

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

April 2022

Patrol hours TOTAL:	186	ASB incidents TOTAL:	10
Foot (high visibility)	156	Noise/Miscellaneous	0
Vehicle	30	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	1	Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes/E-Scooters	5
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Animals/Dogs	0
Yellow card warning	1	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order/Crime/Crim Dam	5
Parking alert	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	8
Police reports TOTAL:	9	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	0
Email	3	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	3	Litter	4
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	3
Verbal	2	Hazards	0
Media reports TOTAL:	4	Community events attended	4
Press release / Community magazines	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	6
Social Media	4	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	50	School contact	10
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	6	Youth engagement	60+
Signposting	5	Reports to DVLA	1

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

MOP - Member of the Public.

[ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage](#)

There have been reports of ASB around Jengers Passage, mainly around young people playing football in an area that is full of glass etc. We have and will continue to patrol the area and have also asked if the PCSO could do so when they are on duty.

There have been reports of fires being lit in one of the bins in Station Road Gardens. Billingshurst Fire Service will patrol the areas when then can to deter and engage with any young people in the area.

There have been reports of fires being lit in Daux Wood and behind Holders Close. Both reported to the Fire Service

There have been further reports of doors being kicked in Little East Street and Penfold Grange. These incidents are causing alarm and distress and previously one victim had damage to their front door. There are some good descriptions of the perpetrators and some ring doorbell footage which will be passed to the Police by the victim. Patrols in those areas will be conducted as often as we can.

There have been further reports of door kicking in Penfold Grange, on this occasion a door was damaged. There was Ring doorbell footage of the suspects which has been passed by the victim to the police for them to investigate.

Another report regarding fires being lit in the wooded area just off Little East Street has been reported to the police and the Fire Service by residents.

[Parking/Vehicles/Bikes/E-Scooters](#)

An ice-cream van was seen parked on double yellow lines in the High Street. The driver was asked 3 times to move the vehicle but said they would once they had finished their food. This was reported on Operation Crackdown and to Horsham District Council due to possible vending licence issues.

3 vehicles, including a taxi, have been reported to Operation Crackdown and Licensing for parking illegally or causing an obstruction in the village.

[Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti](#)

We reported a fly tipping to HDC. The items were in Newbridge Road East and a possible name for the person who may have been involved has also been given. The items were removed by HDC 24 hours later.

It was reported to the Wardens that there were 53 NOx bottles around the green shelter in SRG and this has been reported onward.

We did a litter pick in the Weald School's sports ground in Luxford Way, as the rubbish there was building up again, plus lots of glass which was kindly picked up by the Litter Warden.

Further litter pick in the Weald School's sports ground to clear up more rubbish and glass.

A litter pick was conducted around Station Road Gardens, the pathway from SRG to Natts Lane, Lower Station Road Recreation Ground with a special thank you to a gentleman who assisted in getting items out of the stream.

[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 the posts we put up.

We hold regular drop-in sessions in and around the village.

We visit both schools on a regular basis both patrolling outside with staff and inside to engage with young people.

The Boxing Programme is flourishing. The young people are thoroughly enjoying the Programme and this will be continuing after assistance with funding by Matt the Boxing Programme coach.

We have monthly meetings with Billingshurst Fire Service to discuss issues in Billingshurst and how we can work together to make Billingshurst a safer place to live, with emphasis on the increase in the lighting of small fires around Billingshurst. We will be discussing with the Fire Service what can be done to educate young people around keeping safe, to prevent injury to those involved with lighting the fires and preventing damage to the countryside of Billingshurst.

We patrolled with the Civil Enforcement Officers around the Billingshurst Primary School. Education and advice was given to parents by the CEOs and we are hoping to continue this monthly.

We attended the community gardening day at Station Road Gardens and assisted with weeding, planting and litter picking. It was lovely to see so many of the community of Billingshurst coming together to make the Gardens a nicer place to visit.

We started the football on a Thursday in Lower Station Road Recreation Ground and the young people who came along had a brilliant time - including Barry who was shattered by the end of the two hours. We will be continuing the football every Thursday 3.30 – 5pm right through until October/November.

We gave a talk to the Beavers who asked lots of questions and wanted to know all about what we do. They would like to help us out on a litter pick which we will be organising as soon as we can.

We assisted with Billingshurst Speed Watch with 1 new volunteer. 1 car was reported for abuse, but all of the 60 cars seen were under the limit required.

Patrols

We carry out 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.

We conduct 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 in Station Road Gardens and at the skatepark on a regular basis and 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 part, as a few months ago the group would not engage or talk with us at all.

We have continued to make doorstep visits to check care line and smoke alarms and to see if there were any other welfare issues.

We attend two seniors' coffee mornings as often as we can. It gives the residents time to talk to us about any issues they may be having, and we also are able to signpost the residents to the appropriate agencies if needed.

We go into the Weald School at lunchtime once a week and this is proving very beneficial to both us and those students who were not aware of us and what we do.

We are also going into the Billingshurst Primary School at the year 6 lunchtime to get to know those young people who will be joining the Weald in September. It will hopefully help with the young peoples' transition to the Weald, and they will know our faces if they ever need any help or assistance.

Licensing

Animals/Dogs/Cats

Cycling

Parish Specific/Other/Railway

We were alerted by a member of the public about a young person seen by the footpath over the railway crossing. The young person had been standing by the railway line for about 10 minutes which caused the member of public to be concerned about their welfare. The railway station was alerted and a request for trains to be very cautious when approaching the crossing was requested. After talking to dog walkers, a person who fitted the description of the young person was found by the Wardens in a field. After talking to them for a while we were joined by Police who then took over from us.

“We work various shifts on weekends and weekdays between the hours of 0800am and 9pm. However this is subject to change and dependent on the needs of the parish”