

Town Council Report

16th July 2026

Cowes Police monthly neighbourhood policing report

Times and dates of upcoming beat surgeries in Cowes and surrounding area will be forwarded to the town council communications for inclusion on the social media pages.

Ronsons Close

Whilst I cannot give an overview of the event, this is an ongoing investigation sat with the Hampshire and IOW police major crime team.

None of the team here in Cowes have been approached by any Cowes residents raising concerns about this event.

Antisocial Behaviour

Reports relating to antisocial behaviour centred around the Moorgreen reservoir location, both in the green space and the small copse to the side. Officers were made aware of a mixed group of adult male and female persons being rowdy, drinking alcohol and littering. Numerous reports were made by residents and patrols were completed. Not before too long, the group were found in situ, spoken to, and advised about their ongoing behaviour, the group were receptive to words of advice, and the reports appear to have lessened. In main, the advice was to enjoy the green space, be courteous towards other users, do not be too rowdy and to clean up litter.

I am aware that litter picks were completed by those who use the nearby allotments and have discussed the possibility of requesting the council ask for an accessible bin at the entrance of the park, and not just inside. This would help with persons disposing of litter when exiting the copse as this would be clearly visible.

There have been no further reports made to police in relation to damage to the new steps leading from Worsley Road, Gurnard, to Shore path.

There still seems to be an amount of drug activity in Cowes, which had led to items being handed into police containing drug use paraphernalia. I think a warning being put out by the council about needle stick injuries could be considered. I am aware that this isn't an image that Cowes would want though, especially around Cowes week.

Parking issues

Place road has numerous reports made by residents asking for action to be taken in relation to vehicles being left by local businesses blocking parking spaces.

We are aware that the residents apportion blame to nearby garages.

Police need to be clear that the responsibility for vehicles at the roadside without tax, MOT and insurance lies with other agencies such as DVLA, and island roads if the vehicle is abandoned.

Police cannot order removal of the vehicles unless being used / driven or seized through police powers relating to an offence committed.

Police understand the frustration of the residents and have conducted enquiries with businesses. I cannot give an exact detail on what cars in the locality have what status, however residents should be directed to report the vehicles to either DVLA or island roads. Numerous visits and enquiries have been completed by officers in this location.

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