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New Neighbourhood Wardens for Billingshurst and Horsham

Horsham District Council has just recruited four new wardens for the District. Barry Faust and Glyn Thomas are the new warden team for Billingshurst Parish and Alison Page and Lucy Hallett are the wardens for the unparished areas of Horsham.

Barry, Glyn, Alison and Lucy join the existing team of six wardens based in Ashington Parish, Pulborough Parish and Steyning/Bramber/Upper Beeding Parishes (joint scheme).

Based within the community the Neighbourhood Wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone by undertaking a number of activities from enforcement to community development, working with the elderly, vulnerable and young people. They are managed by Horsham District Council, working closely with the Parish and Neighbourhood Councils to set priorities. The scheme is funded by the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Council Special Charge, with financial input from the District Council.

Billingshurst Parish Council Chairman, Paul Berry, said “We are thrilled that Barry and Glyn are joining us in Billingshurst and look forward to working with them to make a real difference in the community.”

Trudie Mitchell, Chair of Denne Neighbourhood Council added, “Denne, Forest and Trafalgar Neighbourhood Councils are really pleased that Alison and Lucy have been appointed to cover the unparished areas of Horsham, including the town centre, and we look forward to working with them.”

Cllr Tricia Youtan commented, “I am so pleased that we have extended our warden scheme to five areas in the district and look forward to seeing the new wardens make a positive impact on the local communities.”

Neighbourhood Wardens have certain enforcement powers and carry out high visibility patrols in their respective areas to deter crime and anti-social behaviour. Horsham District Council is accredited by Sussex Police and Neighbourhood Wardens can utilise certain police powers aimed at low-level anti-social behaviour. They can also exercise powers available to them as employees of the District Council in relation to environmental offences.

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Notes to editors:

The attached photo shows (left to right): Alison Page, Lucy Hallett, Barry Faust and Glyn Thomas.