

Agenda HRA Committee Meeting Tuesday 12 May 2026
Highfield Church Halls 19:00h



- Annex.i. University VC reply to RB (Annex.i. attached as a .pdf)
- Annex.ii. Summary Report: Enforcement of the PSPO in Portswood meeting
- Annex.iii. Incident Log
- Annex. iv. Councillor Barbour Report with input from Councillor Foster
- Annex.v. Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group Report
- Annex.vi. Enforcement enquiry follow up BC - 24/00790/FUL - 197 Portswood Road

Prof. Roger Brown will chair the meeting

1. Welcome:

2. Apologies:

3. Declarations of interest:

4. Minutes
 - a. Committee Minutes March and Open Minutes March (amended and re-circulated)
 - b. April 2026 Committee Meeting circulated in advance:

5. Matters Arising, not covered elsewhere
 - a. Reply to RB re letter (17/04/226) to the Vice-Chancellor the boundaries of Avenue Campus (Annex.i. attached as .pdf)
 - b. Portswood Shopping Centre PBSA

6. Report of Meeting 05/05/26 HRA, Community Service and the Police regarding the enforcement of the PSPO in Portswood (Annex.ii and Annex.iii)

7. Information Reports from Councillors
 - a. Councillor Barbour, Portswood (apologies sent: Report Annex iv.)
 - b. Councillor Savage, Portswood
 - c. Councillor Foster, Portswood
 - d. Councillor Walsh, Swaythling

8. University
 - a. Report on move out weekend refuse meeting (RB)
 - b. University Report

9. Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group Report
 - a. Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group Report (Annex.v.)
 - b. Community Safety Fund (question for Councillors)

10. Planning

- a. Enforcement enquiry follow up BC - 24/00790/FUL - 197 Portswood Road (ex-Portswood Hardware premises) – (Update Annex.vi.). Please could the Ward Councillors follow this up as a matter of urgency? I am concerned that Conditions attached to this Planning Application seem to be brushed away with no timescale for rectification, signing off or following up on external Building Control certification. Which authority is responsible for building safety? HRAHonSec
- b. 3/3A Brookvale Road 26/00294/ELDC Application for a lawful development certificate for the existing use as a 17 person house in multiple occupation. Comments by 16 April (HMO, Class Sui Generis). RB

11. Reports

- a. Finance (MB) – income/expenditure for the last period. Payments: £192.58. Income: £552.00. Current Balance £4293. High Interest Account £26,356
- b. Membership (NM) - Members recorded on Database 346. Paid up members Jan 29, Feb 9, Mar 44, April 76 = **158**
Not renewed in Jan 8, Feb 8, Mar 14, April 19 = **49**

c. Digital Communications Report **Facebook/Website**

There are now 1286 followers on the HRA Facebook page. An increase of 6 since the meeting of 7 April 2026. Thank you to Ken and Barbara for photos, and also to Barbara and miscellaneous others for news items.

Website

At some point in the year we will need to update to a new Wordpress Edit as the Smart Slider for photo plug-ins is out of date and occasionally breaks down. Ross is investigating costs but it will be more expensive and could be upwards of £5.99 per month. Our last payment was £71.86 for the year. The Wordpress Edit is the management system I use for running the website so it is likely that I will have to become familiar with a completely new format.

eNews emailed to members

Two eNews / Events Updates were emailed to members - on 22 April and on 6 May.

Nadine Johnson Digital Communications

12. A.O.B.

- a. Update on Art for Art's Sake HRA@50 event (MB)

Dates of the next meetings:

Tuesday 16 June *A volunteer note taker will be needed for these 2 dates*

Tuesday 14 July

No Meeting in August

Annex.i. Vice Chancellor reply to RB re the future of Avenue Campus: attached as .pdf

**Annex.ii. HRA Summary Report of Meeting held at 2pm, Tuesday 5 May 2026
Enforcement of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Portswood Broadway**

Present:

Prof. Roger Brown (RB) - HRA Chair

Francesca Prior (FP) - Responsible for Community Safety at Southampton City Council

Inspector Yozanne Richards (YR) - Southampton North Neighbourhood Policing Team – (Portswood and Bitterne North)

Hilary Jackson (HJ) - Outer Avenue Residents Association

Nadine Johnson (NCJ) - HRA Communications

Included in this report are the following:

- The Incidents in Portswood Broadway Log from 1 April to 3 May 2026 (see Annex.iii.)
- The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is here:
<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/media/2pil3mdd/portswood-pspo-dec-2025-30012026.pdf>

RB welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that HRA was pleased to see the PSPO implemented and strongly supported it. However, HRA had not seen a huge impact or any real signs of improvement.

