



Neighbourhood Wardens' Monthly Report June 2025 – Billingshurst Parish

A June update from your Neighbourhood Warden, Louisa Hull

Project Work

An exciting new update to the church garden at Trinity United Reformed Church.



On Saturday 14th June I was welcomed back to the Dementia Café, and I was joined by my colleague, Storrington Warden, Chris Poore. This year the church celebrates its 210th birthday and what a wonderful cake they had to mark the occasion.

During my visit I had an interesting conversation with Meredith who, knowing my involvement previously with the Pulborough Community Allotment, asked if I could assist them with a community project that they would like to start soon at the church – a new church garden. After some discussion it was thought that a sensory area, including lavender and herbs, would be a wonderful addition and also a small growing area for produce such as tomatoes, lettuce and cucumbers that could then be given to congregation members and Dementia Café attendees as well as the wider community. Raised beds made out of railway sleepers were thought to be an ideal addition.

It's an exciting project, which we hope local residents and businesses will also join in with.



The church garden as it is now

A reminder that the Dementia Cafe operates on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in the hall at Trinity URC from 10.00am-12.00pm. More information can be found on their website:

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

Journey Support Group – The Depot, 83a High Street

The number of attendees to our Journey support group has sadly been low and, due to some warden staff changes and moves, it was decided to postpone our sessions. After speaking with a few local parents, I have decided to re-launch the group in September after the school summer holidays. Other sessions are running in neighbouring villages in July that Billingshurst parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Journey

A support group for
Parents and Carers of
Autistic and SEN Children

Come along this month to any of our sessions and meet with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No diagnosis required, no pressure, just a free cuppa and a chat.



Ashington

ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Friday 2nd May | 10am - 11am
Friday 13th June | 10am - 11am
Friday 11th July | 10am - 11am

Ashington Church, Church Lane, RH20 3JX

Storrington & Sullington

Storrington-Sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Tuesday 13th May | 10am - 11am
Tuesday 10th June | 10am - 11am
Tuesday 8th July | 10am - 11am

Storrington Library, (North Street) Car Park,
6 North Street Storrington. RH20 4NZ

Southwater

Southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 29th May | 10:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 26th June | 10:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 10th July | 10:30am - 11:30am

Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square,
Fairbank Road Southwater. RH13 9LA

Billingshurst

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Temporarily postponed.
Further dates to follow



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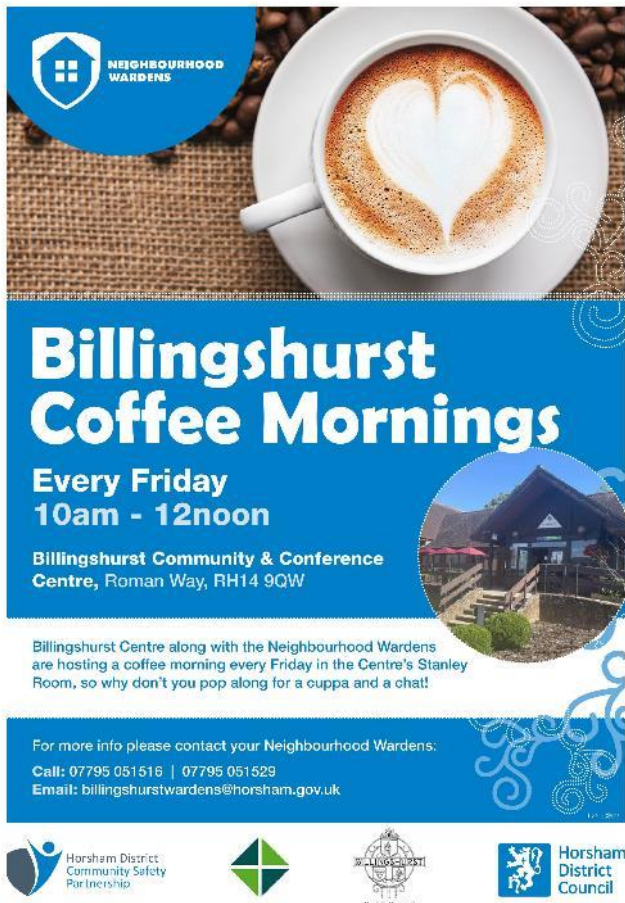


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Friday Coffee Morning

Friday Coffee Mornings continue to be well attended and over recent weeks it has been wonderful to hear the laughter in the room. A particularly difficult jigsaw puzzle has been completed by two lovely ladies and a new one started. We've also made the exciting addition of some toasted tea cakes and crumpets, as well as toast being available!

Please do help us to promote this brilliant facility, that we are able to operate thanks to the kindness and support of the Billingshurst Centre and the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome!



