



Neighbourhood Wardens' Monthly Report August 2026 – Billingshurst Parish

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

Project Work

Brick Lab Construction Club



A brand new construction club for home-schooled and home educated children

**Starting Thursday 10th September
1000-1200 hrs at The Depot 83a High Street,
Billingshurst, RH14 9QX**

**For bookings, or for more information contact
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Whilst having Lego available at the larger events we have attended throughout the year so far, we have seen the joy that building and creating gives to young people and often their parents, grandparents and carers too. Whilst at the Billingshurst Show we spoke with Dominic Roberts (Chair of the Billingshurst Lions Club), who we have already been working alongside on our Chapel Corner Gardens project. Dominic spoke about how a brick club could benefit children who are home-schooled or home educated by helping them and their parents to meet new people and forge new friendships.

After the event we went away and carried out some research and put a project proposal together. We took our idea to the Billingshurst Community Partnership and Dominic took it to the Billingshurst & District Lions Club and we are very excited to announce that both organisations have kindly agreed to financial donations that have enabled some Lego to be purchased and a subscription to a 'Brick Borrow' Scheme to hire some of the latest sets available. The Community Partnership has agreed to be the lead organisation for the project and Dominic will assist with running

the sessions with our support. Our thanks also go to Billingshurst Parish Council for allowing us to use The Depot to be able to run the club. We are starting with a soft launch on Thursday 10th September.

Chapel Corner Gardens – Trinity United Reformed Church



As mentioned in our report last month, the glorious hot weather continued throughout August too. Due to this, the ground remained too hard for us to plant up the beds, so a watering rota was arranged by the working party to look after those plants previously donated by Architectural Plants. We are hoping to start work again during late September but sadly there is quite a bit of weeding to do already, before we can begin planting.

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



The Go Fund Me page is still live and we will need to purchase some topsoil, and more plants so please do donate if you are happy to. The GoFundMe page can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by visiting the link: <https://gofund.me/66b275c9e>

Chapel Corner Gardens social media is available via the links below.

On Instagram:

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

On Facebook:

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

Teddy Bears Picnic – Save The Date

Did you know that 'Sussex Day' is celebrated on the 16th June every year?

2027 marks 1550 years since Sussex was founded as an independent Kingdom in 477AD. Celebrations are already being planned across the county to mark the occasion during the week of Saturday 12th June to Sunday 20th June 2027.

In collaboration with Billingshurst Parish Council we are planning a Family Teddy Bears Picnic at Station Road Gardens on Saturday 12th June 2027 between 11am and 3pm. More information will follow nearer the time but please do add the dates to your diaries.

More information about Sussex 1550 can be found at the website below:

<https://sussex1550.com/>

Youth Provision

Youth Boxing Programme

After the summer break our Billingshurst Youth Boxing Programme held in the Dance Studio at [The Weald School](#) begins again from Wednesday 9th September for 11-17 year olds and runs from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. The programme is funded by [Billingshurst Parish Council](#) and supported by [Billingshurst & District Lions Club](#) with fabulous coaches from [WBC Cares UK](#).

Questions we are often asked:



Where is it held? - In the Dance Studio at The Weald School

When? – After school 3:15pm until 4:15pm (Late bus available for Weald Students)

Who can come? – Open to all secondary year groups from any school and home educated young people

Can I just turn up? – Yes, no need to book

Who will be there? – Coaches from Brighton & Hove Boxing Gym who operate under the WBC Cares programme & Ross and Louisa the Neighbourhood Wardens

If you'd like to know more about WBC Cares UK please take a look at their website here:

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

Youth Club @ The Depot

After a successful first term, since it's April launch, the Youth Club at The Depot returns on Wednesday 9th September and continues each Wednesday evening during term time.

The Youth Club is currently aimed at young people in school years 6-8 although some young people in older year groups are returning to help support running activities and the tuck shop.

Sessions cost £3 to attend for non-members of 4TheYouth and £2 for members. Details about all the youth clubs run by 4TheYouth and how to become a member are available at their website:

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



Events and Meetings Attended This Month

Family Activity Day at Jubilee Fields – Saturday 8th August





On Saturday 8th August we held the 3rd annual 'Family Activity Day' at Jubilee Fields in conjunction with Billingshurst Parish Council and the Billingshurst Sports & Recreation Association. The day was a scorcher. It was lovely to see so many families come out to enjoy the range of activities on offer. The climbing wall was constantly in use and the magicians and balloon modelling once again proved very popular. The donkey rides and petting zoo were new additions this year and thoroughly enjoyed. Fishing and Bushcraft were also well attended. Our thanks to Animal Bouncers, Lodge Hill and Southwater Academies for attending for the first time. Huge thanks also to Ian Ford from Horsham Sports Services for all the sports tasters, Artemis for providing archery and axe throwing opportunities, the coaches from our Youth Boxing Programme who came along to offer demos and to the Eade Family for providing Baby Zone facilities and their ingenious homemade games including 'roll a 2p'.

