

Agenda HRA Committee Meeting Tuesday 14 July 2026
Highfield Church Halls 19:00h



Annex.i. Portswood Project – Update and Next Steps – letter from Councillor Rayment

Annex.ii. Annex.ii. HRA Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group

Annex.iii. Annex.iii Minutes of the PCAT Meeting 02:07:26

Prof. Roger Brown will chair the meeting

1. **Welcome:**
2. **Apologies:** Barbara Claridge,
3. **Declarations of interest:**
4. **Minutes**
 - a. June 2026 Committee Meeting circulated in advance:
5. **Matters Arising, not covered elsewhere**
 - a. Council plans for Portswood District Centre
 - b. University plans for the Gower car park
6. **Portswood Project –**
 - a. Update and Next Steps (See Annex.i. Letter from Councillor Rayment, Cabinet Member Transport, to HRAHonSec)
 - b. Highfield ATZ Consultation Summary of Feedback:
<https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/media/4219/highfield-atz-survey-webpage.pdf>
 - c. Safer Routes to School Programme SCC
<https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/atf/safer-routes-to-school-fairisle-schools/>
7. **Information Reports from Councillors**
 - a. Councillor Barbour, Portswood
 - b. Councillor Savage, Portswood
 - c. Councillor Foster, Portswood
 - d. Councillor Walsh, Swaythling
8. **University**
 - a. University Report
9. **Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group Report**
 - a. Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group Report (Annex.ii.)
 - b. Minutes of the PACT Meeting (Annex.iii)
10. **Planning**
 - a. 26/00720/ELDC ELDC, 54 Arnold Road (SC)

11. Reports

- a. **Finance** – income/expenditure for the last period. Current Account Balance; High Interest Account Balance; HRA@50 Donations
- b. **Membership** - 346 members recorded on the Database. Jan = 30; Feb = 9; March = 47; April = 78; May = 23; June = 10. 197 paid up members 2026

Not paid - Jan = 8; Feb = 7; March = 12; April = 15; May = 11; June = 6. 59 did not rejoin in 2026

18 paid in cash; 47 paid by cheque; 143 paid by BACS (NM)

- c. **Digital Communications Report**

Facebook/Website

There are now 1302 followers on the HRA Facebook page. An increase of 6 since the meeting of 11 June 2026.

Thank you to Barbara and miscellaneous others for news items.

eNews emailed to members

There have been two eNews - on 23 June and on 9 July (NJ)

12. A.O.B.

- a. Photo Competition – see latest eNews
- b. Art for Art's Sake Exhibition update (MB)

Dates of the next meetings:

No meeting in August

Next meeting: Tuesday 8 September, 7pm. Please could a committee member volunteer to take the notes at this meeting (template provided)

Please ask for: Councillor Rayment
Direct Dial: 023 8083 2430/3340
Email: councillor.j.rayment@southampton.gov.uk
Date: 10th July 2026

Portswood Project – Update and Next Steps

Dear Barbara Claridge

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views on travel and road safety in the Portswood and Highfield areas earlier this year. Your feedback is helping to shape the next stage of these improvements.

Making local streets safer in Highfield – Many local people told us they would like to see measures to address driver behaviour issues on local roads. In response, the council is developing plans to install speed calming cushions and raised table on Brookvale Road, Russell Place and Abbotts Way to encourage safer driving and make a more comfortable environment for people walking, wheeling or cycling.

We will carry out a formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation in early autumn, which will show the proposed number and location of the speed cushions and raised table. Subject to the outcome of the TRO consultation, the existing trialled buildouts will be removed at the same time as the new speed cushions are installed with implementation in early 2027. You can read more about the feedback we received on the project webpage:

<https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/portswood>

Helping families travel safely to school – We are also working with Highfield Primary School to make daily journeys to school safer and easier for children and their families through our **Safer Routes to School** programme.

Through discussions with the school, we have identified some of the challenges families experience at school drop-off and pick-up including road safety concerns and barriers to giving families options for walking, wheeling or cycling. The early designs for this project include speed cushions and improving existing crossing points to help children travel more safely and independently.

Local people will be able to comment on these proposals through a TRO consultation also in early autumn.

Lower speeds - Earlier this year, we consulted on extending the local **20mph zone**. This scheme is progressing through the design stage and is expected to be implemented over the coming winter.

Better cycling routes - We are also working to improve key local **Cycle Quietways** routing around The Broadway, with Lawn Road already resurfaced in June and work is now planned on Priory Road coordinated with other highways works to reduce disruption. These improvements are expected in the Autumn and will help create smoother, more comfortable journeys for people travelling by bike.

A more welcoming Portswood Broadway - during late July and August we will be working with local residents, businesses and visitors to explore a range of targeted, short term improvements that aim to make Portswood Broadway a more welcoming, attractive, inclusive and safer place to visit. This will help support local businesses and the wider community by enhancing the character and sense of place of the Broadway and making it a more pleasant place for everyone to spend time.