Enforcement, engagement, education and signposting

FP explained that unless Fixed Penalty Notice fines were issued the PSPO would not be effective. From Jan 26 fines were not initially included in the order.

Recent change of view, FPNs would be issued soon. These could be issued by both the police and Community Safety. The FPN was the final step after engagement/giving words of advice/education and signposting to partner agencies. They did not want to 'set people up to fail'. Only the Police could remove and confiscate alcohol.

The PSPO also gave Community Safety the opportunity to engage with people, educate and refer to outreach. There is a Day Centre and within the next month, a new Night Shelter would be opening. People who didn't have access to state benefits, were referred to the Rough Sleepers Initiative.

The Police had a dedicated PC and PCSO working on the Portswood PSPO. The latter had oversight. However, the whole team was involved. A trial of Pop-up surgeries along the High Street to raise awareness had been suggested.

Reporting

Community Safety had an email address which was easy to use and in working hours, Monday to Friday there was generally a prompt response.

The Police reporting system was more time consuming and this was likely to deter some people from reporting. Using 101 often took a while. Submitting an online report took at least 15 minutes. There was often a queue if reporting to Portswood Police Station. Desk officers were to be briefed about the PSPO and were to be briefed (YR). There was no Police email contact method. Reports were reviewed overnight and ASB incidents noted and any increases would be addressed (YR).

HRA Compiled Log of Incidents (See Annex. iii)

41 incidents had been reported between 1 April – 3 May. There had been no apparent enforcement of street drinking, no apparent improvement or reduction in the number of incidents. There had been a decrease in street furniture because it was regularly removed (Community Safety). However, this usually had to be reported by the community.

Removal of the bench outside the former Flagship Coffee

As 76% data related to street drinkers outside of the former Flagship Coffee HRA had asked for the bench to be removed. FP working on this.

Liaison between Community Safety and the Police

Regular liaison was confirmed. Two Action Days with joint patrols had been held with the police, CS and Street Prevention Team (who were not represented at the meeting). Possibility of these taking place monthly.

PSPO signs along the High Street

Although the signs were not very visible or not always strategically placed, they were statutory signs that were designed by the Design Team and could not be changed FP.

What can we do as a community?

Being hospitable leads to street people staying. Could reference the nearest Day Centre when engaging with them. Homeless in Southampton involved large numbers. Clients had to be 'clean' in order to access supported accommodation. Some preferred not to take this.

Future monitoring and enforcement

Both authorities were invested in the PSPO and in making it work. YR responded that the period from December 2025 was not a long time to get things in place. Reporting was very important as were clear descriptions of persons involved. FP said the ASB in Portswood would reduce over time. Rectification needed time and resources, neither of which she had - Community Safety was currently under-staffed.

RB reminded the authorities that the current PSPO replaced that which had expired in 2025. the meeting had been helpful and useful and a lot of information had been gathered but had not been very reassuring. A review meeting was suggested early autumn.

*Full Report Nadine Johnson HRA Comms 6/5/26
Summary Report for HRA Committee Meeting 8/5/26 BJC HonSec*