A huge thank you also to all the businesses and organisations that donated to our raffle, enabling us to put money towards next year's fun day. Congratulations to all those that won a prize.

We set up our 'Brick Lab Construction Zone' which not only proved popular with the children but their parents too and even the Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk joined in the fun!

Another save the date for your diaries – next year's Family Activity Day is planned for **Saturday 7th August 2027**. If you'd like to get involved, please do email: events@billingshurst.gov.uk

Meeting with new Age UK Community Agent – Thursday 20th August

Our role involves a large amount of partnership working with other organisations and signposting residents to services they offer. In West Sussex Age UK have a Community Agent Service. Community Agents work out in the community supporting older people to connect with activities and services to improve their wellbeing.

Age UK Community Agents can:

- * Offer short-term one-to-one support to people in the community.
- * Signpost and refer customers to other services and organisations when needed.
- * Provide support to customers to help build and maintain social connections within their communities.
- * Provide information on local clubs, groups and activities.

A new agent, Elena, has recently joined the team based at Lavinia House in Horsham and will be covering the Horsham District. Elena came to meet with us to find out about our role and to discuss what is available for older people in Billingshurst.

Standard Operating Procedure Meeting – Tuesday 25th August

We met with our colleague Alison, who is a Neighbourhood Warden in Steyning, Upper Beeding & Bramber Parishes and a member of our wider warden team to continue with an ongoing project to update and streamline our Warden's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). A SOP is a set of step-by-step instructions that a business or organization creates to help workers carry out routine tasks safely, efficiently, and consistently. The warden role has evolved over time, and some policies and procedures have changed and with Local Government Reorganisation on the horizon, our team felt now was the time for the document to be reviewed and also to assist any new wardens joining our wider HDC team.

Meeting with HDC Community Safety Officer – Wednesday 26th August

As part of our community safety role, we are often made aware of and come across incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. Sometimes there are hotspot areas where groups congregate and where damage is caused. This month's hotspot areas feature later in the report. We work alongside other departments within Horsham District Council and Billingshurst Parish Council to try to help resolve these issues and we liaise with partner agencies such as Sussex Police, West Sussex Fire & Rescue and West Sussex County Council. On 26th August we met with one of the Community Safety Officers on our team to discuss several locations within the village where anti-social behaviour has been occurring and also the names of young people who have been coming to attention.

Family Activity Afternoons

Following the success of last year's programme, a series of free activity afternoons were once again delivered each Friday throughout the summer holidays on the Lower Station Road Playing Field. The sessions were open to all residents and aimed to provide accessible, enjoyable activities for local families during the long school summer break. A wide range of activities was available each week, including football, cricket, archery, badminton, basketball, LEGO play, colouring activities, bubble wands and many other games and challenges. This variety ensured there was something to appeal to children and young people of all ages and interests.

The sessions were very well attended, with participation regularly exceeding 20 young people on some afternoons. Attendance remained consistently positive throughout the programme, demonstrating a clear appetite for free, local activities within the community.



Feedback from parents and carers was overwhelmingly positive. Many expressed their appreciation for having safe, inclusive activities available during the school holidays, particularly at no cost. Families commented that the sessions provided valuable opportunities for children to stay active, socialise with their peers and try new activities in a welcoming environment.

The programme continues to deliver a number of important community benefits, including reducing barriers to participation by offering free activities, encouraging healthy and active lifestyles, supporting family wellbeing during the holidays, and helping to strengthen community connections. The positive attendance figures and feedback received highlight the value of continuing to provide these accessible opportunities for local families.

Overall, the summer activity afternoons were once again a great success and were warmly received by residents, providing a positive and engaging focus for children and families throughout the holiday period.

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-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

Don't forget:

Station Road Gardens Volunteer Gardening Days

Once a month the Station Road Gardens volunteer team work hard gardening and maintaining Station Road Community Gardens for everyone to enjoy. They would love for more volunteers to join them so please do pop along and meet them on 3rd October or 7th November to find out more.

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.

Keep updated about Station Road Community Gardens here:

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

You can find out more about Billingshurst Men's Shed at their Facebook Page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082344994408>



Friday Coffee Mornings @ The Billingshurst Centre



It's been great to hear the buzz in the room at our Friday Coffee Mornings recently. We have on average 20+ people coming along and it is lovely to see people spending time with old friends and making new ones.

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



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/>

Horsham Matters Support On The Move Visits

Horsham Matters offer a mobile advice service across the district each month, helping local people with benefits checks, assisting regarding housing, budgeting, careers advice and more. The van visits Billingshurst on the last Friday of the month and can be found located in the Community Centre car park in Roman Way. Their next visit will be on Friday 25th September.

