

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

December 2023

Patrol hours TOTAL:	85	ASB incidents TOTAL:	0
Foot (high visibility)	74	Noise	0
Vehicle	11	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	2	Driving/Vehicles/Bikes	0
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Parking alert	2	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	0
Police reports TOTAL:	5	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	1
Email	2	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	1	Litter	0
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	8
Verbal	2	Hazards	0
Media reports TOTAL:	6	Community events attended	6
Press release / Community magazines	1	School Contact	5
Social Media	5	Youth engagement	70
Admin	5	Reports to DVLA	1
Vulnerable people welfare checks	8	Reports to Operation Crackdown	5
Signposting	6		

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

SRCG - Station Road Community Gardens

LSRG - Lower Station Road Recreation Ground

MOP - Member of the Public

ASB

There has been a report regarding some anti-social behaviour at the junction of Luxford Way and Stane Street, whereby 3 – 4 young males are putting plastic chairs in the road causing car drivers to swerve to either miss the chair or stop to have to move it. This is happening between 10.30pm to 11.30pm. The

informant has been advised to call the police at the time it is happening if possible as this type of incident could cause a nasty accident.

We received another report of a young male who was seen lying in the road just past the Hilland Road Roundabout, then jumping up. The informant was told to ring the police on 999 in future as the traffic can be quite fast coming off the roundabout. This incident could have resulted in a fatality if the young person tripped trying to get up or could have caused someone to swerve which could have caused injury to the person driving or any passengers.

There have been reports regarding young people jumping into the road in Station Road and hitting cars with bits of foam tubing possibly insulation tubing. See picture below.



[Parking/Vehicles](#)

Five vehicles have been reported to Operation Crackdown for parking illegally in the High Street.

One vehicle has been reported to DVLA for no tax.

A resident made us aware of the theft of their number plates twice in two weeks. The vehicle was parked in the Six Bells Car Park and the number plates had been stolen during daylight hours. This has been reported to the police and DVLA. We will patrol the carpark as often as we can and keep an eye out for any suspicious behaviour.

[Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti](#)

Drug litter (empty cannabis bags) has been found in Station Road Community Gardens, Challen Street Play Area, Newman Way Play Area, Manor Fields, Jubilee Fields and Daux Wood.

[Community Engagement/Events/Meetings](#)

The Weald School held a Christmas Community Tea Party on Friday 8th December. The students worked very hard to set up for the tea party and then served the sandwiches, cakes, mince pies and hot drinks to the attendees. There was also a quiz and all that can be said is thank goodness that we had two students on our table as their knowledge of history meant we came joint first. Davinci House then gave out baubles with knitted jackets and a Christmas card written by one of the students to everyone that attended.

It was a lovely afternoon and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Billingshurst Christmas Fayre, which was held at The Billingshurst Centre, was very well attended and extremely successful. The Santa's Grotto was amazing, lots of work went into this by the Parish Office and the Billingshurst Centre staff, which made the experience for the children who went to see Father Christmas

such a magical one. There were so many wonderful stalls inside and outside the Centre which also made this year's Christmas Fayre such a success.



The Horsham Healthy Walkers' Christmas Meal was a great success - the food was amazing and the company wonderful. There was 40 people there and the Chef did such a brilliant job.



Osmund Court residents invited us to listen to a violinist called Sarah. If anyone has watched Bridgerton, which is a historical drama, then you will understand how wonderful the music was. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon which ranged from Christmas carols to Abba.

If you have ever thought about going along to sing for pleasure sessions which are held at the Billingshurst Centre, then definitely go. It is for anyone to come and join in the fun afternoon, you don't have to be able to sing (I am tone deaf, but this didn't matter). There were lots of smiles and laughter. There are so many benefits of singing but here a few:

- Makes you feel good;
- Singing improves your health, it has a positive effect on our immune system, improves breathing control, posture and muscle tension;
- Improves confidence and self-worth, as it helps people develop friendships within the group;
- Most importantly it is fun.

Sing for Pleasure is held on the 4th Thursday of the month so, if interested, come along and see what you think.

On the last Friday before Christmas the Billingshurst Friday Coffee Club held their own mini-Christmas Party. Everyone bought some food in and as usual the group had a brilliant morning. See you all in the New Year ladies and, of course, Bill.



[Patrols \(foot/visible and car\)](#)

We go out on foot patrols daily so that the residents can stop and speak to us about any issues that they are having or just to have a chat. We also visit businesses, shops, the school, the railway station, etc. to check if there is anything they wish to discuss with us.

Lunchtime patrols continue in the Weald School and it has been a really good way of meeting the students and getting to know them and for them to get to know us - particularly the Year 7 students who we have been focussing on this term.

We have been patrolling the areas where breaks to cars and theft of car registration plates have occurred, some of which have occurred during the day. If you live in the areas of Coombe Hill, Carpenters, Station Road, Arun Road and Brookers Road could you please review your CCTV/Ring doorbell footage to check if anything was caught on it and if so, please inform the police.

[Older, vulnerable people and Youth](#)

We have continued our visits to check on those residents with Careline alarms, to check on their welfare and to see if there is anything else that we can help with.

Julie and Vanessa Green who is Head of Davinci House, were invited to talk about our new joint project to parents who were waiting for a talk by West Sussex Mind called "Understanding Young Peoples' Mental Health".

We were able to let the parents know about the Parent Support Sessions we will be holding in the New Year; several of the parents appeared very interested, so we look forward to meeting them in the New Year.

[Dog related issues.](#)

It has been reported to us that a dog was aggressive and not under control by the owner. We signposted the informant to the police who deal with incidents such as these.

It's essential that all dogs have a strong and reliable recall before being let off the lead in a public place. A strong recall means that you will be able to get their lead back on with ease and, if necessary, take control

of a situation and remove them before a situation becomes dangerous. There are many dog training groups in the area so, if you need help, please give one of them a call.

Cycling

Parish Specific/Other/Railway, social media/press

We regularly put up Facebook and Twitter posts regarding events that we are holding i.e.: Warden Drop-Ins, boxing, bushcraft and the Coffee Morning. Or other information that may be of interest to the community of Billingshurst.

A resident asked a question regarding the Marringdean Acres Estate and they were signposted to the management company.

We held our December Warden-Drop in at Sainsbury's and we had a lot of positive engagement with residents of Billingshurst. Our next Drop-In is at Lidl on Tuesday 23rd of January between 9.30am to 11.30am, so please come along if you want to discuss any community issues or just want to say hello.

“We work various shifts on weekends and weekdays between the hours of 8 am and 9 pm. However, this is subject to change and dependent on the needs of the parish”