



Neighbourhood Wardens' Monthly Report July 2026 – Billingshurst Parish

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

Project Work



Chapel Corner Gardens – Trinity United Reformed Church

Due to the prolonged period of exceptionally hot weather, garden planting works were temporarily deferred to avoid compromising the establishment of new plants. The project remains on track, and we are planning to move forward with the next phase of works in September.

If you wish to help with the planting or ongoing maintenance of this community garden, please contact us at billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

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>

Brick Lab Construction Club



🧱 An Exciting New Project - Help Us Build Something Amazing in Billingshurst! 🧱

We're excited to be launching a brand-new Brick Lab Construction Club soon, giving local children and young people a fun, creative space to build, design and learn through LEGO® and DUPLO®.

To help make this project a success, we're looking for donations of new or used LEGO and DUPLO bricks, sets and building pieces. Every donation, big or small, will help us create inspiring activities and challenges for our future builders.

- ✅ Got spare bricks at home?
- ✅ Have LEGO or DUPLO collecting dust?
- ✅ Want to support a fantastic local community project?

We'd love to hear from you!

✉ Message us for more information or to arrange a donation - billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

🏆 Let's work together to build the future, one brick at a time!

Youth Provision

Youth Boxing Programme Update



The last few sessions of the term were understandably quieter than usual with exams and ACE week, but one member made full use of the situation and had some quality one-on-one coaching sessions!

The Youth Boxing Programme is currently on its summer recess. During this period, we are reviewing the programme and exploring new ways to increase participation, with a particular focus on engaging the incoming Year 7 cohort and attracting young people from the wider community. As the club is open to all, this provides an excellent opportunity to broaden its reach and ensure the programme continues to grow and benefit more young people when sessions resume.

Youth Club @ The Depot

The last session of the term brought back by popular demand, a cooking session. The young people enjoyed cooking and eating their custom-made tortilla pizzas.

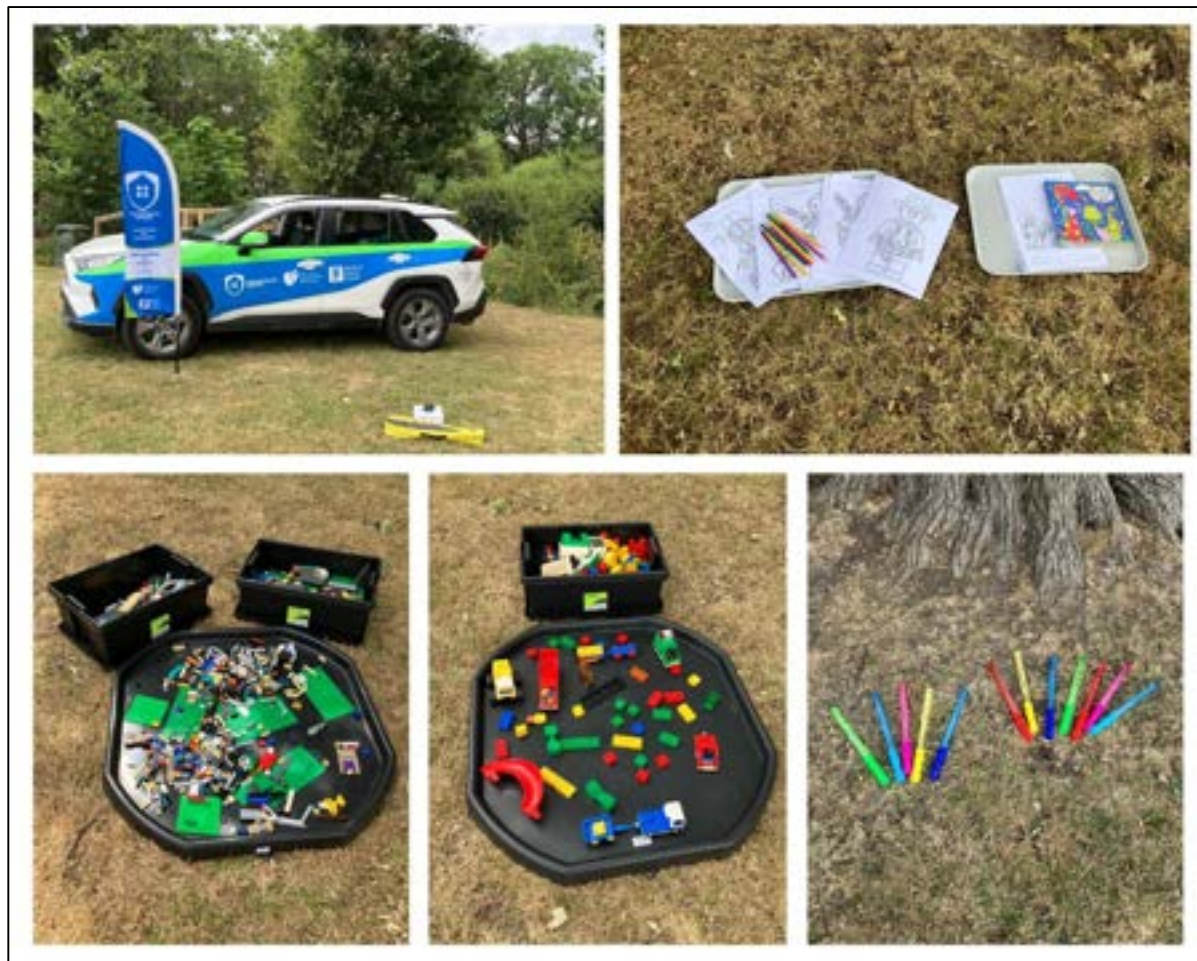
Similar to the boxing programme, the youth club is currently taking a seasonal break. However, it has been highly successful, with strong attendance clearly demonstrating the demand for this type of provision within the community. We look forward to welcoming young people back in the new term and, where possible, enhancing the programme with new activities, experiences, and trips to further enrich their engagement.