<https://www.horsham-matters.org.uk/>

SUPPORT ON THE MOVE



SEPTEMBER 2026 SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 1st	
Pulborough Pantry	8:30AM - 10:00AM
THURSDAY 3rd	
Star Car Park Roffley	9:30AM - 10:30AM
MONDAY 7th	
Storrington Village Hub	2:00PM - 3:30PM
TUESDAY 8th	
Community Fridge Horsham	10:00AM - 11:00AM
WEDNESDAY 9th	
Henfield High Street	10:00AM - 12:00PM
THURSDAY 10th	
Lintot Square Southwater	10:00AM - 11:30AM
WEDNESDAY 16th	
Redkirk Foodbank Horsham	10:00AM - 12:00PM
FRIDAY 18th	
Redkirk Foodbank Horsham	10:00AM - 12:00PM
MONDAY 21st	
Storrington Village Hub	2:00PM - 3:30PM
WEDNESDAY 23rd	
Storrington Leisure Centre	10:00AM - 11:30AM
FRIDAY 25th	
Billingshurst Community Centre	10:00AM - 11:30AM
MONDAY 28th	
Storrington Village Hub	2:00PM - 3:30PM
TUESDAY 29th	
Pulborough Pantry	8:30AM - 10:00AM
WEDNESDAY 30th	
Star Carpark Roffley	1:00PM - 2:00PM

Our specialist vehicle taking our advice services to the outlying areas of the district. What advice we offer:

- Benefit checks
- Signposting
- Career advice

- Housing
- Budgeting

Charity number: 1116253
info@horsham-matters.org.uk
 0300 124 0204

Whilst Out on Patrol

Broken Glass in Forge Way



Horsham District Council was contacted by a resident who was concerned about broken glass on a grass verge in Forge Way, as they were concerned that due to the dry conditions it may cause a fire. We attended and cleared away the glass as best as we could. We were also concerned that the glass would injure pets and wildlife in the area.

Graffiti



On checking the local village Facebook page, we noticed a post regarding concern about offensive graffiti at the playpark adjacent to Challen Street at Amblehurst Green. We went to check the area whilst out on patrol but were happy to find some joyful children's drawings made using chalk which is a non-permanent material and has since been washed away by the rain that we have seen following the summer heatwaves.

Fly Tipping & Litter

Fly tipping around the parish

August saw less fly tipping within the parish than in July but sadly any fly tipping is not acceptable. There has been an increase in building materials and commercial waste.

Here is what we have reported this month:





If you have any 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/>

Anti-Social Behaviour/Damage

Former Barclays Bank

Sadly, this building continues to suffer from neglect and remains inadequately secured against damage and unauthorised access. This is despite previous remedial works having been undertaken and repeated requests being made to the owners to implement further proactive and preventative security measures while the building remains undeveloped.

Following the recent vandalism in which the front doors were smashed, we attended the site alongside PCSO Tom Fontyn to assess the damage and discuss concerns regarding potential ongoing access to the building, particularly via the rear stairwell and roof area.

Attempts have subsequently been made to contact the owners to raise concerns about the current condition and security of the property and to encourage further action. However, at the time of writing, no response has been received.

The continued deterioration of the building and the lack of appropriate security measures remain a concern, not only due to the risk of further criminal damage and anti-social behaviour, but also because of the potential safety risks associated with unauthorised access to the site. We will continue to monitor the situation and pursue engagement with the owners where possible.



Wood being thrown around at Station Road Gardens – Plaque removed from tree



Sadly, the Station Road Gardens volunteers reported that, once again, the wooden dividers from the compost heaps had been removed and thrown around the gardens and surrounding grounds. Even more distressingly, a memorial plaque was ripped from the ground and discarded nearby.

This ongoing vandalism and lack of respect for a valued community space continues to have a significant impact on the small number of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain and improve the gardens for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. Each incident requires additional time and effort to repair the damage, diverting resources away from positive projects and improvements.

Despite these challenges, the volunteers remain committed to preserving the gardens, and their hard work and resilience deserve recognition. It is disappointing that a community asset, maintained largely through volunteer effort, continues to be subjected to such needless acts of damage and disrespect.

Noise & Litter Complaints at Station Road

Complaints were received by the Parish & District Councils regarding anti-social behaviour by a group meeting on the steps of Wilkins House in Station Road. Noise issues and an increase in litter were reported. We spoke with PCSO Fontyn about the issues and additional patrols were conducted in the area by both him and us. Local businesses were also visited.

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	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 Environmental 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 WARDENS

Billingshurst Parish



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

01323 02802

In an emergency always dial 999



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