

## Monthly Councillor Briefing - March / April 2021.

The lighter evenings are now upon us and we are seeing a lot more people out enjoying the brighter evenings and weather with the lifting of some covid restrictions.

The Following incidents have been reported to the ACSO Service.

- 1, Reported by a dog walker young boys breaking street lighting in the open ground (Tele Tubby hill) Corsair Road. The ACSO's identified the damaged lights and they have been reported.
2. Over the Easter weekend Residents reported to the ACSO service that a group of teenagers were sitting at the steps to the open ground in Partridge Road playing very loud music swearing and being a nuisance, when approached by two residents they became verbally abusive and proceeded to use a catapult and fire ball bearings at one of the houses, no damaged caused.
3. A number of windows have been broken at the cricket club in Ewart rec along with a number of car windows in car parks within Hythe village, this damage had been caused by the use of a catapult. With a little investigation it was found to be the same group that was causing ASB in Partridge road. These teenagers were identified by Crystle from the Handy trust. With the agreement from Waterside neighbourhood policing team both the Handy Trust and the ACSO service payed a home visit of those concerned to speak with them and their parents. An amicable solution was found that all parties were happy with, it was decided that those concerned with causing the damage would write a letter of apology and pay for the damage that they caused.
3. A parent dropping off his children at Wild Grounds School was verbally abused by a resident of Crete Road, stating that he should not be parking in this road to drop children at school. The parent was advised to report the abuse to the police via the 101 service.
4. Reports of teenagers littering, breaking glass and partaking in ASB with the possibility of drug taking on the benches outside and behind the one stop at Langdown, the ACSO service will pay particular attention to this area especially in the evenings when on duty. Handy Trust has been informed.
5. Reported to the ACSO service that a group of young teenagers vandalised the Waitrose car park by pulling bricks out of the car park wall and riding in the pedestrian walk way pulling wheelies and being abusive to Waitrose staff.
6. During an evening patrol of Forest Front the ACSO team came across two young boys carrying a catapult, we attempted to engage but both boys ran into the heath ground and we're eventually seen running back into Netley View. We will keep an eye out for these two youngsters and attempt to engage if we come across them in

the future. A member of the public walking her dog informed us that they were in fact firing the catapult at roof tops.

7. A resident of Corsair drive informed the ACSO service that teenagers were building a den and smoking drugs in the wooded area between the houses and Hythe and Dibden football pitches. On investigation a large tented den was found along with a number of potential weapons. Three axes, one knife, Claw hammer, garden fork and a sledge hammer along with possible smoking paraphernalia. A number of trees had been damaged as well as wide spread littering, the local PCSO's were informed and attended the scene and seized the all the items that were found and took them away. They asked if the den could be left until further notice as it may be connected to a possible investigation.

#### Summary:

The Month of March and beginning of April have been quieter than expected, the ACSO service and Handy trust have been working well together and forming a very good working relationship including mutual evening patrols to engage with the young people within the community with very positive results.