



Neighbourhood Wardens' Monthly Report March 2026 – Billingshurst Parish

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

Project Work

Chapel Corner Gardens – Trinity United Reformed Church

We are delighted to share the news that our fundraising bid to the United Reformed Church Synod has been successful. As a result, we now have the funding in place to progress with the hard landscaping phase of the project. We are currently finalising quotes from local landscaping companies and are excited to begin this next stage very soon.

We are still seeking additional funding to cover plants, benches and tools that will help bring the gardens to life. Details of our fundraising efforts can be found below. If you would prefer to donate in another way, we also have an Amazon Wishlist featuring items that are essential for developing and maintaining the gardens once the paths are completed.

Please follow the link to the Amazon Wishlist to support the project: <https://tinyurl.com/5j2cw22f>

Follow Chapel Corner Gardens Social Media

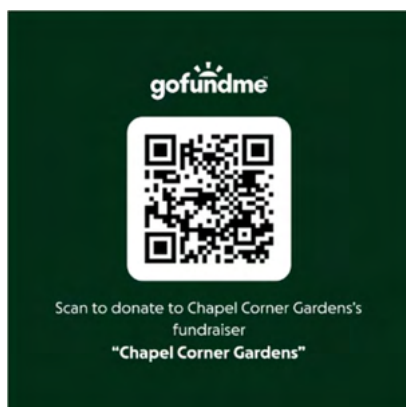
On Instagram:

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

Youth Provision

Youth Boxing Programme Update



We happily continue to see the young people who attend our 'Youth Boxing Programme' making great progress with their moves, discipline and focus.



Before the Easter break boxing Coach Gio presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sixth Former James White, who has attended the programme for 4 years. James received the certificate for his outstanding attendance and positive attitude.

Events and Meetings Attended This Month

Community Services team meeting – Tuesday 3rd March

Bi-monthly we attend a meeting at the HDC offices at Albery House with our colleagues from Community Safety and Community Development. We update them regarding our projects and hear from the team about things such as Voluntary Sector Support, internal and external grants & funding, youth provision and events.

Cedars Beavers visit – Tuesday 3rd March

In February we were contacted by leaders from Cedars Beavers to see if we could visit them during one their sessions to talk about our job role and to help them with their 'Community Impact' badge.

We went along on Tuesday 3rd March and spoke to the children about how we help to keep the Billingshurst Parish safe, happy and clean. We also spoke to them about how they can help to do this too.

We also took along our companion cat "Billi the Kit" who enjoyed being stroked by the children!



Here we are talking to the Beavers about our uniform and what our Neighbourhood Wardens logo looks like!

Annual Parish Meeting of Electors – Wednesday 4th March

PARISH OF BILLINGSHURST
You are invited to the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ELECTORS

Billingshurst Centre, Roman Way, RH14 9QW
Wednesday 4 March 2026, 7pm
(Doors open 6.30pm / Refreshments)

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Guest Speaker: Malcolm Morton on the role and function of the Ford Prison Monitoring Board.
3. Guest Speakers: Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens Louisa Hull & Ross Phillips
4. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 5 March 2025 (*1)
5. To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council. (*2)
6. To receive the audited accounts for the Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2025. (*1)
7. Question and answer session with Electors of the Parish.



Cllr P. Berry
Chairman of the Parish Council
9 February 2026

*1 Available at www.billingshurst.gov.uk / at the meeting

*2 To be presented at the meeting

We were invited to attend this year's Annual Parish Meeting of Electors to speak about our role and the work we do within the parish. We provided a power point presentation, with updates on our current projects and those we hope to work on in the future.

Bi-Monthly Warden Team meeting – Thursday 5th March

Louisa attended the warden team meeting this month, whilst Ross attended the Youth Boxing Programme. There was an input from members of the Mobility Scooter Safety Team (<https://mobilityscootersafety.org.uk/>) and our Communications Team.

The Weald School Council Meeting – Wednesday 11th March

We were pleased to be invited to The Weald School Council meeting for a second time. It was interesting to hear matters that are affecting young people inside school and how they can bring about change. It was also positive to hear about things that the students feel are going well.