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/>



Family Activity Afternoons throughout the Summer Holidays



As part of our on-going work to provide activities for young people within the parish we have arranged six free family activity afternoons at Lower Station Road Recreation Ground throughout the summer holidays each Friday afternoon. The first two sessions being in July, with 31 children and their parents/carers attending the first session on Friday 24th July.

The sessions have been based at the at the bottom of the field (where [The Billingshurst Show](#) is held) just along from the skate park and children's play area.

The free activities available have been soft archery, football, cricket and basketball and under the lovely, shady trees we've also had Lego, Duplo, colouring equipment and bubble wands available too.

Our thanks go to Billingshurst Parish Council for allowing the use of the recreation ground and for their support.





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**FAMILY ACTIVITY
AFTERNOONS**

**Every Friday from 24 July
to 28 August 2026
2pm - 4pm**

Lower Station Road Recreation Ground,
Natts Lane, Billingshurst, RH14 9EX

Billingshurst Neighbourhood
Wardens invite children
and their families to join
them for some sporting fun
and activities every Friday
afternoon during the summer
holidays.

It's free to come along, and
children under 8 must be
accompanied by an adult.

FREE

For more information, please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:
Email: billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk



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Events and Meetings Attended This Month

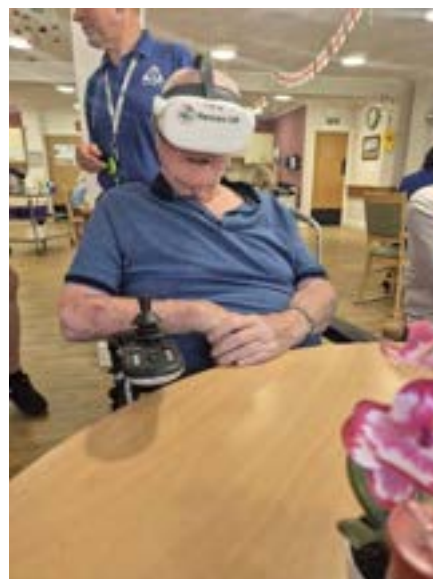
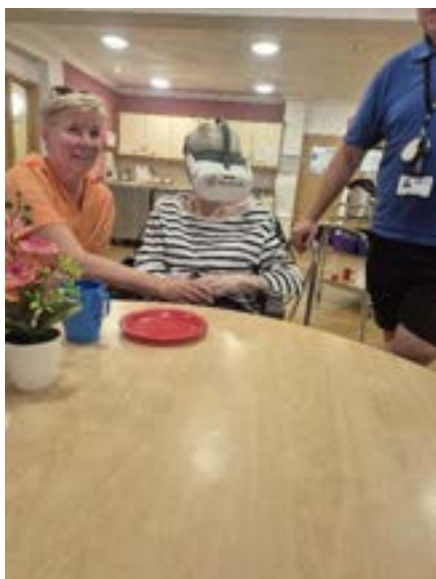
Visit to Derwent Lodge – Thursday 2nd July

