



Neighbourhood Wardens' Monthly Report June 2026 – Billingshurst Parish

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

Project Work



Chapel Corner Gardens – Trinity United Reformed Church

Wow! What a transformation there has been at Chapel Corner Gardens this month! Our appointed contractor David Neale has worked tirelessly in all weathers to remove the turf and remaining roots from the site, mark out and install the path and make some beautiful plinths for the benches out of pavers and broken headstones. It's all coming together wonderfully.





Installation of the path & plinths for benches



Completion of the path & kind donations



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>

Follow Chapel Corner Gardens social media for updates on the commencement of the hard landscaping works.

On Instagram:

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

On Facebook:

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

Youth Provision

Youth Boxing Programme Update

Only 2 out of 4 sessions ran during June due to the heatwave and an art exhibition being held in the dance studio. However, the sessions were well attended by our regular group of students with coach Khumo describing the session on the 10th June as “one of the best yet!” The students focus and technique has really improved.

Youth Club @ The Depot

The Youth Club has really thrived since it’s inception at the start of this school term. We have seen a total of 28 young people attending with our highest of 17 attending in one evening! The pool table and games consoles remain popular as well as the great range of board games bought along by one of the young people.

A tuck shop is available on site (cash only)

If you would like to know more about the youth club for your child or you are an adult interested in volunteering at the sessions, please do contact 4TheYouth. Details can be found at their website:

<https://www.4theyouth.co.uk/>



Events and Meetings Attended This Month

Billingshurst Primary Academy & BPA Bees Summer Fun Day – Saturday 6th June

Ross attended the Primary School Summer Fun Day. Sadly, the weather was not kind, and the day was rather wet! But well done to the PTA and staff who moved the fun inside the school building. The event raised a fabulous £7,000 for the school.

Meeting with HDC Rough Sleeper Outreach Worker – Tuesday 9th June

We met with one of the new Rough Sleeper Outreach Workers, Claire Pepper, on 9th June. Previously all referrals regarding homeless people in the district we sent via StreetLink to the charity Turning Tides. Now the service is provided directly by Horsham District Council's Housing team.

The Weald School Council Meeting – Wednesday 10th June

Ross attended the School Council meeting this month. Interesting discussions were had about the forthcoming ban on mobile phones as well as other school related topics about food choices in the canteen and how the students feel about assessments. Our thanks go to the students and head teacher Sarah Edwards for welcoming us into the school and allowing us to join their discussions.

Messy Church – Wednesday 10th June

We had hoped to help the young people at Messy Church toast some marshmallows as part of their afternoon's fun activities but sadly the rain poured down and we were not able to carry out this activity outside. Instead, we joined in with some of the other activities going on inside the hall. A great opportunity to speak to families and the leaders of the local churches.

Knife Sweep at Cleveland Gardens & Station Road Gardens – Thursday 11th June



Louisa joined PCSO Fontyn, PCSO Bell and members of Sussex Volunteer Search Team on a very wet Thursday morning to carry out a knife sweep at Cleveland Gardens and Station Road Gardens as part of Sussex Police's month of action in Billingshurst. We are pleased to report that no knives (or drugs paraphernalia) were located during the search. A holdall containing clothes and make up was found in one of the bushes at Station Road Gardens and enquiries are being carried out to try and reunite them with their owner.



Dementia Café – Saturday 13th June

Louisa visited the Dementia Café on Saturday 13th June, held at the hall at the Trinity United Reformed Church.



Numbers were a little lighter than usual – we think some attendees were at home watching the Trooping of the Colour on television!

This wonderful café provides a warm and welcoming space for those with Dementia and their carers. The cafe operates on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month between 10am and 12 noon.

Ingfield Manor Summer Fair – Saturday 13th June



Light Railway (left) & Billingshurst Rock Choir (above)

Louisa also attended the Ingfield Manor School Summer Fair. The weather was beautiful, and it was lovely to see so many students and their families enjoying themselves. Billingshurst Rock Choir performed in the sun and visitors enjoyed the light railway on site. It was also great to catch up with some students from the Woodview section of the school who helped us at the start of our Chapel Corner Gardens project.