Importantly, these proposals do **not** include traffic restrictions such as the previous Bus Gate. We are also confirming the remaining decisions from the previous trial as follows:

- The build-outs on Brookvale Road and Belmont Road will be removed. The related double yellow lines will be retained until the buildouts are removed.
- The Broadway and St Denys spur road (next to Trago Lounge) will be retained as is for now. This includes the 'no right turn' at the spur road excluding HGV's and buses, the mandatory cycle lane on the spur road and cycle stand on the Broadway. These will be discussed further as part of the consultation on the Broadway outlined above.
- Modal filters trialled on Brookvale Road and Russell Place will not return.

Thank you – We appreciate your patience while we have reviewed and considered all the feedback received.

By working together, we can create streets that are safer, healthier, and easier for everyone to use with improved travel options for all, and public realm improvements that support and celebrate the community.

For the latest updates and project information, please visit the updated project webpage:

<https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/portswood>

Project Timelines

Project	Initial Engagement	Consultation Period	Next Steps (If Supported)
Safer Routes to School	Collaboration with Highfield CoE Infant School (January 2026)	TRO consultation(Autumn 2026)	Design (July to December 2026) Delivery (Early 2027)
Highfield Active Travel Zone	Initial resident engagement on options (February to March 2026)	Formal consultation phase (Autumn 2026)	Design (July to December 2026) Delivery (Early 2027)
20mph Extension	Prepare extension proposal (February 2026)	TRO consultation (April 2026)	Final design and rollout (late 2026)
The Broadway	Preparing consultation (April to July 2026)	Consultation with public and businesses (late Summer 2026)	TBC depending on consultation feedback
Cycle Quietways	N/A	N/A	Lawn Road – June 2026 Priory Road south – Autumn 2026

Yours sincerely



Councillor Jacqui Rayment
Cabinet Member for Transport
 Labour Councillor for Bevois Ward

Annex.ii. HRA Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group

1. Reported incidents since the last HRA Committee Meeting of 16 June 2026 - (39+)

There were 39+ reported incidents since the last HRA Committee Meeting on 16 June. A decrease of 8 when compared to the previous period.

a. Incidents in Portswood - (29+)

29 incidents were reported in Portswood Broadway between 16 June and 14 July. This figure also includes those incidents collected immediately prior to the meeting of 16 June but not included in the report to that meeting.

- Street drinkers in seating area and immediately outside Flagship Coffee, plus street furniture (4)
- Street drinkers and encampment (bedding, corner sofa/bed, other street furniture, a bike, trolleys full of stuff...) in sheltered area outside the former Farm Foods shop, belonging to the former Portswood Shopping Centre. This also includes street drinkers outside the former Cancer Research shop as people from the encampment move between the two. We first reported the encampment to Community Safety on 11 June and then asked Francesca Prior (Community Safety) to follow this up with landlord/owner on 17 June as it was increasing considerably. We were then advised that the encampment would be cleared on Friday 10 July. Unfortunately, this did not materialise (21)
- Street furniture left outside the former Juice C Juice (2)
- A huge trolley full of stuff left outside October Books (1)
- Wooden pallets left outside Piri Piri (1)

Note: Data on street drinkers / rough sleepers / street furniture / encampments continues to be collected separately outside of the WhatsApp Group. Thank you to some HRA Committee Members and some members of the WhatsApp Group for their continued reporting.

b. Incidents outside Portswood - (10+)

- Someone came onto a private driveway in Upper Highfield Lane and keyed the length of the car on the drive (1)
- House break-in in Oakmount Triangle / Leigh Road on 25 June. Apparently, the burglars gained access by removing the putty from a thick glass window in the kitchen door and reaching for the key inside the lock (1)
- Resident in Welbeck Avenue checked backdoor wildlife camera and found that someone had tried the door at 3.24am (1)
- Intruder overnight in Brookvale Road. Picked up on camera but climbed through bathroom window. Fled when interior alarm went off (1)
- Car break-in and similar offences in Donnington Grove. An impact statement was given to the police. Someone was arrested and going to court (2+)
- Someone brazenly helped themselves to old cable from a neighbour's skip - in their garden (1)
- Several reports to the Council's Street Cleaning Team re prolific littering in Abbots Way, Russell Place, Brookvale Road and Portswood Broadway (2+)**
- Concerns raised privately by a member of the WhatsApp Group regarding the water quality on The Common and the effect on dogs. Followed up with the Lead Ranger, Dawn Bannatyne, who provided a quick and very helpful response (1):

: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/message-from-the-scc-lead-ranger-re-concerns-raised-about-water-quality-on-the-common-7-7-26/>

Note:

*A reminder that for larger items such as abandoned street furniture, large cardboard boxes/pallets, crates etc, HRA members can email Community Safety: community.safety@southampton.gov.uk
This also includes encampments, street drinking and other violations of the Public Spaces Protection Order which covers Portswood Broadway.

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

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

2. Bystander Training

Southampton City Council has arranged Bystander Training which teaches people how to safely recognise and respond when they witness inappropriate, harmful, or discriminatory behaviour. More here and a QR code to register for sessions:

<https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/55850-2/>

3. Beat Surgery: Portswood Broadway 20 July 11am to 2pm

See details: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/beat-surgery-portswood-broadway-monday-20-july-from-11am-to-2pm/>

4. Important communications from the Police on protest activity

These continue to be received.

