

Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council

Annual Police Report for Meeting 23rd April 2025

Engagement with the police

Over the course of the year we have encouraged local PCSO's to hold monthly Pop In events in both Leckhampton and Warden Hill.

For Leckhampton residents, the **Pop In events** have been held at the Dug Out Café, Burrow's Field on while In Warden Hill they have been held at Sardar's café. These events have provided an opportunity for the public to meet their local PCSO's and pass on intelligence about local crime.

The main area of public concern last year was the upsurge in Anti- Social Behaviour in Warden Hill which forced us to arrange a public meeting between the Police, local community and their elected representatives at the URC.

This led to setting up ongoing liaison meetings in Warden Hill between the Police, local businesses and other stakeholders organised by Borough Councillors Graham Beale and Tony Oliver.

Thankfully over the last twelve months the situation seems to have stabilised though ongoing vigilance must be maintained.

Police Resourcing and Prioritisation across the Parish

It came to light that our main PCSO for Leckhampton was retiring and that one of the team in Warden Hill had reduced their hours and would also be retiring shortly. This led to the acting Chair of the Parish Council writing to the Police Commissioner to express our concern that in view of feared cuts, sufficient police resources would be maintained in our Parish.

Though assurances have been received, I know from experience that turnover of staff, damages continuity. Our long standing PCSO's have built up a level of local knowledge that makes it easier to identify and reduce crime in our area. We will continue to liaise closely with them and monitor the ongoing situation.

Tony Oliver – Police Liaison 12th April 2025