Visit to Billingshurst Mens Shed – Monday 15th June



Louisa was made very welcome when she visited the Men's shed on 15th June. The shed was a hive of activity with newly made shutters being erected on the windows and bird boxes and other items being made for their stall at the Billingshurst Show.

The shed still has capacity for new members so if you or anyone you know are interested in joining please do visit during their opening times – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am til midday or contact Keith Witt on 01403 785821 or at keithwitt@uwclub.net

Seniors Coffee Morning St Marys Room – Monday 15th June

Louisa attended the coffee morning and arrived midway through an interesting quiz hosted by Osmund Court Activities Co-ordinator Sandra. Did you know Elvis Presley had a twin brother? And that the Mona Lisa has no eyebrows?! Louisa didn't!

The attendees also participated in some gentle chair exercises to some golden oldies playing in the background. More information about the coffee morning can be found on the poster below.



Charity Sponsored Walk – Anchorage Care Home – Tuesday 16th June



As part of our ongoing liaison with care homes in Billingshurst and surrounding villages, helping them share information and coordinate activities for residents, we joined and supported Daisy's sponsored walk in aid of Age UK. Daisy and her crew managed to raise an incredible £854 for Age UK – well done Daisy & Co!

Billingshurst Carnival & Show – Sunday 28th June



Once again, the weather was very kind for the Billingshurst Carnival Procession and Show. It was warm but with a gentle breeze after the heatwave of the preceding week. We assisted with the road closure at the junction of West Street and Alicks Hill before joining the tail end of the carnival procession and then headed to our stand on the show ground at Lower Station Road. The number of people attending the event was high and there was a wonderful buzz. We engaged with lots of residents whilst their children enjoyed a spot in the shade and some building with Lego.

A huge well done to everyone who works so tireless on this amazing annual event and thanking you for welcoming us to be a part of it.

Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens - Come & See Us

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

Thanks to the kind invitation from the organisers, like last year, we will be on site during the afternoon of Weald Fest. Come along to see us and find out about our role and our projects within Billingshurst Parish. If you have any concerns about issues within the parish, come along and speak with us.



We will also be sharing our stand with the amazing Street Pastors team so if you would like to find out more about what they do within the village and how they help to keep people safe on Friday evenings, come along and find them too.

Saturday 8th August ⌚ 12:00 – 16:00 at Billingshurst Family Activity Day, Jubilee Fields



Our Family Activity Day in partnership with Billingshurst Parish Council, Billingshurst & District Lions Club and Billingshurst Sports & Recreation Association is back for 2026.

Come along to Jubilee Fields on Saturday 8th August between 12 noon and 4pm for lots of family fun, including donkey rides, petting zoo, bouncy castle, boxing, football, archery, axe throwing and much more!

This year we also have a fabulous raffle too with prizes from Fishers Farm Park, Active Reality, South Downs Light Railway, National Trust (Nymans) Leonardslee Gardens, Tilgate Zoo, RSPB Pulborough Brooks, Kinsbrook Vineyard, Freemans, Coco's Style, Amberley Museum and more.

We look forward to seeing you there

Future Events

Our September to December “drop-In dates” in the village will be published in our July newsletter

You can discover other 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

This month we have supported a homeless person who is sleeping in their vehicle just outside of the parish. We have updated them with where they can obtain hot meals via Horsham Matters and about the Billingshurst Larder & the nearby Pulborough Pantry and discussed other support services with them.

We have helped support several older residents, especially when they have experienced issues with technology, we have searched key locations within the village for a missing school student and we have given advice regarding barking dogs and keeping dogs under control in public.

Don't forget:

Station Road Gardens Volunteer Gardening Days

Once a month you can join other volunteers at the Station Road Community Gardens. 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.