Louisa spent an enjoyable afternoon at Derwent Lodge during the afternoon of 2nd July, with colleagues Phil & Chris from HDC's Community Link Team. The residents were taken on a range of fabulous virtual trips using a VR Headset and got to spend time with Billi & Cilla the interactive cats 🐱🐱🐱

Wellness Lead at Derwent Lodge, Miriam Bethune said "There were smiles, laughter and plenty of moments of amazement as residents were transported across the world without even leaving their chairs. The safari adventure was a huge hit, although there were a few suspicious glances around the room to check that the elephants weren't getting too close!

The penguins were another firm favourite and quickly stole everyone's hearts. It's fair to say they gained quite a fan club, with several residents ready to pack their bags and move to Antarctica if it meant spending more time with their new feathered friends.

A huge thank you to Phil and Louisa for bringing such joy, laughter and unforgettable memories to Derwent. Days like these remind us that you're never too old for a little adventure — or for making friends with a penguin."



Weald School Speed Networking Event - Thursday 16th July

We were pleased to accept an invitation from The Weald School's Careers Coordinator to participate in the Year 9 Speed Networking Event on 16 July.

The event provided an excellent opportunity for the Neighbourhood Warden Service to engage positively with young people, promote awareness of community safety careers, and support the school's commitment to preparing students for the world of work.

Throughout the event, wardens met with a number of small student groups, answering questions about their career journeys, day-to-day responsibilities, and the skills and qualifications required to work within community safety and public service roles. Discussions also focused on the rewarding aspects of the role, including building relationships within the community, supporting vulnerable residents, and contributing to safer neighbourhoods.

By working collaboratively with The Weald School, we were able to provide students with valuable insight into career opportunities within the community safety sector, while strengthening our engagement with local young people and supporting the school's wider careers education programme. The event was a positive example of partnership working that helps inspire, educate, and connect young people with services operating within their community.



Weald Fest – 18th July

We were delighted to be invited back to support The Weald School's second **Weald Fest**, and what a fantastic day it proved to be.

Sharing a stall with the Billingshurst Street Pastors, we had the opportunity to engage with a wide range of students, parents, staff, and local residents throughout the event. It was a great chance to promote our role within the community, answer questions, and strengthen existing relationships.

The festival featured a variety of stalls, activities, and entertainment during the day, creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for all ages. As the day progressed, the event transitioned into a music festival, with live bands performing throughout the evening and providing an excellent finale to a successful community event.

Overall, Weald Fest was a well-attended and enjoyable occasion that showcased the strong community spirit within Billingshurst.



Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens - Come & See Us



If you have anything you would like to discuss with us, whether it be community issues or concerns or to find out more about what we do and the projects we are working on, you will find us on:

- Saturday 19th September between 2.00pm & 3.00pm outside Sainsbury's, Billingshurst.
- Saturday 17th October between 11.00am & 12.00noon outside Lidl, Billingshurst
- Saturday 14th November between 11.00am & 12.00noon at Billingshurst Library
- Saturday 5th December between 10.00am & 3.00pm at the Christmas Fayre, Billingshurst Centre.

You can also 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-shipley-pulborough-and-coldwaltham/meetings-and-events/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area>

Carers Wellbeing Event - a relaxing morning dedicated to carers.

We have been asked by colleagues to promote a Carers Wellbeing Event being held in Henfield on 9th September. Hosted by Horsham District Wellbeing team, this 4-hour event offers free activities including guided crafts, 15-minute massages, mini health checks, gentle stretching classes, and social sports like badminton, boccia, and indoor archery.

Attendees can enjoy hot drinks, light refreshments and support from Age UK and Carers Support. Drop in anytime and stay as long as you like.

