



Neighbourhood Wardens' Monthly Report February 2026 – Billingshurst Parish

The monthly update from your Neighbourhood Wardens, Louisa Hull, and Ross Phillips

Project Work

Chapel Corner Gardens – Trinity United Reformed Church



Week 5

We started week 5 of the project by showing the students inside the church. They had spent so much time working outside that we had totally forgotten that they had only been in the Church Hall and not seen inside the main church

itself, until a couple of students politely asked to see. They then set about their tasks of clearing some of the remaining roots and starting to level two areas ready for the bases for the water butts.

Richie Brinkmann, Outdoor Education Lead, said “Year 10 are sadly coming to the end of this community project. They have put their heart and soul in to clearing the church gardens ready for the next phase of the project. I am super proud of their efforts, and they have really moved things forwards. Only one more week to go before we stride boldly forward to our indoor climbing module. We are emerging as a stronger, better team thanks to this experience.”



Week 6

Before half term we were joined by the students for the final session of the 6 week period. It really has been an amazing time working with and getting to know the students. They really came out of themselves, worked brilliantly together and we had some great fun along the way. We will really miss them. We hope that they will join us at some point again in the future on the project and with some of their great fund raising ideas.

Richie Brinkmann said “This was the Final day for Year 10 students on this fantastic collaboration with the Billingshurst Wardens. The students have thoroughly enjoyed their time volunteering for the Trinity United Reformed Church and made excellent progress clearing the grounds ready for the next phase. We were all really sorry to leave this project behind but hope to be back in the future to help where we can. Cupcakes, provided by the wardens, definitely helped us through the process of leaving the site and were the subject of much discussion in our evaluation process.”

Follow Chapel Corner Gardens Social Media

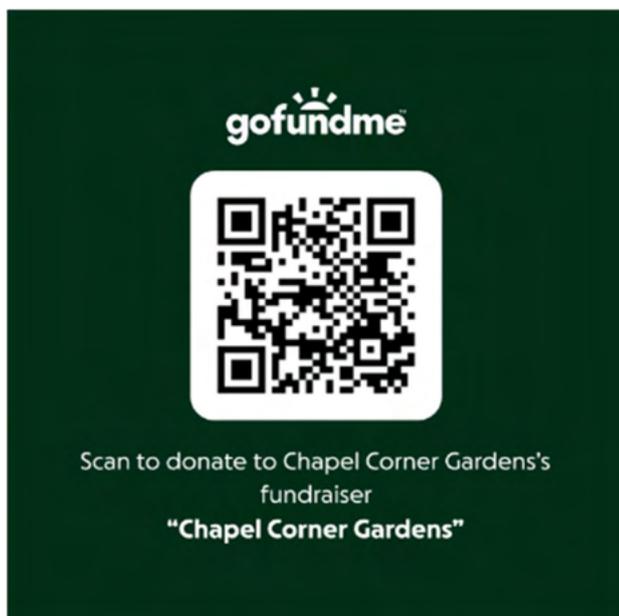
On Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/chapelcornergardens>

On Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/chapelcornergardens>

Fundraising – Go Fund Me



We have created a GoFundMe account to help with funding for the project and are really pleased to have received some donations from residents already. The GoFundMe page can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by visiting the link below.

<https://gofund.me/66b275c9e>

Youth Provision

Youth Boxing Programme Update



Back at the start of the current school year, in September, we spoke with the coaches at our Youth Boxing Programme about how we would like to present some of the attendees with certificates at the end of each school term celebrating their hard work, attendance and achievements. Due to a delay in printing, amongst other things, we were a little late in presenting last terms certificates, so this month we took the opportunity to present Jack Soares-Parsons with our "Certificate of Recognition" for his outstanding attendance and positive attitude towards the programme.

Welcome to our new female coach – Connie

Historically, boxing has been a "boys' club," but the narrative is changing!

We are on a mission to get more girls into our Youth Boxing Programme at the Weald School and we've got the perfect team to lead the way...

We are so excited to introduce our new female coach, Connie, who has joined Gio this month to bring out the best in youth boxing!



Events and Meetings Attended This Month

Sexual Harassment Training – Wednesday 5th February

We joined members of staff and councillors from Billingshurst Parish Council for an informative training session regarding Sexual Harassment in the workplace.

Sexual harassment training educates employees and managers on identifying, preventing, and responding to workplace misconduct, ensuring legal compliance. It typically covers defining harassment, reporting procedures, and fostering a respectful culture. Training is essential for reducing liability and creating safe environments.

As of October 26, 2024, UK employers have a proactive legal duty under the [Worker Protection \(Amendment of Equality Act 2010\) Act 2023](#) to take reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment, making staff training essential. Failure to train staff can lead to a 25% increase in compensation awarded by tribunals.

Meeting and walk – around with Amblehurst Green Residents Association – Wednesday 11th February.

