



## Neighbourhood Wardens' Monthly Report April 2026 – Billingshurst Parish

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

### Project Work

#### **Chapel Corner Gardens – Trinity United Reformed Church**

The Church are in the process of sourcing a third and final quote for the hard landscaping, before finalising on a contractor to carry out the works.

We hope that the ground works will proceed shortly after and that we will have a garden of some sorts for the South and South East in Bloom (SSEIB) judging in July, where we have optimistically entered the garden into their 'Churchyard' category!..



If you would like to help support the project with tools and resources, please have a look at our Amazon Wishlist for items that are needed for ongoing maintenance

Please follow the link to the Amazon Wishlist to support the project:

<https://tinyurl.com/5j2cw22f>

#### **Follow Chapel Corner Gardens Social Media**

On Instagram:

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

On Facebook:

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

#### **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>

## Youth Provision

### Youth Boxing Programme Update



Well done to Taylor and Sakina who were awarded certificates this month by coaches Yusef and Connie, for their attendance and focus at the sessions. We will definitely miss Sakina when she moves onto Sixth Form away from the Weald School. Good luck to all the year 11 students for their GCSE exams.

### Youth Club – The Depot

Great news - Billingshurst Youth Club launched this month!

**4TY THE YOUTH**  
PARISH COUNCIL  
**BILLINGSHURST YOUTH CLUB**  
**@ THE DEPOT**  
**83A HIGH STREET**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**6PM - 8PM**  
**OPEN TO ANYONE IN SCHOOLS**  
**YEARS 6 - 8**  
**FROM ANY SCHOOL**  
**MEMBERS PAY JUST £2 ENTRY PER SESSION**  
**NON MEMBERS PAY £3**  
**TO BECOME A MEMBER OF 4TY OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER**  
**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
**WWW.4THEYOUTH.CO.UK**

Starting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April with a soft launch, we asked a group of young people which activities they would like to do at Youth Club and importantly what items they would like in their tuck shop! We also discussed what trips they might like to go on with 4TheYouth over the summer. One young person suggested doing some cooking and said he really liked to make his own pasta sauce. So, on only week 2 he bought along some of his ingredients, and we made a large pan of sauce, boiled a large pan of pasta and there were soon lots of empty bowls. Some of the group also made tortilla pizzas which were also a success. We are really looking forward to seeing the Youth Club continue to flourish.



## Events and Meetings Attended This Month

### Osmund Court Activities Afternoon – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April



Louisa called into see the residents of Osmund Court on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, but none of them were "April Fools" when it came to Sandra's quiz afternoon. Good to see the residents having a laugh. It was also nice to meet a new resident too.

## Standard Operating Procedure Review Meeting - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Ross has been working on a review of the Standard Operating Procedure for wardens with two of our colleagues Alison Page and Oscar Johnson and he met with them on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. The principal behind the review is to provide working documents that will be especially helpful to new wardens and also assist existing wardens regarding working practices, what to do in difficult situations and to make sure there is cohesion across the team.

## Billingshurst Showcase – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April



The Billingshurst Showcase once again provided a great opportunity for us to engage with residents and talk about our role. It was also beneficial to network with those from other local organisations, clubs and societies. The event also gave us the chance to discuss the youth boxing programme, new youth club and our Chapel Corner Garden project.

## Change Grow Live Input – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Louisa joined an input from the charity Change Grow Live West Sussex. Change Grow Live is a health and social care charity, who provide free and confidential treatment, support and information about drug and alcohol use, smoking, homelessness, justice and probation, and employment. More information can be found on their website via the link below:

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

## Community Services Team Meeting – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

On the 28<sup>th</sup> April we attended the Community Services team meeting. The meeting is held at Alberty House each Tuesday morning. We attend bi-monthly to engage with the wider team from Community Safety, Community Development and Voluntary Sector Support. We update them on what is happening in Billingshurst, any support we may need, find out about any grants and funding opportunities and how HDC can help support us to promote our projects and find volunteers to help with them.

## Litter Pick with 1<sup>st</sup> Billingshurst Rainbows – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

A blustery Jubilee Fields was the location for a litter pick with twenty 1<sup>st</sup> Billingshurst Rainbows and their leader at the end of the month. Armed with child sized litter pickers and gloves the girls all worked very hard to make the area clean and often had to run after pieces of litter that were blowing in the breeze! We think they all probably slept well that night!

## Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens - Come & See Us

Over the coming months we will be at the following locations:

Saturday 16th May 🕒 11:00am – Midday at Lidl

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 🕒 13:00 – 17:00 at The Billingshurst Show, Lower Station Road Recreation Gound



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 🕒 11:30 – 17:00 at Weald Fest, The Weald School



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 🕒 12:00 – 16:00 at Billingshurst Family Activity Day, Jubilee Fields

Keep your eyes peeled for the poster soon ....

## Future Events

Discover 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

### Wellbeing Walks



Wellbeing walks are free, sociable, family friendly walks led by volunteers. There is no need to book, just turn-up. Wellbeing walks are held across the district, and more information can be found here: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/walking/wellbeing-walks>

Billingshurst Wellbeing Walk occurs every Thursday from 11:00am Billingshurst and is approximately 2.3 miles long/60 mins duration. Walkers meet at Billingshurst Library, Mill Lane, RH14 9JZ. The walk takes you around Billingshurst 's footpaths or Jubilee Fields. Stay for coffee afterwards. It can be muddy, so it is advised to wear suitable footwear. Dogs on leads allowed. Parking 75p per hour at The Library carpark or annual parking permits are available. Chris leads the walks and is contactable on 07790 762052. This month we joined them on one of their sunny walks around Jubilee Fields.