Annex.iii. PSPO Incident Log

| Date/Time (if known) | Location in Portswood Broadway | Incident | Reported to |
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| 1 April | Outside Boots | 2 street drinkers. Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety |
| 1 April | Immediately outside former Flagship Coffee | 3-4 street drinkers (looked like PCSOs in attendance as one possibly injured/ambulance waiting). Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety |
| 1 April | On the bench opposite Al Barakah shop | At least 3 to 4 street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety |
| 1 April | Outside the Polish shop | One street drinker Can of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety |
| Easter Monday 6 April 10am | Outside the former Flagship Coffee and also outside the Salvation Army Charity shop | 'Serious size' furniture and also rough sleepers | Reported to Community Safety |
| Tuesday 7 April Between early morning and 12.30pm | Seating area outside former Flagship Coffee and area immediately outside former Flagship Coffee | 5/6 street drinkers Cans of alcohol At least three sightings | Reported at least once |
| Tuesday 7 April 12.30pm | Outside Boots | Several street drinkers | Not sure if reported |
| Tuesday 7 April Morning | Portswood Broadway | Two or three groups of street drinkers – cans of alcohol | Not sure if reported |
| Tuesday 7 April Approx 12.30pm | Former Portswood Shopping Centre | Street furniture/bedding | Reported to Community Safety |
| Tuesday 7 April 12.30pm | Former Flagship Coffee area | Street furniture/bedding | Reported to Community Safety |
| 10 April 1.48pm | Former Flagship Coffee area | Three street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety |
| Saturday 11 April 7.45am | Between Victory Gospel Church and former Atlantic Cleaners – on steps | Three street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety |
| 13 April 2.30pm to 3.30pm | Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee | Up to eight street drinkers Cans of alcohol At least two sightings on seating/decking area | Not sure if reported |
| 13 April 3.30pm | Immediately outside former Flagship Coffee | Two street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Not sure if reported |
| 13 April | Outside British Heart Foundation shop | Street drinking | Reported to Police |
| Friday 17 April | Former Flagship Coffee area | Three to four street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to Police on 101 |
| Friday 17 April | Former Flagship Coffee area | Street furniture – chairs etc | Reported to Community Safety |
| Monday 20 | Former Flagship Coffee area | Four street drinkers | Reported to Community |

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| April 1.05pm | | Cans of alcohol | Safety and also to Portswood Police Station |
| 21 April Morning | Outside former Flagship Coffee | Street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to Police on 101 |
| 21 April Morning | Outside former Flagship Coffee | Street furniture/bedding | Reported to Community Safety |
| 22 April 3.15pm | Immediately outside former Flagship Coffee area and also in seating/decking area | Four street drinkers: two immediately outside the former Flagship Coffee and two in seating area Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety |
| 23 April 10am | Seating area outside former Flagship Coffee | Four street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety and also to Police online |
| 23 April | In seating/decking area and also the immediate area outside of Flagship Coffee | Groups of street drinkers on both sides. Loud Cans of alcohol | Reported to the Police |
| 24 April 1.50pm | Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee | Six older men street drinkers and one female Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety and to the Police at Portswood Police Station |
| 24 April 1.45pm | Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee | Group of street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety and also to the Police (online) |
| Sunday 26 April | Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee | Group of six street drinkers | Not reported as in car |
| Monday 27 April am | Immediately outside former Flagship Coffee area | One street drinker Can of alcohol | Not sure if reported |
| Monday 27 April 12.11pm | In seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee | Two street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to the Police (online) and to Community Safety |
| Monday 27 April 2.30pm | Seating/decking area and immediate area outside former Flagship Coffee | Seven street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to Police at Portswood Police Station |
| Monday 27 April 2.30pm | Immediately outside former Flagship Coffee | See above and also some street furniture: seating/crates | Reported to Community Safety |
| Tuesday 28 April 2.40pm | Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee and also immediately outside former Flagship Coffee. On both sides of the pavement. Difficult to get past. Loud and intimidating. | Group of 7/8 street drinkers and one woman. Drunk or high or both. Cans of alcohol Street furniture – crates and one very large cabinet which spanned almost the width of the former coffee house. | Reported to Community Safety and also to the Police at Portswood Police Station. The latter said the information would be sent to Control and even if they were gone by the time the police arrived, it would still be registered |
| Wednesday 29 | Outside former Flagship | Two street drinkers | Reported to the Police |