Prevention Panel meeting – Wednesday 11th March

Once again, we attended this multi-agency meeting about children and young people within the district who are at risk of harm or may need support and to see what early intervention measures could be put in place to help provide this support. At the meeting places and spaces are also discussed where children and young people may be unsafe. This meeting is jointly chaired by Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council.

Billingshurst Primary Academy's Easter Parade – Thursday 26th March

For the second year running, we were delighted to be asked to judge the Early Year's and Key Stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade.

The sun was shining brightly, proud parents were lined up around the parade ground, and the pupils were all adorned with their wonderfully creative headgear.

This was however no 'walk in the park' – Ross was overheard saying to a member of staff that "this is the cutest and most difficult thing I have ever had to do" – a sentiment that perfectly summed up the joy and challenge of choosing a winner from so many fantastic entries.



Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens - Come & See Us

March Drop-In at The Depot



On Saturday 7th March we held a Warden Drop-In at The Depot. Unfortunately, footfall was light and so we will be at more of the main events and supermarkets throughout the summer.

To find out more about The Depot, please follow their social media accounts. Links below:

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/thedepotbillingshurst?locale=en_GB

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thedepotbillingshurst/>



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

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 🕒 12:00 – 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 Billingshurstgardens@outlook.com 0785 244 3811

[Billingshurst open gardens FACEBOOK](#)

Billingshurst
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

Station Road Gardens Volunteer Gardening Days



**STATION ROAD
Gardens
VOLUNTEER
GARDENING DAYS**

Can you help us maintain our lovely
Station Road Community Gardens :

Dates for 2026

Saturday 7th February

Saturday 7 th March	Saturday 11 th April	Saturday 9 th May
Saturday 6 th June	Saturday 4 th July	Saturday 1 st August

Additional Autumn gardening days:
5th September 3rd October & 7th November

No need to be an expert. Simply drop in anytime between
9.30am - 12.30 on these days, you don't have to come
for the whole morning. Bring your gardening tools if you have
them (don't worry if not, we have spares)

All are welcome, bring the family!
Refreshments for all helpers

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 051616 | 07795 051529
Email: billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

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

Great British Spring Clean 2026 – 13th March to 29th March



This year many of the Horsham District Neighbourhood Warden Team joined the Great British Spring Clean.

The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Each year, more than 400,000 volunteers' clear litter from UK streets, parks and beaches.

Research from the charity Keep Britain Tidy found that over two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK each day, at a cost of £957 million to councils in 2023/24, impacting public health and the environment.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/volunteer-with-a-litter-picking-scheme/great-british-spring-clean>





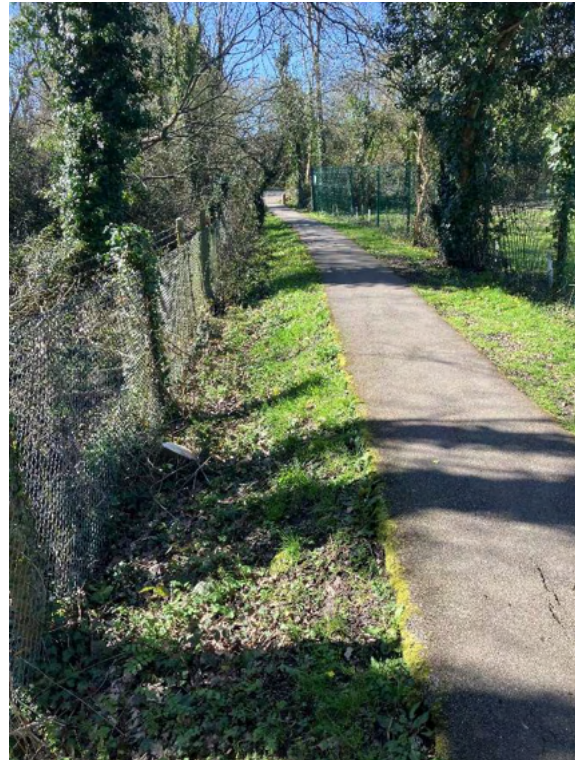
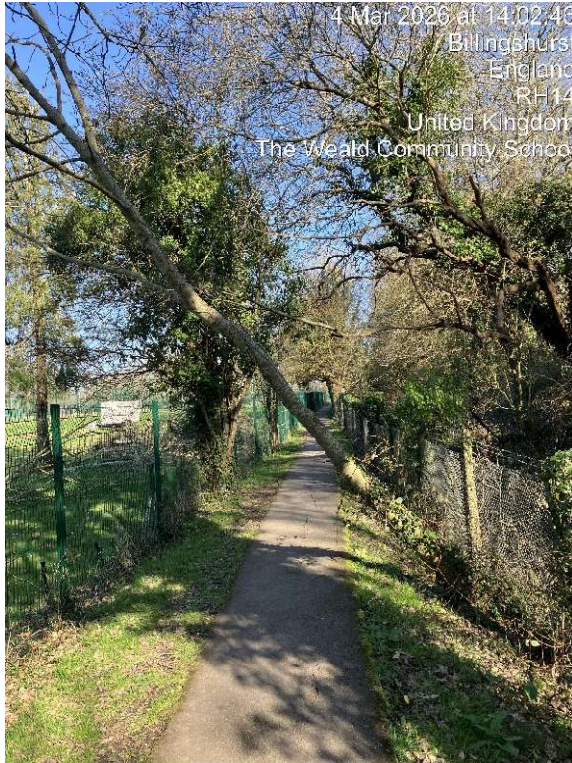
Whilst out on our foot patrols we took our trusty litter pickers and rubbish bags with us. We spent time picking up rubbish along the perimeter path adjacent to the bypass, play areas, Station Road Gardens and Lower Station Road Recreation Ground, the foot path from Natts Lane to Station Road Gardens, the church path and Amblehurst Green.

