

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

August 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	182	ASB incidents TOTAL:	8
Foot (high visibility)	150	Noise/Miscellaneous	2
Vehicle	23	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:		Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Animals/Dogs	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/Drugs	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order/Crime/Crim Dam	4
Parking alert	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	
Police reports TOTAL:	22	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	1
Email	5	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	9	Litter	5
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	5	Drug litter	50+
Verbal	3	Hazards	0
Media reports TOTAL:	14	Community events attended	5
Press release / Community magazines	1	Reports to Operation Crackdown	5
Social Media	13	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	55	School contact	0
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	10	Youth engagement	100+
Signposting	5	Reports to DVLA	0

Key:

ASB – Anti-social behaviour

BTP – British Transport Police

101 – Police non-emergency reporting contact number

Operation Crackdown – Joint initiative with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police to report abandoned vehicles or anti-social driving.

WSCC – West Sussex County Council

CEO – Civil Enforcement Officers who deal with parking offences

PSPO – Public Spaces Protection Order

SRG - Station Roads Gardens

LSRG - Lower Station Recreation Grounds

ASB/crime/criminal damage

We are Working with BTP and Rail Enforcement to combat ASB around the Station Road area, joint operations are ongoing for this area to combat this.

We have submitted a 101 report around a known drugs vehicle.

We have submitted a 101 report for known drugs address/male.

We have submitted a 101 report for a new vehicle for a known Class A dealer.

We have submitted multiple intelligence report around males/females in the Station Road/SRG area after reports of ASB.

We have submitted 101 report regarding a new association between two persons involved in drug supply.

We have submitted a 101 report regarding a new vehicle for an address where a male is known for drugs.

We have submitted a 101 report regarding a possible link between 2 persons involved with drugs.

We found 2x empty drug bags at the bottom end of the train station, which was reported to WSCC, both bags were safely disposed of.

The Litter Warden found 3x larger than usual empty cannabis bags plus one small bag that probably contained cocaine at Station Road Gardens. This has been reported to PCSOs for their info and so patrols can be conducted later at night.

There was ASB in Manor Fields on the night of Wednesday 25th August where the bin had been overturned and things set alight, plus one of the pieces of play equipment had been used to burn stuff in. This has been reported to the PCSO for late evening patrols and West Sussex Fire Brigade regarding the fires.

There was also a fire set in Station Road Gardens in the basketball area again reported to PCSOs and West Sussex Fire Brigade.

1x empty drug bag in Station Road Gardens by the green shelter reported and disposed of.

6x empty drug bags found in Natts Lane Skatepark all reported and disposed of safely.

1x NOX bottle found in Cleveland Gardens which has been reported and disposed of.

1x Cannabis bag outside Billingshurst Centre which has been reported and disposed of.

17 Nox bottles found in Natts Lane Skatepark all reported, and intel submitted.

It has been reported by a resident that there is/has been ASB in Station Road Gardens involving damage to greenery and damage to a sign. Over 30 NOX bottles were found underneath the picnic tables in the gardens. Patrols have been stepped up in the area, to hopefully identify those involved with the damage and those who are in possession of the NOX bottles. Support with this issue has been given by the PCSOs when they are able. Since that one night there have been no further NOX bottles found in any of the parks at this present time.

It has been a busy over the last few weeks with young people, most of the issues are noise and litter particularly Station Road Gardens, the young people albeit loud and excitable all engaged well.

It has been reported by a resident there has been ASB outside the Billingshurst Centre late at night – Police have been informed and will patrol when able. There is some CCTV footage which we will be looking at.

A bin was overturned, and rubbish tipped over floor in Cleveland Gardens by persons unknown.

There have been young people gathering in the woods behind Holders Close a group of approximately 10 were found and spoken to.

Parking/Vehicles/Bikes

It has been reported that there has been an increase in the amount of electric scooters in the area, particularly the footpaths in Penfold Grange, we have increased patrols in the area and have also asked for PCSOs to assist in patrols to try and assist us in stopping and dealing with the persons riding the scooters either by way of words of advice/ Section 59 (by PCSOs).

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We found some fly tipping in West Chiltoning Lane in a lay by, this was reported to Horsham District Council for removal.

Fly tipping was reported to us on Coneyhurst Road which had already been cleared by HDC.

We conducted a litter pick in Natts Lane Skate Park x2, Station Road Gardens x2 and Manor Fields after finding lots of littering whilst out on foot patrol.

Graffiti on the green shelter was reported to HDC for removal.

Community engagement/events/meetings

Regular tweets and Facebook posts to engage and update the community, this appears to be working well and people are now recognising us from these posts we put up.

As part of the District Council's response to the three recent deaths by suicide of young people from Horsham Schools, we want to try and ensure that parents and young people have access to informal information, advice and guidance over the summer holidays and the opportunity to raise any worries or concerns that they have with a professional. The aim is to provide a focal point over the summer holidays where parents and young people from the Parish can come and have a chat / be given some leaflets / resources and signposted to other services if required.

Our First Warden Pop-up / Talking Tent for August was held at Billingshurst Train Station, which was quite well attended by residents and passers-by. We were able to discuss Community Safety, local issues with residents and signpost them to the relevant agencies; further events will be in Jengers Mead, Lower Station Road Recreation Ground, Station Road Gardens.

We assisted with two sports sessions at Lower Station Road Gardens, the first was attended by about 8 young people who thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the second was attended by 13 young people aged from 3 -11 years of age, they all had great fun after archery, dodge ball and football.

We go on a weekly Healthy Horsham Walk, it's a very nice way to meet some of the residents and have a chat or listen to any issues they may be having and get out and about in various parts of Billingshurst.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We carry out Parish-wide patrols and fly tipping checks in known hot spots.

We continue to regularly patrol the green spaces around the village to act as a deterrent and give a visible presence.

Conducting weekly patrols of the High Street to visit shops and check the area.

Regular patrol of Jubilee Fields/Manor Fields/Cleveland Gardens/Station Road areas.

Regular patrols of Penfold Grange and Ingfield Manor.

Regular patrols of the Daux Road area and fields at rear of the industrial estate.

Regular patrol of local farms for reassurance.

Weekly patrol outside schools with CEOs and School staff.

Elderly and youth

We meet with the school council on a regular basis, where young people discuss issues of the day or anything else, they want to talk about. This brings about a lot of interesting discussions which all students on the council engage with and enjoy.

We meet with some of the older young people over the Skatepark on a regular basis, we have built up a very good relationship with them and they have become accepting of our presence. In fact, when the group walk past us, they

also wave or say hello. This is a great achievement on our behalf, as a few months ago the group would not engage or talk with us at all.

We have been engaging with various groups of young people aged from 12–15 years old, getting to know them and them getting to know us, as well giving them advice and education concerning littering, damage and drug and alcohol advice.

Licensing

Dog related issues

Cycling

Parish specific/other/railway

An accreditation level 2 for First Aid was achieved; the course was very enjoyable and informative.

Joint working with the Pulborough scheme, proved very successful, we visited the ASB hotspots in both areas. It worked well as Billingshurst young people go to Pulborough and vice versa. It also made young people aware that we can pop up anywhere.