



## Neighbourhood Wardens' Monthly Report November 2025 – Billingshurst Parish

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

### Project Work

#### **Chapel Corner Community Gardens**



Following an initial planning meeting in early November, we have formed a small team of project partners who are working together to bring this project to life. We are currently seeking quotes for the hard landscaping of paths etc. out front and researching raised planters for the rear courtyard.

Once we have an idea of these larger costs, we will start our fundraising campaign in earnest... watch out for our new social media channels coming soon.

We are looking forward to the Ingfield Manor School students joining us in the new year to start phase 1 of the project which is to clear the rear courtyard area and to start our plant nursery.

### **Youth Provision**

#### **Youth Boxing Programme Update**

As a long-standing member of the boxing programme, we are pleased to announce that one club member, James White is hoping to take part in his first competitive bout in the ring in the New Year! Well done, James!

We would like to express our continued thanks to Billingshurst Parish Council for funding the programme, the Weald School for hosting it and the Billingshurst & District Lions Club for kindly supporting us with t-shirts for our attendees.

For more information about WBC Cares UK, who run the sessions, please visit their website:

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



## Events and Meetings Attended This Month



### Visit to Osmund Court – 5<sup>th</sup> November

When our shifts allow, we try to visit the residents of Osmund Court during their Wednesday activity afternoon. This helps the residents get to know who we are and how we may be able to help them when they are out in the community. When we visited on 5<sup>th</sup> November, magician Dave Croucher arrived to perform an array of magic tricks for the residents. Gasps of amazement were heard around the room as the residents tried to work out how Dave had completed his tricks.



## Remembrance Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> November



It was wonderful to see the amazing number of residents out watching the parade from Frenches Mead and along the High Street on Remembrance Sunday. The wreath laying ceremony and church service were poignant moments and it was an honour to be part of them. We will remember them.

## Senior's Coffee Morning – 10<sup>th</sup> November

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BILLINGSHURST

# SENIORS' Coffee Morning

St Mary's Room  
Mondays 10:30 - 12:00

✉ office@billingshurstfamily.church

☎ 01403 786706



Cost  
£4

\*Minibus transport available

We had an enjoyable visit to the Seniors' Coffee Morning on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. Participants were doing a quiz when we arrived, and we were welcomed to join in. Osmund Court Activities Co-ordinator Sandra was also in attendance, and she did some chair exercises with the attendees which Louisa enjoyed joining in with! If you would like to know more about the coffee morning further information can be found on the poster here and at the link below.

<https://billingshurstlions.org/club/seniors-coffee-mornings-billingshurst/>

## The Weald School Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> November

After attending the Billingshurst Primary Academy School Council meeting in October, this month we attended the Weald School Council meeting. Thank you to Headteacher Mrs Edwards and the students for allowing us to sit in on their meeting. It was interesting to hear the topics that had been raised by the students and how they discussed

ways to improve facilities at the school and make things better for everyone. We are still keen to progress with our Billingshurst Youth Forum idea in the new year, and it was useful to attend the meeting and listen to the students.

### **Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) Refresher Training – 18<sup>th</sup> November**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November we attended the 3 yearly refresher training course for our Community Safety Accreditation. To find out more about what CSAS is and why we carry the accreditation you can find out more on the Sussex Police website, at the link below:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/au/about-us/governance-and-processes/community-safety-accreditation-scheme/>

### **Wellbeing Walk – 20<sup>th</sup> November**



We both attended the wellbeing walk on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The weather was somewhat fresh but there was a positive number of attendees, and it was good to be able to check on everything at Jubilee Fields as we walked and to discuss with the participants how they all were and if the cold weather was causing them any issues.

### **Ingfield Manor School Christmas Fayre – 29<sup>th</sup> November**

The weather was atrocious on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, with wind and rain a plenty. We were pleased to see a break in the rain when we attended the Ingfield Manor School Christmas Fayre to say hello and show our support. The wonderful steam trains were running giving rides, Santa was in his grotto, gifts were being purchased and food enjoyed. Well done Ingfield Manor School.