Electrical/Phone Cabinet, Berrall Way



We have been made aware via a local resident about some safety concerns around an electrical cabinet next to the footpath in Berrall Way. We have been making lots of enquiries regarding ownership of this but so far have a long list of who is not responsible for it! Our quest continues.

Tree Across Footpath adjacent to the Weald School Sports Fields



Whilst out on our foot patrols in early March we came across a tree that was leaning very precariously over the footpath from Natts Lane, adjacent to The Weald School field. We reported it to West Sussex County Council, highlighting the dangers particularly during the hours of darkness and especially for residents who may have visual impairments or use mobility aids. We are pleased to report that the tree was removed within 2 days.

Fly Tipping



Fly tipping in Wooddale Lane



Fly tip located in Adversane Lane



Sadly, there have been household waste and tyres located in fly tips this month within the parish.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Damage

Bins at Amblehurst Green

We were contacted by members of the recently formed 'Amblehurst Green Residents Association' to advise that the newly replaced litter bins near to the balancing ponds have been damaged for a second time. Advice was given to make sure this was reported to Sussex Police. We have increased our patrols in the area and given some advice regarding some hopefully more secure styles of bin.

Youths on Library roof

We were called by Library staff to see if we could offer advice on an incident where young people had been climbing onto the roof of the building, sitting and drinking there, then throwing their bottles into a neighbouring garden. This is dangerous and anti-social behaviour.

We inspected the building to ascertain how they were climbing up and offered some target-hardening solutions to the staff, whilst reminding them to report any such incidents to Sussex Police.

Vandalism to Public Toilets at the Library Car Park

We were notified by Parish Council staff that there had been vandalism to the public toilets located within the vicinity of the library car park. Toilet roll holders had been damaged and toilet paper strewn around. Billingshurst is extremely fortunate to have these facilities as many other villages in the district have closed their public conveniences due to cost and damage. We have patrolled the area at key times.

People throwing items from bridge over A29

Whilst out on our foot patrols we were contacted by a motorist who saw what they believed to be young people throwing items from the footbridge that crosses the A29 at Newbridge Road. This is extremely dangerous and poses a risk to life. Incidents of this nature should be reported to Sussex Police via 999.

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

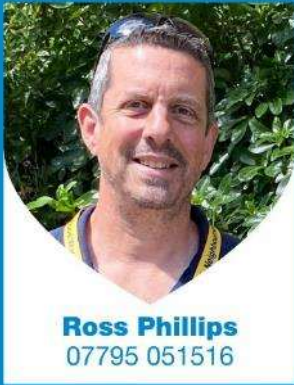
<https://thestreetlink.org.uk/> connecting people sleeping rough to local services.



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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
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@HorshamWardens



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NEIGHBOURHOOD
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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



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