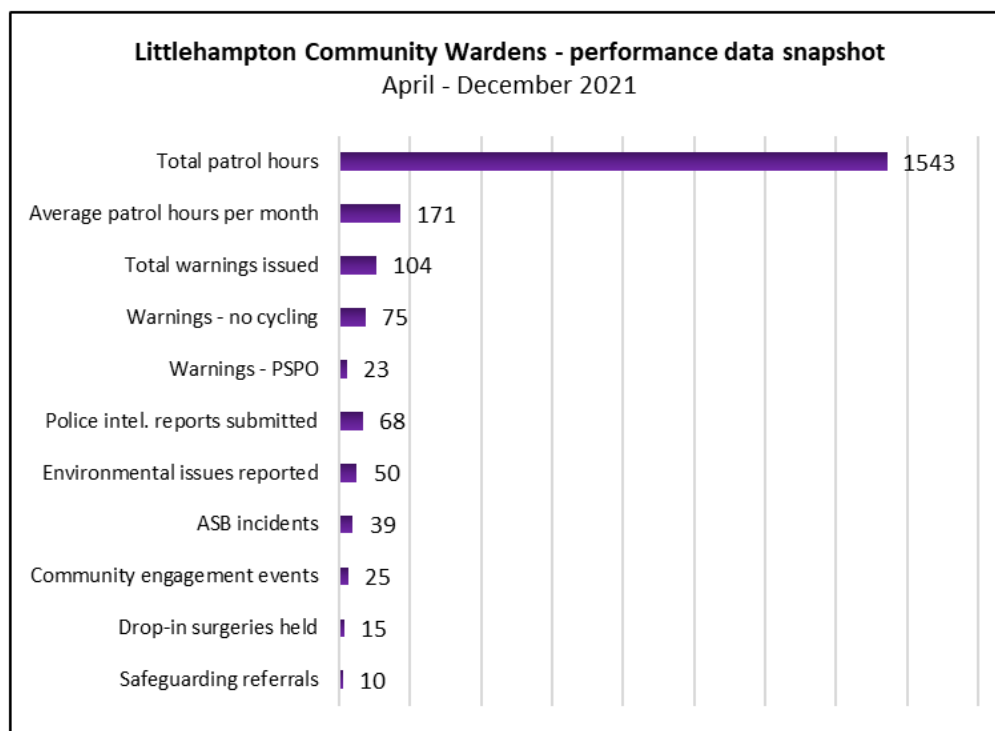


## Littlehampton Community Wardens

### Performance data

Below is a snapshot of recorded activity carried out by the Community Wardens to end of December 2021.



### Examples of public engagement activities

- Organised litter pick in Wick, in partnership with the Council's Housing team and Morrisons Community Champion.
- Fire safety and community engagement events with the local fire station.
- Fly-tipping 'amnesty' in Wick after Christmas - provision of a waste collection truck allowing residents to get rid of various bulky items.
- Attendance at primary school assemblies (YRs 5 and 6) to engage with pupils about emerging anti-social behaviour trends.
- Regular public drop-in sessions.
- Family Halloween event in Wick including children's fancy dress and pumpkin carving competitions.
- Engagement with young people, including close working with Arun Youth Projects and participation in their organised youth activities. Additional one-to-one early interventions with young people.
- Digital inclusion workshops at Age UK.
- Attendance at public events including the Town Show, Screen on the Green, Sandcastle competition, Skate Jam (opening of the new skate park), and the town centre Christmas light switch-on.

### **Purpose of the Community Warden scheme**

Key principles of the scheme are to:

- provide a highly visible presence and regular foot patrols across all wards of the town.
- form close working relationships with the neighbourhood policing team and community groups to identify and reduce anti-social and nuisance behaviour.
- work to address the fear of crime.
- share intelligence with relevant partner agencies, including the Police, and provide witness statements where necessary.
- offer support to young people and establish suitable activities and signposting to youth groups/services.
- identify at risk people, communities and groups and work closely with agencies to address concerns.
- offer crime prevention and fire safety advice.
- actively enforce the Public Spaces Protection Order.
- develop and deliver community development activities and participate at local events.

By engaging with the public and community groups Community Wardens are able to answer queries about a range of local issues at first point of contact. They also signpost people to relevant local services, receive and action reports of community concerns, and respond to real-time incidents.

Opportunities to engage with the community also include the hosting of drop-in sessions, allowing the team to speak directly with members of the public. These have been held at Morrisons, The Wave, and the library.

Due to their presence across Littlehampton, they often become aware of community tensions, hotspot locations, and individuals engaging in nuisance behaviour at an early stage. They then share intelligence with appropriate agencies, helping to shape local responses, preventing situations escalating into more serious and widespread problems.

These steps have embedded the principles of the scheme into the community and the consciousness of partner agencies. There is an expectation that the scheme further progresses to deliver activities and initiatives that provide reassurance to the wider community. This is a function that the team are developing at pace with a range of ideas and subject matter being considered. The priority being that initiatives must deliver for the good of Littlehampton.