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| April 10.15-11am | Coffee | Cans of alcohol wide Also, street furniture - 8 foot wide cabinet immediately outside former Flagship Coffee | (online) and also to Community Safety |
| Wednesday 29 April 1.30pm | Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee | Six street drinkers Cans of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety. Went to report to Portswood Police Station but it was closed at 1.30pm. Will try again |
| Thursday 30 April 2.30pm | Seating/decking area outside former Flagship Coffee | A couple of street drinkers with one open can of alcohol | Reported to Community Safety and to Police (online) |
| Thursday 30 April 2.30pm | Seating/decking area and also in area immediately in front of the former Flagship Coffee | Street furniture: a couple of framed glass panels propped up against the seating area, and also some crates immediately outside the former Flagship Coffee | Reported to Community Safety |
| Friday 1 May Before 10am | Outside former Flagship Coffee | Street furniture: Sainsbury's packing crates and a covering | Reported to Community Safety |
| Saturday 2 May 11.50am | Outside former Flagship Coffee | Sainsbury's orange packing crates | Reported to Community Safety |
| Saturday 2 May 11.50am | On bench opposite Al Barakah shop | One street drinker on bench opposite Al Barakah shop. Can of alcohol on view | Reported to Community Safety and also to the Police (online) |
| Saturday 2 May 11.50am | Near steps in between Victory Gospel Church and former Cancer Research shop (previously in Portswood Shopping Centre) | One street drinker near steps | Reported to Community Safety and also to the Police (online) |
| Sunday 3 May 11.30am | Seating/decking area, plus immediate area outside former Flagship Coffee | Group of five street drinkers in seating/decking area and one street drinker immediately outside former Flagship Coffee. Very loud; there was some sort of altercation. Cans of alcohol | Reported to Police (online) |
| Sunday 3 May around midday | On bench opposite Al Barakah | One street drinker Can of alcohol | Reported to Police (online) |

May 2026 Election Result

Tba (KB)

Portswood Strategic Neighbourhood Plan

We met on 27th April and discussed the Portswood shopping centre. John Savage is organising a meeting at the library to discuss what can be done and to get local views. All councillors have written to Fusion/Tri7 about the change in plans and there are no responses to any outreach.

Also, at the meeting, we discussed a vision for Portswood in 10 years' time and there was much consensus, I will share the minutes of the meeting .

The next meeting of this group will be Monday 1st June 2pm to 4pm at Kat Barbour's house. (LF)

ASB On The Broadway

Street drinking continues unchecked on the Broadway Kat did a walk about to understand more of what is happening and to have some discussions with the people on the street. She will continue to report breaches of the PSPO and chat to people on the street. There are concerns about the security of the PSC now. (LF)

Avenue Campus

Kat has requested a meeting with Jane Falkingham (VP) to review plans for this campus and to see if any nature recovery plans can be installed. The recent letter from the VC focused on steps being taken on Highfield Campus including a memorial garden which I had suggested to the university. (LF)

Herbert Collins Tenants' Housing Association

A new tenants' association has been formed in Highfield and will be addressing issues of rent increases and maintenance with the letting agency. There should be more impetus from the Management agency since the Renters Rights act was enacted on 1 May. Officers have been appointed, and it would be good to make a link with HRA as there may be overlaps. I can arrange for a member of the committee to attend an HRA meeting if requested. The Green Party continues to have major concerns about the provision of housing stock in the ward to cater for all the diverse people who wish to live here and will be speaking to the new cabinet lead for housing after the election period to see what opportunities there are in Portswood ward to address these issues. (KB)

Portswood Wastewater Treatment Plant

Southern Water has put in a screening application for the Portswood WWTP, All Portswood Councillors are concerned about the levels of disruption that the works and increase in tankage will cause to residents. Kat and Lori are both concerned that the site is too small for this type of expansion, and that alongside their proposals, they should ensure that relevant physical and UV filtration methods are included to improve the river – this proposal seems like a sticking plaster and does not even begin to look at the crumbling waste water structures under the streets in Highfield – we believe it is only a matter of time before another situation of burst pipes (such as in Grosvenor Road) will happen. (Both)

Community Safety Budget

Portswood Ward has been allocated circa £25,000 for community safety projects, Ward Councillors met on 6th May and agreed some priorities – to update verbally.

Cameras for flytipping hotspots on Tennyson Road, Osborne Road North, Lawn Road and Horseshoe Bridge

A camera to address speeding issues on Highfield Lane

A bench in Janway play park (KB)

1. Reported incidents since the last HRA Committee Meeting of 7 April 2026 - (43+)

There were 43+ reported incidents since the last HRA Committee Meeting on 7 April. This is an increase of 22+ when compared to the previous period.

