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Felixstowe Partnership Funded PCSO Report

Parking

Cliff Road was made a priority in order to address the complaints regarding vehicles parking on the grass verges in contravention of the single yellow line restriction. I have patrolled the area regularly, multiple times per day and during the week there have been no significant problems. During the weekends there have been a handful of vehicles that I have seen and dealt with accordingly however it does appear that there has been an improvement since last year as the number of vehicles I have found parked are less than what I have found on previous occasions. I will be continuing to pay attention to Cliff Road and the other 'beachside' roads which are also affected by parking which include Brook Lane, Bath Hill and Sea Road. Over the past month Cliff Road was patrolled on a daily basis at least twice a day during weekdays. At the weekends I patrolled the area multiple times per day.

The seafront areas of town, especially Undercliff Road East, Bath Hill and surrounding residential streets have suffered with congested illegal parking as the weather has become warmer and more are attending the beach. There are various restrictions in place to ensure traffic continues flowing safely. Multiple tickets have been issued over the course of the month to deal with the unsafe and illegal parking.

The general parking in the rest of town is a continuing problem however I have seen less illegal parking in Hamilton Road shared space. I am regularly patrolling the area and dealing with any offences appropriately.

Schools

I have had recent complaints regarding the poor standard of cycling displayed in and around schools. Cyclists have been reported to be riding on the pavement and road having little regard for other road users. There have been a number of near misses with pedestrians and vehicles due to cyclists riding on the pavement when children are leaving school at the end of the day. In addition to this a concerning number of reports have been received of drivers and cyclists failing to stop for school crossing patrol officers. It is an offence treated in the same way as a red light and by failing to stop at these crossing points it puts pedestrians in danger. To address these problems, I have been conducting patrols at schools which have been most affected and working with the schools to educate cyclists to prevent further problems from occurring. Cyclists who are of school age are being dealt with by having a letter sent home in the first instance to hopefully prevent poor and dangerous cycling from continuing. Persons who commit these offences are liable for prosecution or fixed penalty notices.

Skate Park

During patrols I have not found any major problems. Many of the users of the skate park are well behaved and engage positively with police. There have been a few isolated incidents which have been dealt with at the time but generally there has not been too many issues in this area. I anticipate that during the school holidays there will likely be an increase in anti-social behaviour however regular patrols will assist in preventing and deterring such behaviours.