On 11th February we met with Amanda, one of the committee members of the newly formed Amblehurst Green Residents Association. We had a walk around the estate and discussed a few different topics with her. There have been some incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last few months, which we have mentioned in our reports previously, from vandalism to bins and doors being kicked.

Meeting at Architectural Plants – Wednesday 11th February

On the 11th February we met with the owner of Architectural Plants and discussed our Chapel Corner Gardens Project and discussed the types of drought resistant plants that we would like to use. We are really excited that they have agreed to help us where they can with some of the plants we need.

Horsham Prevention Panel Meeting – Thursday 12th February

We joined the online Prevention Panel meeting on 12th February to discuss several young people who either live within the parish or attend(ed) school in the parish.

What are Prevention Panels?

Prevention Panels are a new Home Office initiative and key strand of the Government's Safer Streets Mission. The Partnership needs to ensure that children at an 'early intervention' level of need are considered and offered tailored and relevant support to reduce risk and vulnerability. This is through the creation of multi-agency panels.

Safe & Habitable Homes with Hoarding UK online meeting – Tuesday 17th February



The banner features a red header with the text "February 17 | 10am - 11.30am | Microsoft Teams" and a crest on the left. Below the header, the main text reads "A Real Life Perspective" followed by "A Safe and Habitable Homes special edition session in association with". To the right, three bullet points are listed: "Presented by Megan Karnes, Chair of Hoarding UK", "Featuring the 'talking about hoarding' icebreaker", and "Please send an invitation request to housing4health@westsussex.gov.uk". At the bottom, there is a blue silhouette of a house with a tree and a flower, and the URL "www.yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/safe-and-habitable-homes".

Ross joined a very interesting and popular session about hoarding on Tuesday 17th February which was held in conjunction with West Sussex Fire and Rescue and Hoarding UK. More than 250 people joined the online meeting to learn more about hoarding, how to support people who hoard and about possible enforcement action.

An interesting note is that hoarding is often a result of past trauma and goes deeper than people simply being messy or lazy.

More information can be found at the links below:

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/safe-and-habitable-homes>

<https://www.hoardinguk.org/about/hoarding/>

Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens - Come & See Us



On Saturday 7th February we held a Warden Drop-In at Billingshurst Library. The library staff as always were welcoming, and it was good to chat to them about what is coming up at the library. Although the weather was not welcoming outside, we had some positive interactions with residents young and old. We also introduced them to Billi our interactive cat.



Over the coming months we will be at the following locations:

Saturday 11th April 🕒 11:30 – 14:30 at The Billingshurst Showcase, Billingshurst Centre

Saturday 16th May 🕒 11:00am – Midday at Lidl

Sunday 28th June 🕒 13:00 – 17:00 at The Billingshurst Show, Lower Station Road Recreation Ground

Saturday 18th July 🕒 11:30 – 17:00 at Weald Fest, The Weald School

Saturday 8th August 🕒 Midday – 16:00 at Billingshurst Family Activity Day, Jubilee Fields

Future Events

Discover warden events happening across the district here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/wardens-events>

Local Neighbourhood policing events can also be found here:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area/sussex/horsham/billingshurst-shingley-pulborough-and-coldwaltham/meetings-and-events/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area>

Social Media



Billingshurst Wardens Instagram Account

Don't forget we now have our own dedicated Billingshurst Wardens Instagram account.

Please give us a follow at the link below:

<https://www.instagram.com/billingshurstwardens/>



Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens

We also share a Facebook account with the other Horsham District Neighbourhood Warden Teams so please do follow us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens>

Parish Specific/Other

Billingshurst Open Gardens



**Billingshurst
Open Gardens**

Sunday 7th June 2026 12.00 - 5.00pm

WE NEED YOU!

Please support your local community by joining its 2nd Annual Open Gardens day.

We are looking for any sort of Back Garden - it can be big or small, tidy or untidy, wildlife or even fruit and veg focused. It might have ponds or specimen trees. It doesn't have to be perfect or even finished!

We would love the opportunity to help share your passion and knowledge with other gardeners and interested residents of Billingshurst

Alternatively, you can get involved in supporting this exciting event by being a steward on the day.

Please contact Marie Montoya BHopengardens@outlook.com 0785 244 3811

[Billingshurst open gardens FACEBOOK](#)

Billingshurst
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service
1965

Station Road Gardens Volunteer Gardening Days



The Station Road Community Gardens have published their volunteer dates for 2026. The Billingshurst Men's Shed is often also open during these sessions so a great opportunity to pop along and speak to both organisations, if you are interested in joining.

Dementia Cafe



The Dementia Cafe is held at the hall at the Trinity United Reformed Church which is accessed via West Street. The cafe will be open on Saturdays 14th & 28th February between 10am and 12 noon.

More information can be found on the Trinity URC's website and Facebook pages:

<https://billingshursturc.co.uk/dementia%20cafe.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064598869390>

Friday Coffee Mornings



NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Billingshurst Coffee Mornings

Every Friday
10am - 12noon

Billingshurst Community & Conference Centre, Roman Way, RH14 9QW

Billingshurst Centre along with the Neighbourhood Wardens are hosting a coffee morning every Friday in the Centre's Stanley Room, so why don't you pop along for a cuppa and a chat!

