

# Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

December 2024

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	<b>7</b>
Foot (high visibility)	68	Noise	0
Vehicle	13	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>3</b>	Driving/Vehicles/Bikes	7
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Parking alert	3	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>7</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Email	2	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	2	Litter	1
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	24
Verbal	3	Hazards	0
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>6</b>
Press release / Community magazines	1	<b>School Contact</b>	<b>3</b>
Social Media	10	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>60+</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Vulnerable people welfare checks</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>8</b>		

## 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.

**SRCG** - Station Road Community Gardens

**LSRG** - Lower Station Road Recreation Ground

**MOP** - Member of the Public

**HDC** – Horsham District Council.

## [ASB](#)

It has been reported that Christmas Lights have been stolen in the Amblehurst Green area and some broken in the process. Other areas have reported wires being cut; however, some residents did say it may be animals such as squirrels, but others have said their lights were definitely cut.

There was a report regarding vehicles drifting in the rear car park of Jengers Mead which resulted in two vehicles colliding. Please report this type of incident to Police/ and or OP Crackdown with video/ photo of vehicles involved.

It was reported to the Wardens that young males were throwing rocks at cars along Stane Street on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. We went and patrolled the area but there was no trace of the young people concerned.

A resident has reported that eggs were thrown at their car whilst passing the Train Station on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at approximately 9.30pm. There was a group of 3-4 males who were about 12-14 years old who run off and boarded a train which was heading in the direction towards Horsham. Advice given to the resident about contacting the Police. However, we will be keeping an eye out for these young people whilst out on patrol.

Five or six young males assaulted two young boys close to Church Path. They got one of them in a head lock and kicked him in the legs and also tried to push them into bushes. From descriptions we believe the above incidents are all linked. All were reported to the Police for the incidents to be logged.

## [Parking](#)

Words of advice was given to the driver of a vehicle parked in a very precarious position in the High Street, the vehicle was moved very quickly and parked in a much safer position.

Five vehicles were reported to OP Crackdown for illegal parking in the High Street.

One vehicle was reported to the DVLA for no tax.

## [Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti, Community Engagement/Events/Meetings](#)

We reported fly tipping to Horsham District Council that was found in Rowner Road.



There was a fly tipping in Jubilee Fields, unfortunately for those that did this they forgot to take off their addresses off the boxes. So, this will now be investigated by Horsham District Council and those involved will be interviewed about this.



We went along to Osmund Court to listen to the Billingshurst Ukulele Group play some golden oldies and Christmas songs. We all had a lovely singalong and at last it feels like Christmas is coming.



The Billingshurst Horsham Walkers invited us to their Christmas Meal at The Kings Head, the meal was absolutely amazing, and the company was as wonderful as ever.

We attended and assisted with the Billingshurst Walking Nativity, it was a very cold evening however, the community turned out in their hundreds for this amazing event. It was absolutely fantastic, and we look forward to next year's event.

Horsham District council now has a new mobile app that can be used to report things such as dog bin issues, fly tipping, graffiti, litter bin issues, missed bin collection and so much more. See below for the link.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/mobileapp>

### Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We go out on foot patrols daily so that the residents can stop and speak to us about anything and sometimes just to have a chat. We also visit businesses, shops, the school, the railway station etc. to see if there is anything we can support with. We conduct car patrols for the purposes of fly tipping and to cover the outer areas of Billingshurst such as Adversane and Five Oaks. Our car patrols also cover the ASB hotspots including the High Street, Jengers Mead, Jengers Passage, Mill Way toilets, the library, all the parks, Marringdean Acres and the Amblehurst Estate (both of which have previously had issues). If there are any areas that you feel may need patrols, please let us know.

We patrolled Jubilee Fields to talk to dog walkers, no issues were given to us, and all dogs were well behaved.

We conducted a School Patrol outside Billingshurst Primary School to deter bad parking. Again, there were no issues so thank you to the parents for keeping your children and other children safe.

We have been patrolling Jengers Mead after a report regarding cars drifting in the car park, there has been no sightings of vehicles doing this or any further reports so far.

### Older, vulnerable people and Youth

We make doorstep visits to check residents Careline and smoke alarms. Whilst there, we also check to see if there are any other welfare issues that we can help with, especially with the cold weather and the cost-of-living crisis. Anyone that we do meet that requires further help is always referred to supporting agencies who have the experience to guide them through the appropriate channels. We also go back and revisit the resident a couple of weeks later to check that they are ok and getting the help that they need.

With the colder weather on its way we will want to make sure that residents have working heating and access to food etc. If they require assistance, we will then refer them to the appropriate agencies who can then continue to support them with their individual needs and requirements.

Every week we visit The Weald School to conduct a lunchtime patrol and at the moment we are focussing our time on the year 7s. This is so, we can get to know them and them us, and slowly but surely that is

happening which is brilliant. As they are now recognising us whilst we are out on patrol and say hello or wave.

We held an Xmas Party for the Friday Coffee Morning; it was very well attended and the food that was bought in was very tasty, a good time was had by all.

We visited two elderly residents who were referred to us from other agencies, who are both socially isolated. We were able to give them information regarding what goes on in Billingshurst including the Friday morning Coffee morning at the Billingshurst Centre. Both have said they will come along in the New Year which is fantastic.

### [Dog related issues.](#)

If you have any queries on who to contact regarding dog related incidents, please look at link below.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/report/dog-attacks>

### [Cycling](#)

Nothing of note at the present time.

### [Parish Specific/Other/Railway, social media/press](#)

We use social media including Facebook and X to inform the community of events we are holding and any relevant information that we feel is important for the community to know.

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November between 3pm – 3.15pm a van and some tools were stolen from East Street. This has been reported to Police however if you have ring doorbell or CCTV please check for a grey transit van.

The Journey SEN and Autism Group is a wonderful place for parents/carers to discuss issues around bringing up a child with SEN/ Autism. There are lots of barriers and hurdles that parents must navigate around to get the help and support their child needs. However, the advice and support they give each other is amazing, as each one is on a different part of the journey, so the sessions are invaluable.

The next Journey- SEN and Autism Group session is on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January at The Depot between 09.30hrs to 10.30hrs. The door will be open at 0900hrs so come in on your way home from dropping your children to school. No formal diagnosis is required.

The Board Game Sessions are now beginning to take off, we have some people who bring their own games with them. These sessions are for any age (parents with young children must stay). The next session is on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January between 3.30pm – 5.30pm at The Depot which is situated on the High Street next door to The Women's Hall.

The fully funded Boxing Sessions are held on a Wednesday between 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the Old Dance Studio at the Weald. The sessions are run by WBC Care from Brighton and Hove. If your child is between

11-17 years old and is interested, then they are welcome to come along. All they will need is a change of clothes and a bottle for water.

The Warden Drop in for December was held in Lidl, it was a very busy Saturday afternoon and people were rushing around to get their groceries for Christmas. However, we did manage to speak to a few residents about some issues that they are having. In some cases, we signposted them to the appropriate agency or we were able to give advice and support.

The Next Warden drop in is on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January between 2.30pm – 4pm at the Billingshurst Centre.

The Warden numbers are:

Maria – 07795 051516.

Julie – 07795 051529

Email: [Billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk).

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