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**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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**NEW FOR 2025
IN BILLINGSHURST**

**OPEN
TO
ALL**

**BOARD
GAME
CAFÉ**

**Last Thursday of the month
Starting 27 March 2025
3.15pm to 5.15pm**

**The Depot, 83A High Street,
Billingshurst RH14 9QX**

Meet new people, have a cuppa and play some board games!

Try playing a new game, or why not bring your favourite one along?

All ages and board games experience welcome. If under 18's are attending, please be aware that this is not a club where child supervision will be provided.

For more information, please email: billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk
or call: 07795 051516 | 07795 051529

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Board Games Café

The board game café continues to run on the last Thursday of the month, although numbers of attendees has been low. This may be due to the great weather we have been having and people wishing to spend more time outdoors.

I have been in discussion with Assistant Parish Clerk, Richard Plant, about an exciting new group that may start fortnightly on Thursdays ... so watch this space!

If anyone has any board games at home that they no longer play, we are more than happy to accept donations.

Family Activity Day – Jubilee Fields – Saturday 9th August

Exciting plans are well underway for the Family Activity Day on 9th August at Jubilee Fields. There will be fishing and bushcrafts sessions held during the afternoon, childrens rides, a climbing wall, skate park demonstrations, face painting, Punch and Judy shows, balloon workshops and many more exciting activities.

Please follow the event page on Facebook for updates and help spread the word by sharing the poster.

https://www.facebook.com/events/1289272822912726/?active_tab=discussion

**BILLINGSHURST
FAMILY
ACTIVITY
DAY**

**SATURDAY 9 AUGUST
12PM - 4PM
AT: JUBILEE FIELDS,
BILLINGSHURST, RH14 9HZ**


- **CLIMBING WALL**
- **MAGICIANS' WORKSHOP**
- **BUSHCRAFT & MUCH,
MUCH MORE!**

FREE ENTRY

EMAIL: sarah@billingshurst.gov.uk
TEL: 01403 782555

Youth Provision



FREE
in
Billingshurst

WBC CARES UK


YOUTH BOXING PROGRAMME


Wednesdays
3.30pm - 4.30pm


The Old Dance Studio
at The Weald School,
Station Road, Billingshurst
RH14 9RY


Free Boxing programme run
by WBC Cares Boxing for
young people age 11-17.
No need to book, just come
along and try it out!

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Youth Boxing Programme

Our youth boxing programme continues term-time only in the Old Dance Studio at The Weald School. As the end of the school year approaches I have held discussions with coaches, Khumo and Gio, about how we can best promote the sessions.

Coaches will be carrying out demonstrations about both the forthcoming Weald Fest held in the school grounds on Saturday 19th July and at our Family Activity Day on 9th August. We will also be attending class assemblies in September and have made contact with Billingshurst Primary Academy to promote the sessions to their year 6 children.

For more information about WBC Cares UK, who run the sessions, please visit their website:

<https://www.wbccaresuk.org/>

Potential New Youth Provisions

June has included meetings and discussions about future youth provisions at The Depot in the High Street, a potential youth club and some activities/events such as a Warhammer group, Pokémon events etc. Funding opportunities are currently being looked into. We look forward to being able to update further in the future.

Events and Meetings

Horsham Peer Group Conference – 19th June

On 19th June I joined the Peer Group Conference to talk about some local young people. The meeting is used to discuss, in a multi-agency environment, vulnerable young people who are coming to the attention of the Police for anti-social behaviour or who are at risk of being exploited.

This group is not intended to discuss young people who are already involved in the Criminal Justice System, regularly going missing or who have an allocated Social Worker. Instead, this project targets individuals for early intervention with the aim of diverting young people away from potential criminal activity and exploitation.

This project is a Community Safety Partnership initiative, and meetings are chaired by a Horsham District Council Community Safety Officer.

Billingshurst Show – Sunday 29th June

It was wonderful to be a part of the Billingshurst Show and Carnival. The day started for me with a meeting of all the volunteers who were helping with the road closures in the vicinity of the High Street. My point was at the West Street Roundabout by the United Reformed Church. This area was a busy place to be, and the warden vehicle came in useful to close the road off to traffic. I assisted in directing traffic, turning vehicles around, helping pedestrians cross the road and assisting when a member of the public collapsed due to the heat. I watched the amazing floats pass by and then joined the procession behind the West Sussex Fire & Rescue crew.

The afternoon was then spent patrolling the show ground, speaking to residents, visitors and exhibitors. I was also joined by PCSO Graham Foster from Horsham Neighbourhood Policing Team, and we conducted a joint patrol.



Parish Specific/Other

Ice Cream Van - Trading in Carpenters

After receiving some complaints about an ice cream van trading in Carpenters at the end of the school day, I have carried out enquiries and established that under the Public Health and Licencing Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 there are streets within the district that are prohibited streets for the purposes of the control of street trading. Under this act Billingshurst has eight streets that are designated as prohibited streets. Carpenters is one of these streets. A complaint has been sent to the licencing team at Crawley Borough Council, under which it is believed the vehicle is registered, for them to take the appropriate action.