We will be at the Walking Nativity on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We are looking forward to seeing this very well attended event in the Billingshurst calendar. We hope to see you there.

Discover more 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



### **New Billingshurst Wardens Instagram Account**

Whilst working in the Pulborough Parish we found Instagram an especially useful engagement tool particularly with local businesses and younger people, so with the permission of HDC's Communications team we have now set up our own dedicated Billingshurst Wardens Instagram account.

Please give us a follow at the link below: <https://www.instagram.com/billingshurstwardens/>

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

### Dog Gate Installed at Daux Railway Crossing

In late October we were saddened to receive an e-mail from a heart broken Billingshurst resident who had lost their dog in a tragic accident at the railway crossing at the end of Daux Road in mid-September. Whilst walking their beloved pet out in the fields the dog was spooked by the sound of a train horn and ran away along the field and under a cut section of fencing at a nearby stile, onto the trainline as the train was passing. The owner of the dog was extremely worried that another dog may be killed in the same way in the future.

After learning of another incident where a dog was killed in a similar situation in Burgess Hill, we visited the site at Daux Road for ourselves. We took photographs and other details at the site and then put a report into Network Rail asking if a dog gate could be installed. We were extremely pleased to receive an e-mail from Network Rail on the 14<sup>th</sup> November to say that the work had been carried out at the Daux Crossing. We visited the site again and updated the resident with the news.



*Before*



*After*



## Friday Coffee Morning

Don't forget all residents are welcome to join us at our Billingshurst Coffee Morning held every Friday between 10am and midday at The Billingshurst Centre. A cuppa and a chat await, and our weekly quizzes have been proving popular too. We're also on hand to discuss any community issues and to discuss any of our projects.



We will be hosting our last Friday coffee morning of the year on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please do come along for some festive treats.

Coffee mornings will resume in the new year from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## Dementia Cafe

A reminder that the Dementia Cafe at the Trinity United Reformed Church operates on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in the hall at Trinity URC from 10.00am-12.00pm. We continue to attend when our shifts allow.

The next Dementia Café will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

More information can be found on their website: <https://billingshursturc.co.uk/dementia%20cafe.html>

## Whilst Out on Patrol

### Fly Tipping



We were disappointed to find a local business had fly tipped their refurbishment rubbish without permission in the HDC car park at the rear of Jengers Mead. This was reported to our Environmental Services Team.

Sadly, whilst out on patrol we found more fly tipped rubbish in West Chilton Lane. This time brick rubble in household refuse sacks. This too was reported to HDC for removal.





## Graffiti

### Can you help us identify the 'Pest'?

Since September we have noticed an increase in graffiti around the village with the tag 'PEST'. Do you recognise this tag? Can you help identify who is responsible? The tag has appeared on bus stops, walls, and garages.



### Footpath from the Bowling Club to Myrtle Lane

Sadly, just days after last month's racist graffiti was reported and painted over on the fencing running along the footpath from the bowling club to Myrtle Lane we found further graffiti at the location. Graffiti is criminal damage. If you so see anyone graffitiing in the area or recognise any tags, please do report to Sussex Police at:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>





## Anti-Social Behaviour

### Damage to bins at Cleveland Gardens







On 21<sup>st</sup> November we received a report that one of the bins full of bags of dog excrement had been vandalised at Cleveland Gardens. We attended the area and much of the mess had already been cleared away, but we picked up some remaining bags that were still on the grass and disposed of them.

We also increased our patrols in the area around the train station during the last week of November following a report of an altercation/anti-social behaviour in the vicinity.

## **WHO DO I REPORT TO?**

### **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



Did you know that HDC have a very handy 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 Google Play store and Apple app store.

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.



# 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](http://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](http://www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime).
- There is also a Railway Guardian app.

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- 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](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/report).

## See it. Report it.

Reporting crime and ASB means we can work together to reduce it.



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## YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Billingshurst Parish



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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



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