For more info please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:
Call: 07795 051516 | 07795 051529
Email: billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

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Our Friday Coffee Mornings run in conjunction with the Billingshurst Centre continue to be popular.

The coffee mornings run between 10am and midday every Friday throughout the year (except Good Friday and over the Christmas period).

Whilst Out on Patrol



Report of a suspicious van – Forge Way

On Thursday 12th February, we were made aware via the Parish Council of concern for a vehicle parked in Forge Way with no number plates on the front or rear. Whilst out on patrol we checked on the vehicle and obtain further information and made a report to Sussex Police. Officers from Horsham Neighbourhood Policing made enquiries and it was confirmed the registration plates had been stolen from the vehicle.

Fly Tipping

Following the large amount of fly tipping found in the parish during January we are pleased to report that we only came across one pile of fly tipped rubbish this month. It was very disappointing to find it dumped in one of the EV parking bays in the Six Bells car park. This was reported to our colleagues in Environmental Services for removal.



Graffiti

We have not had any new graffiti reported to us this month and have not found any ourselves.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Damage

Fireworks being thrown from white van – High Street & Natts Lane

We were extremely alarmed to hear that a vehicle has been driven around Billingshurst, and fireworks/firecrackers have been thrown from the vehicle by its occupants at pedestrians. We have spoken with one of the victims and liaised with PCSO Fontyn asking that Sussex Police link any reports together. PCSO Fontyn is carrying out further enquiries and we are carrying out patrols when our shifts allow.

Eggs being thrown at vehicles near to Sainsbury's.

We are aware via local social media pages that a group of young people have been seen to throw eggs at passing vehicles in the High Street. Again, we have discussed this with PCSO Fontyn, and enquiries and patrols are being carried out.

WHO DO I REPORT TO?

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

999	101	CrimeStoppers.	British Transport Police	Horsham District Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A crime is happening now.• Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.• Property is in danger of being seriously damaged.• A serious disruption to the public is likely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To report crime 100% anonymously.• Crimestoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities.• Information given will be shared anonymously with the police.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-emergency incidents on a train or at a station can be reported direct to the British Transport Police online: www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime.• There is also a Railway Guardian app.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council.• You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: www.horsham.gov.uk/report.

See it. Report it.
Reporting crime and ASB means we can work together to reduce it.

Horsham District Community Safety Partnership
Horsham District Council

Sussex Police Website:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/>

Useful links for reporting litter, fly-tipping or graffiti:

You can report litter issues to HDC at the following link:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/litter>

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter bin here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

If you witness fly-tipping in action, please call Sussex Police and, if possible, provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant dash cam footage you may have.

You can also report it direct to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Abandoned shopping trolleys can be reported on the 'Trolleywise' website at: https://www.wanzl.com/en_GB/360-degree-service/TrolleyWise

You can report incidents of graffiti direct to Horsham District Council via their website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Horsham District Council App



Horsham District Council have a useful app that can be used to find out lots of information, report litter, fly-tipping, and graffiti, and you can even set up handy reminders about your waste collections too. The app can be downloaded from the Apple or Google Play stores. More information and links to download are available on the HDC website: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/mobileapp>

Dog Related Issues

Dog fouling can be reported via the HDC website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/dog-fouling>

Any attacks by dogs need to be reported immediately to Sussex Police. Their advice is that if there is an immediate threat to human or animal life to call 999. Otherwise report to the police on 101 or via the Sussex Police website reporting form.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Dogs Roaming Free

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, you may wish to consider reporting it to Horsham District Council's approved contractor on 07512 089777 and they will come and collect. ***This is a 24/7 service, but the dog does need to be contained for them to collect.***

***** Please note Horsham District Council does not have dog wardens *****

Rough Sleepers and Homeless Persons

<https://thestreetlink.org.uk/> connecting people sleeping rough to local services.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Billingshurst Parish

Ross Phillips
07795 051516

Louisa Hull
07795 051529

If you wish to speak to us in confidence, please give us a call or email
billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

THE WORK WE DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Based within the community, your Neighbourhood Wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone and promote community cohesion and resilience. The Wardens undertake a number of activities, ranging from enforcement to community development.

Neighbourhood Wardens can help the community in the following ways:

- Meet the needs of the community and improve the quality of life for the residents, through engagement, promotion and support.
- Develop projects that benefit the local residents, to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- Promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.

- Support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- Engage with residents daily to get to know their local community and become a trusted friend to offer advice and guidance.
- Offer education and advice when required, before taking enforcement action.
- Contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership plan by working with other agencies.
- Provide a highly visible and reassuring uniformed patrolling presence.
- Provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- Work alongside the Police and submit reports regarding drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

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In an emergency always dial 999