Homelessness/Rough Sleepers

The poster features the StreetLink logo at the top right. The main heading is 'Worried about someone sleeping rough?' in bold red text. Below this, it states: 'No one should have to sleep rough. You can help change someone's life by making an alert to local support services through StreetLink.' It then explains 'What is StreetLink?' as a platform to alert local authorities and outreach teams. The 'How does it work?' section lists three steps: 1. Locate (Send a pin of where you've seen someone sleeping rough), 2. Describe (Give as many details as possible to help services identify them), and 3. Submit (Your alert will go to local support services who will go out to find the person). A QR code is provided for scanning, with the text 'Scan the QR code or visit <https://thestreetlink.org.uk> to make an alert about someone sleeping rough'. The bottom section, 'Stay connected with us', includes social media icons for X, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram, the hashtag #BeTheLink, and logos for HM Government and Home Connections.

During June we were contacted by local residents concerned about people being homeless in the area. One was a male believed to be sleeping rough around the Jengers Mead area and another was a female believed to be sleeping in her vehicle. We will always try to speak to individuals and offer help and signpost them to organisations and agencies that offer support. However, residents can make a report direct to the organisation StreetLink. In Sussex, StreetLink work alongside Turning Tides to provide food, shelter and assistance where possible.

More information can be found on the StreetLink website. If you are homeless, you can also use the site to self-refer.

<https://thestreetlink.org.uk/>

Neighbour Dispute and Welfare Visits

This month there have been neighbour issues reported to me and I have been liaising with the Housing Association responsible for the area and the local Police Community Support Officer, Tom Fontyn.

A concern call was also received from a resident who had not seen her neighbour for some time and a welfare visit was carried out.

Vehicle Parking in Newbridge Road East

I have received a complaint about a commercial vehicle being parked daily in an area of Newbridge Road East, which is leaking oil regularly on the road surface. I have made a report to West Sussex County Council Highways who have attended the area and advised that they will put sand on the highway but cannot carry out any enforcement action. I have also contacted the Traffic Commissioner's Office and Sussex Roads Policing, and I await their responses.



Whilst out on patrol

Fly-Tipping

Unfortunately, whilst out on patrol in West Chilton Lane, I discovered a large quantity of fly-tipped household waste along with a bag of cement! This was reported to HDC's street cleansing team and promptly removed.



Graffiti

Sadly, some rude graffiti has been drawn on walls at Briar Lane. The housing manager for the area has requested the graffiti is removed and patrols have been conducted in the area.



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>

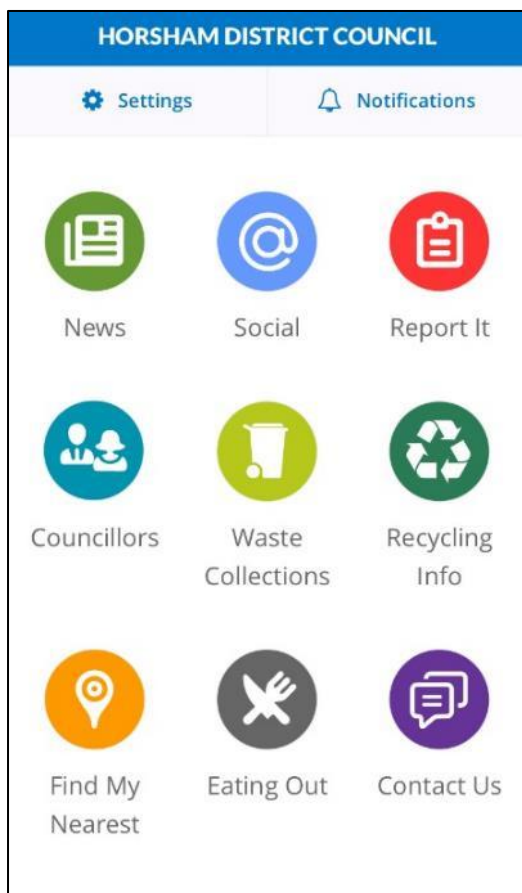
Abandoned shopping trolleys can be reported on the 'Trolleywise' website at:

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



Did you know that HDC have a very handy 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 Google Play store and Apple app store.

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.

Social Media

Please do follow us at:

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

999	101	Crimestoppers.	British Transport Police	Horsham District Council
<p>📞 999</p>	<p>📞 101</p> <p>or report online www.sussex.police.uk</p>	<p>📞 0800 555 111</p> <p>crime-stoppers-uk.org</p>	<p>📞 0800 40 50 40</p> <p>Text 61016</p>	<p>communitysafety @horsham.gov.uk</p>
<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.

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