## Billingshurst Open Gardens



**Billingshurst  
Open Gardens**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 12.00 – 5.00pm

**WE NEED YOU!**

Please support your local community by joining its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open Gardens day.

We are looking for any sort of Back Garden - it can be big or small, tidy or untidy, wildlife or even fruit and veg focused. It might have ponds or specimen trees. It doesn't have to be perfect or even finished!

We would love the opportunity to help share your passion and knowledge with other gardeners and interested residents of Billingshurst

Alternatively, you can get involved in supporting this exciting event by being a steward on the day.

Please contact Marie Montoya [Billingshurstgardens@outlook.com](mailto:Billingshurstgardens@outlook.com) 0785 244 3811

[Billingshurst open gardens FACEBOOK](#)

**Billingshurst**  
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

## Station Road Gardens Volunteer Gardening Days



**STATION ROAD  
Gardens  
VOLUNTEER  
GARDENING DAYS**

**Can you help us maintain our lovely  
Station Road Community Gardens :**

*Dates for 2026*

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> August</b>

**Additional Autumn gardening days:**  
**5<sup>th</sup> September 3<sup>rd</sup> October & 7<sup>th</sup> November**

No need to be an expert. Simply drop in anytime between  
**9.30am – 12.30** on these days, you don't have to come  
for the whole morning. Bring your gardening tools if you have  
them (don't worry if not, we have spares)

**All are welcome, bring the family!**  
**Refreshments for all helpers**

Don't forget 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.

## Dementia Cafe



The Dementia Cafe is held at the hall at the Trinity United Reformed Church which is accessed via West Street. The cafe operates on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month between 10am and 12 noon.

More information can be found on the Trinity URC's website and Facebook pages:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064598869390>

## Friday Coffee Mornings

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**

**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 061516 | 07795 061529  
Email: [billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk)

Our Friday Coffee Mornings run in conjunction with the Billingshurst Centre continue to be popular. The coffee mornings run between 10am and midday every Friday throughout the year (except Good Friday and over the Christmas period).



## Whilst Out on Patrol

### New shingles for St Mary's Church roof



Whilst walking the church path this month we have watched the work on the church roof progress with interest. The men doing the work have faced all manner of weather conditions from strong wind to heavy rain. We don't think we'd have liked to have been up there!



*Some pretty spring sights whilst out and about*

### Fly Tipping & Litter

It never ceases to amaze us the sorts of things we see fly tipped around the parish! We didn't expect to see a barbecue by the side of the road in West Chiltoning Lane, but we did. We also weren't expecting to see an

interesting skeleton whilst photographing some rubbish in Wooddale Lane either. Never a dull moment being a warden that's for sure!



*Anyone for a BBQ?*



*Fly tipping at Jengers Mead Garages reported to landowner*



*Hedge finds whilst out on patrol*



Following complaints about 2 commercial appliances left on the pavement, within the highway boundary, outside a local business premises we tried to make contact with the owners to discuss. Following a period with no response, we reported the items as fly tipping.

## Graffiti



We were alerted to offensive writing on equipment at Forge Way play park and attended to remove it before reporting to HDC. On arrival, the words had already been covered with marker pen. Our cleaning attempts unfortunately removed the marker, revealing the original text, so we recovered it and reported the issue to HDC for proper removal.

## Prohibited Street Trading



Despite us having several conversations with the owner of this ice cream van, and a subsequent formal warning letter from HDC Licencing, explaining that Carpenters is a prohibited street for any trader, this individual continues to ply his trade opposite the primary school. We await legal proceedings being initiated by our colleagues in Licencing.

## Anti-Social Behaviour/Damage

🗣️Calling all Parents & Carers in Billingshurst 🗣️

Do you know where your young people are during the evenings and school holidays?

We have sadly seen an increase in litter in Station Road Gardens around the youth shelter and also fires being started in the youth shelter and around the fishing lake at Jubilee Fields.

Please explain to your children the potential consequences of starting fires and the dangers litter especially broken bottles can cause to wildlife and other people.

🚫A person can be fined £150 for depositing litter under section 68 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

🔥A person can also be fined £75 for breaching a Parish Council Byelaw. [Billingshurst Parish Council](#) byelaw 10 states that no person shall light a fire or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire on Parish Council Land.



## WHO DO I REPORT TO?

**Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour**

999	101	CrimeStoppers	British Transport Police	Horsham District Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A crime is happening now.</li><li>• Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.</li><li>• Property is in danger of being seriously damaged.</li><li>• A serious disruption to the public is likely.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To report crime 100% anonymously.</li><li>• CrimeStoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities.</li><li>• Information given will be shared anonymously with the police.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-emergency incidents on a train or at a station can be reported direct to the British Transport Police online: <a href="http://www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime">www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime</a>.</li><li>• There is also a Railway Guardian app.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council.</li><li>• You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: <a href="http://www.horsham.gov.uk/report">www.horsham.gov.uk/report</a>.</li></ul>

**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](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/>

## 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



**Ross Phillips**  
07795 051516



**Louisa Hull**  
07795 051529

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.

In an emergency always dial 999



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