Incidents in Portswood - (41+)

36 incidents were reported in Portswood Broadway between 7 April and 3 May. These were tabled at the meeting with the Police and Community Safety on 5/5/26, together with incidents from 1 April to 7 April. The complete list is attached (36+)

Since 3 May, there have been 5 incidents reported, as follows:

- Graffiti on wall outside former Flagship Coffee (1)
- Graffiti on wall outside what was previously The Broadway pub (1)
- Group of 9 occupying bench opposite Al Barakah shop (1)
- Two street drinkers on crates outside former Flagship Coffee spitting and wandering about, including into the road (1)
- Two rough sleepers, one outside former Flagship Coffee and one on the corner of Brookvale Road (1+)

Note: A few members of the WhatsApp Group took part in the collection of data in the attached table (Annex.iii. plus one other member of the HRA Committee. My grateful thanks to them for their assiduous reporting. The collection of data for the attached table was taken separately outside of the WhatsApp Group in order to minimise WhatsApp Group traffic which some members were concerned about.

Incidents reported in the press/social media - (2)

Daily Echo 20/4/26 - A car hit Highfield Church Centre wall:

<https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/portswood-road-a-fatality-waiting-to-happen-after-car-hit-wall-echo-20-4-26/>

Southampton Police on Facebook 22.4.26 - The police are now doing regular patrols of The Common and a knife was located in a man's pocket in a stop and search:

<https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/southampton-police-facebook-post-22-4-26-stop-and-search-on-the-common/>

It is understood that the above incidents, except where stated, were reported to the relevant authorities, i.e. the Police and Community Safety.

All crime and anti-social behaviour incidents are listed here: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/crime-incidents/>

2. Meeting on 5 May 2026 with the Police and Community Safety regarding the enforcement of the PSPO in Portswood Broadway

The meeting was attended by: Roger Brown, myself, Inspector Yozanne Richards (responsible for Southampton North Neighbourhood Policing Team - Portswood and Bitterne North); Francesca Prior (responsible for Community Safety), and Hilary Jackson (OARA). A log of 41 incidents in Portswood Broadway was tabled at the meeting. A summary of the meeting will be provided.

3. WhatsApp Group membership

The representative for Church Lane has now left the Group. We await their arranged replacement.

There will be a changeover of some Councillor membership in the Group as a result of the Local Elections on 7 May. The new Councillors will be contacted in due course and invited to join the Group. Thank you to those Councillors who we are losing for their valuable contributions to the Group.

4. PACT

It is understood that there might be a PACT meeting on 2 July at Highfield Church Centre. We await confirmation.

Nadine Johnson, Digital Communications

Planning Enforcement held a site meeting on Wednesday 6 May with the agent and operator.

He confirmed that the rear build does not accord with the approved plans and there have been some deviations and additions such as air con units and compressor units on the roof.

He stated that 'they' no longer will be having the residential units above and therefore the need for a separate entrance, separate bin store & cycles for residents falls away somewhat.

He suggested they submit an application to regularise what they have built and to include the a/c units and compressors.

I had asked further questions below in green – and the Planning Enforcement Officer then responded in blue:

Would Building Control have inspected and signed off the building? Who does the Building Control sign off?

– the B Regs were done by a private inspector. I'm advised that not this is not yet signed off but SCC have no input on this

Please could a Planning Officer establish what the pipe is for; what might be discharged; whether it meets regulations? It is most unusual to see a plastic pipe sticking through a wall like this. Where could it be discharging? Would a gas box need a discharge pipe?

– this is the incoming gas pipe fitted by SGN – therefore is not a planning matter

There are no Cycle Racks:

- the racks at the rear are for staff not customers. But there is an excess of cycle spaces in Portswood Rd so providing all of the spaces would not be critical.

If they are air con pipes are they supposed to look like that? Are they safe?

– these pipes are connected to the 2 x compressor units that are for the chiller units

.... does it meet safety requirements? – not a planning question.

Which department signs off the conditions of the build as approved? When might this happen?

– Planning will look to see that the conditions are adhered to

When?

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HRAHonSec 9/5/26