A dedicated page has been set up under 'Hot Topics' on the About Us (home page) of the HRA website just for communications from the Police. Here is the link: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/important-police-communications/>

These police communications also continue to be posted on the News/Events page of the website: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/news/>

5. Reporting anti-social behaviour: which authority to use

Barbara and I have updated this key document: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/reporting-anti-social-behaviour-which-authority-to-use/>

Nadine Johnson
Digital Communications



MINUTES

Meeting Title:	PACT meeting
Date:	02/-7/26
Time:	18:30 – 20:00
Location:	Highfield Church, Portswood

Attendees:

10 x residents

1 x HRA

Staff:

Francesca Prior – SCC

Malkeat Singh – SCC

PC Adam O’Neil – Police

PC – Connor Jones – Police

PC – Chloe Borr

Ward Councillors

Cllr Barbour – SCC

Cllr Foster - SCC

Apologies:

6 x members of HRA

		Actions
	Introductions: Francesca chaired the meeting, introductions and confidently was discussed. Updates from previous meeting: Public Space Protection Orders update. PSPO details can be found here: PSPO Portswood Fixed penalty notice books have now been delivered.	
	Police PACT meeting in Jan was a whirlwind, so stats are from ending Jan 2026 138 recorded crimes, the latest dataset ends April 2026 151 recorded crimes. This is a 9.4% increase in recorded crimes.	

	In July 2025 there was 148 recorded crimes, so we are at the right baseline. Usually, a slight increase in crime in the warmer months, relating to ASB. But this is nothing to worry about. The protest activity and the disorder also contribute to the Police statistics. ASB is the main crime type and Public Order offences. MOP – What is a public order offence? POLICE – Simply put Any words that created harm or distress MOP – Shoplifting what are the current statistics? POLICE – Don’t have the data currently but will bring these next time. However, from the looks of it, according to the Specialist officer there are less recorded shoplifting crimes being reported. Earlier in the year there was a 60% success rate, and this is a lot higher than the usual detection rate across the country. ACTION – Adam O’Neil to bring shoplifting stats to the next meeting.	
3.	Community concerns MOP – Gordon Ave at the top Company servicing vehicles, loud parties and double parking – this is a residential area and is causing stress. Didn’t know if calling 101 was suitable? Alcohol is also being drunk on the street? Would Police respond? POLICE – This comes under Central patch, this could have a response possibly a grade 2 or 3, subject to the demand of the police on the night. This is ASB and is detrimental to your everyday life. FRANCESCA – Advised regarding Environmental health, ASB case reviews and will send some other information over to help. MOP – Noise from the Hobbit and Jesters sound travels to Ascupart House FRANCESCA – This is with licensing, but you can report through the Southampton City Council website to raise any issues. CLLR Barbour – Discussed the licensing process for businesses POLICE – Everyone needs to address the licensing objectives. MOP – Lives close to the Highfield hotel – is there going to be a protest tomorrow? POLICE – Nothing confirmed but there will be a Police presence in case. MOP – Portswood Broadway – Scooters and bikes, has anyone been charged or convicted as they shouldn’t be on the pavement? POLICE – We are not good at publicising our conviction rates for this, it is usually traffic regulations used to address this. MOP – Can there be some signs put up on the? ACTION – Francesca to discuss signs for no bikes and scooters on the pavement on Portswood. Also, with Coms to get some messaging out, POLICE – Will challenge it when it is possible. MOP – SCC and Police are the legislations going to change to catch up? POLICE – The Voi scooters are legal, and the others are not legal, as they are not road legal. Education is a point that is not being addressed enough regarding where private scooters can be used.	

	CLLR – Has reported a Voi scooter and Voi came back quickly and were really useful. MOP – What has been happening outside the Highfield house – this was noise – it stopped and then has started up again. Can the noise issue be dealt with? POLICE – When organising a procession then a notification to the Police must be made due to the impact on the community and traffic. Everyone has a right to protest, freedom of speech these are protected. Local Authority and Police have explored options to help prevent the noise and preventing regular protests. MOP – I have felt safe walking through the protests, due to the Police response and reassurance. So, thank you. MOP – What is the legal line on parking on the pavement? Particularly when the dropped curbs are blocked. POLICE – This is a parking issue, and they would deal with this, can fall into a Police issue then it can be classed as a dangerous incident. MOP – How do we get in touch with someone when it happening as usually about 6pm at night? POLICE – Depending on the situation, this could be a Police matter if it is dangerously obstructing vehicles reporting to 101 – Southampton city council can take reports of parking issues and will follow this up. If in doubt direct to the Police. Cllr – Any issues on Portswood Broadway MOP – This has been reported several times, and it continues. Can Police pour it away. POLICE – We now have fixed penalty notice books, we do try to advise other colleagues to enforce the PSPO when out and about. ACTIONS ACTION – Adam O’Neil to bring shoplifting stats to the next meeting. ACTION – Francesca to discuss signs for no bikes and scooters on the pavement on Portswood. Also, with Cllrs to get some messaging out.	
	Date of the next meeting: St Denys Community centre	