Friday Coffee Mornings @ The Billingshurst Centre

Our coffee mornings, in conjunction with The Billingshurst Centre, run between 10am and midday every Friday throughout the year (except Good Friday and over the Christmas period) and everyone is welcome!

Come and meet friends for a cuppa and a chat, make new friends or come and see us to chat about any community issues or concerns.



The Billingshurst Community Police Office is also open when our coffee morning operates so you can also pop in and seek help and advice there too.

To find out what else is happening at The Billingshurst Centre please check out their website:
<https://billingshurstcentre.com/>

Whilst Out on Patrol

Joint Patrol with Jo our new Communities Team administrator

During the morning of Wednesday 24th June, we were joined by Jo who is a new member of the Communities Team at HDC based at Albury House in Horsham. Jo joined earlier this year and is assisting the wider team as well as Community Safety, under which we sit. Jo came to spend time with us to find out more about the Neighbourhood Warden role, about our project work within the community and we took her out on a patrol to see the sights of Billingshurst!

Dumped Charity Bags



On Thursday 18th June a resident contacted the Parish Council office as they were concerned about a male acting suspiciously in Natts Lane near to the bus stop and children's play area. He was observed stuffing items into the bin. We attended the area and found around 40 new Great Ormond Street charity collection bags thrown away. We removed them from the bin and contacted the company who is responsible for the distribution and collection of the bags, and they sent their employees to the Billingshurst Centre to collect them! Thank you to the resident who made contact and flagged up something that they felt wasn't right.

Crashed Vehicle at Okehurst Road



Whilst out on patrol in Okehurst Road we noticed a vehicle that had crashed into a tree. We were unsure when the accident had happened so stopped to see if anyone was inside. The airbags had been deployed but no-one was inside or nearby. We reported the accident to Sussex Police to see if they could check on the vehicle owner/driver.

Fly Tipping & Litter

Litter youth shelter

Once again there has been a disappointing amount of litter around the Youth Shelter at Station Road Gardens. There are plenty of bins nearby which are regularly emptied by John and David, the brilliant Environmental Operatives. If you know any young people who meet there, please do ask them to respect the area around them and throw their litter in the bin or take it home.



Fly tipping around the parish

Sadly, June has been another disappointing month for fly tipping in the parish. All of these have been reported to our colleagues at HDC for removal or the relevant landowners when on private land.



On 11th June whilst out on patrol we found a discarded mattress at the side of the road in West Chilmington Lane!



On 18th June we located more than half a dozen bags of insulation materials dumped near to the level crossing at Adversane.



On 24th June we were surprised to find a wooden sideboard dumped at the edge of the road in Wooddale Lane.

During the evening of the same day, we noticed on one of the local village Facebook pages that a resident had noticed a shelving unit had been dumped between two garage blocks in Coombe Hill and a bike missing one wheel in the library car park. The following day we attended took photographs and reported these to HDC and the owners of the garages.



Anti-Social Behaviour/Damage

Damage to Public Toilets in the Library Car Park

Unfortunately, damage was caused between 3pm and 4pm one weekday by a group of school children on their way home from school. The toilet roll holder was pulled from the wall and toilet roll strewn around. This was frustrating for the Parish Council Environmental Operatives to find and have to clear up and repair. This also meant this valuable facility couldn't be used by others.

Broken glass/beer bottle Lower Station Road play area.

An eagle eyed resident spotted green glass from a smashed beer bottle in amongst the grass at the playground at Lower Station Road and again the Environmental Operatives did an amazing job clearing it away.

WHO DO I REPORT TO?

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

999	101	CrimeStoppers.	British Transport Police	Horsham District Council
• 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.	• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.	• 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.	• 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.	• 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/>

If a neighbour is allowing their dog to bark excessively causing a persistent noise nuisance this can be reported to Environment Health & Licensing Team here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health/noisy-neighbours>

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


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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

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