Please note that this event is designed specifically for carers. Unfortunately, the event cannot accommodate those being cared for.

Book your place below:

<https://bookwhen.com/communitywellbeing/e/ev-sg3f7-20260909100000>

A purple poster for a 'Carers Wellbeing Event'. The title 'Carers Wellbeing Event' is in large white font. A yellow circle with 'FREE' is next to it. Below the title, it says 'Wednesday 9 September 10am - 2pm' and 'Henfield Leisure Centre, Northcroft, Henfield BN5 9QB'. The poster features four circular photos of diverse people: an older man, a woman, a man, and a woman. The text 'horsham district wellbeing' is written in a cursive font. Logos for Henfield Leisure Centre, Horsham District Age UK, Carers Support West Sussex, and Horsham District Council are at the bottom.

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

Incident near the Weald School

Following a report to The Weald School of an individual exposing himself and committing an indecent act in the presence of a pupil, the Neighbourhood Warden Service was requested to provide support in managing community concerns and enhancing pupil safety.

We attended the area during school closing time on the same afternoon and worked closely alongside school staff to provide a visible and reassuring presence.

In partnership with The Weald School, we continued regular patrols throughout the remainder of the week and until the end of term.

This collaborative approach helped provide reassurance to pupils, parents, and staff, while maintaining a safe environment around the school during key arrival and departure times.

The proactive partnership working between the school and the Neighbourhood Warden Service, demonstrated a coordinated response focused on safeguarding young people and promoting community confidence.

Drunk male at the GP Surgery

After receiving a message that there was a drunk male outside the Billingshurst Surgery on Wednesday 1st July we attended and spoke with staff. The male had left prior to our arrival, but we conducted patrols in the area and picked up empty beer bottles nearby.

Other work in the community

This month we have also supported an older couple who were having issues with their broadband due to the digital switch over and helped them install their new router. We have searched for a missing resident with dementia, located them and returned them home to safety.

We have met with residents and given support and advice regarding neighbour issues.

We have also continued to liaise with our colleagues in licensing regarding the illegal trading by an ice cream vendor mentioned in our previous reports.

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

Parking

We have continued to speak with parents & carers outside Billingshurst Primary Academy regarding safe parking and being respectful to residents in Carpenters and Cleve Way. We are still seeing too many vehicles parked on pavements and double yellow lines. We have also met with two of Horsham District Council's Civil Enforcement Officers at the location.

Whilst there we have photographed the faded double yellow lines opposite the school and reported these to West Sussex County Council's Highways Department, and we hope these will be added to their re-painting schedule soon.



Fly Tipping & Litter

Fly tipping around the parish

Sadly, July has seen a large increase in fly tipped rubbish, particularly household waste in black sacks. These have all been reported to our colleagues in waste and recycling for removal.

If you have additional household rubbish, it is very easy to book a slot at the WSCC recycling centre in Billingshurst. You can do so at the link below:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention/recycling-centres/billingshurst-recycling-centre/>

Here is what we have reported this month:





We've also reported a dumped trailer full of rubbish and over grown brambles at the Jengers Mead Garages to the landowners. Also, whilst it is lovely to see so many people donating unwanted clothes and shoes to charity, we had to contact the charity that has a collection station at Jubilee Fields to come and empty it as so much had been left surrounding it that it had become an unsightly trip hazard.



Anti-Social Behaviour/Damage



Disappointingly there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour at Station Road Gardens with offensive graffiti carved into the picnic tables and wood being removed from the compost heap areas and thrown into the multi-use games court and flower beds. We are working to identify those that are responsible. It is a shame that a minority have caused vandalism and are ruining such a wonderful community facility.

WHO DO I REPORT TO?

Please see the graphic below that helps to explain who you should report crime and anti-social behaviour to and how. If you see it, it is important to report it.

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

999 - 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.	101 or report online www.sussex.police.uk All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.	CrimeStoppers. 0800 555 111 crime-stoppers-uk.org - 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.	British Transport Police 0800 40 50 40 Text 61016 - 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.	Horsham District Council communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk - 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.
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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.

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**YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
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Billingshurst Parish



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If you wish to speak to us in confidence, please give us a call or email
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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

