abusive language and behaviour
  - urinating in public



# Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

## Case Study: Station Square, Bognor Regis

### ASB team led interventions and activity:



Identified the need to reduce height and spread of greenery to open lines of sight.

Requested ADC Cleansing to provide targeted littering enforcement.

Partnership work with Sussex Police NPT to undertake targeted joint patrols.

Instigated participation of Southern Rail's Enforcement Team to undertake targeted patrols.

Warning letters professionally translated to identified languages which were given to street drinkers to advise of expected behaviour when using this public space.

Targeted work with ADC Licensing to conduct proactive licensing checks on local premises.

Led operation involving ASB Team, Sussex Police, Immigration Compliance and Enforcement (ICE), Southern Rail's Enforcement Team.



*Safer* ARUN  
PARTNERSHIP

# The Safer Arun Partnership (SAP)

## What?

A partnership approach to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in Arun, recognising that no single agency can do so alone.

## Who?



## How?

- Reduce the risk of harm to our communities by creating a safer place for people to live, work, and visit.
- Take a proactive approach to reducing crime and nuisance behaviour.
- Consider the concerns of local people and deliver against their priorities as well as those at county and national level.
- Work together to make best use of partnership resources.



# SAP strategic priorities 2023-2025

## Serious Violence



## Reducing Drug and Alcohol Related Harm



## Tackling Anti-social Behaviour



## Building Community Resilience



### What we want to achieve

- Reduce incidents of weapon-related crime.
- A reduction in reoffending rates of adults and juveniles.
- An increased sense of people feeling safe.
- Fewer victims of violent crime.
- VAWG work to result in improved support for victims and confidence in reporting.
- Less children being drawn into violence and associated crime.
- Reduce school exclusions as a result of violent behaviour.

- Reduction in visible drug taking and dealing.
- Increased access to support services.
- Less drug related deaths.
- Protect young people from exploitation by County Lines.
- Create effective pathways for dual diagnosis treatment.
- Reduce homelessness related to drug and alcohol use.

- Reduce the number of repeat ASB offenders.
- Reduce cases where repeat victims are targeted.
- Develop a complete ASB profile for the district to inform future tactics.
- Reduce the negative impact of anti-social driving in communities.
- Utilise HASBRAC to reduce number of high-risk cases.
- A reduction in deliberate fires causing damage to community assets.

- Improved confidence in reporting crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Increase awareness of the Safer Arun Partnership.
- Improve partners engagement activity with communities.
- Improve the feeling of Arun being a safe place.
- Reduce incidents and financial loss through fraud.
- Improve public perception that crime and ASB is dealt with by agencies.



# **The Safer Arun Partnership (SAP)**

## **The Partnership Plan (2023-2025)**

[www.arun.gov.uk/safer-arun-partnership](http://www.arun.gov.uk/safer-arun-partnership)

## **Other Useful Links**

<https://www.arun.gov.uk/community-safety>

<https://www.reachout-arun.co.uk/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.safespacesussex.org.uk/about/>

