

REPORT FROM PCSO SHAUNA BOWEN OFFINGTON WARD

This report is for the period from the 17th May 2006 (the Findon Valley Society's AGM) to the date of writing, 13th September 2006.

I am pleased to report minimal vandalism & youth related anti-social behaviour, even, dare I mention it, the Valley's bus shelters have remained intact. There have been 3 reported 'burglaries from dwellings' in the Valley location. The main bone of contention has been vehicle nuisance related; particularly parking issues, with our "1 hour limited waiting" parking bays fronting the PDH Garage & along the Kings Parade generating the most complaints from residents. PDH themselves are generally the abusers of the highways regulations & they continue to incense local residents with their failure to comply with keeping their vehicles clear of the double yellow lines and failure to move their vehicles from the 1 hour bay, after the allotted time has expired. This issue, I hope, will be better addressed when Worthing Borough Council employ their own Parking Attendants, hopefully in the Spring of 2007. These attendants will patrol the outlying areas of the Borough and enforce the parking regulations.

Off road motorcycles & mini-motos, particularly in the Gallops area, are an on-going issue. Worthing Police are aware of this nuisance & do ask residents to call in on the 0845 60 70 999 number, giving details of the problem and the location, in an effort to get a mobile Police Unit despatched in time to catch up with the perpetrators. Worthing Police are also aware of the tendency of "Boy racers" (young drivers with noisy vehicles) to meet up in a couple of locations within the Valley and, of late, have had extra mobile patrols locating these vehicles and checking out the identities of the drivers & the condition of their vehicles for forwarding to their insurance companies.

Recently a spate of thefts from unattended motor vehicles, particularly in the Coombe Rise & Storrington Rise car parks have also generated extra mobile patrols from our officers, these patrols are continuing.

Lastly, cold callers – another annoyance to the area – mainly offering tarmac, block paving & gardening services, also offering electrical items for sale. Generally the prices are well over the odds & in the case of electrical goods, generally faulty items. To this end Neighbourhood Watch & Trading Standards will be hosting a meeting at the All Saints Church on Wednesday 25th October 2006 from 1900 hrs, this will be to discuss with residents the possibility of making part of the Valley a "cold calling exempt" area.

As always a reminder of Sussex Police's non-emergency telephone no 0845 60 70 999 – Do use it & call in any nuisance issues, similar to those described here.

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