

## **Community Warden Report-January 2023**

Some of the work I do is not appropriate to record in writing due to the sensitive nature. For example, some residents have discussed with me mental health issues, neighbour disputes and anti-social behaviour.

We had a homeless person attend the Council offices, I was involved with the referral to the appropriate agencies and was a point of contact for him.

I have liaised with SDC recently regarding ASB and other Community matters. I have also worked with the police at Sevenoaks re graffiti on the defibrillator box in Stangrove Park. I worked with a member of the public and the youth teams in Edenbridge.

I organise litter picks monthly at various locations around Edenbridge. Our last one was in Skinners Lane.

I run the Games and puzzles club on behalf of Involve Kent who fund the group. We have twenty people signed up who variously attend on a Monday morning. They play board games, cards and do jig saw puzzles and we chat about issues. We have started to provide hot soup and bread at the end of the session for the winter months, and provide a warm space for attendees. Games club members have spoken of the welcoming and friendly atmosphere at the club and how it helps fight loneliness and mental health issues. We offer advice and help regarding Community matters. We get strong support from two volunteers, who have helped with setting up the group and retaining members.

I have liaised with the Private Sector Housing Officer at SDC and enabled elderly residents to get keysafes fitted free of charge.

I have reported fly tipping and liaised with the enforcement team at Sevenoaks and I have also liaised with CCTV about various incidents involving anti-social behaviour and reported crimes to police.

I have organised a community bulb plant with the help of a grant from the Great Stone Bridge Trust. We have planted tulips in Blossoms Park and the riverside by the bridge and planted crocuses by the river and Pound Green.

We have continued to try and take the Speed boards out and record speeding motorists. We also move the mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) to its designated locations. There have been some issues with road works preventing data collected and downloading, but plan to ensure this is rotated between the approved sites a bit more this year.

I have completed nominations for the Making it Happen awards which is run by SDC.

We hosted 'Ready Steady Grow' and I organised for one of the speakers-Tom Hart Dyke from Lullingstone Gardens to tell us about his plant collecting adventures in Columbia which not only involved collecting orchids but also getting kidnapped for ten months. This was well attended, and the audience enjoyed it. There was also the Awards evening which I was involved in.

I have cleaned off graffiti from Stangrove Park including the play area and the casing for the defibrillator and other locations around Edenbridge.

I am happy to chat to anyone should they want to know anything specific.