

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

May 2024

Patrol hours TOTAL:	96	ASB incidents TOTAL:	6
Foot (high visibility)	76	Noise	0
Vehicle	20	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	2	Driving/Vehicles/Bikes	5
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Alcohol	1
Yellow card warning	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Parking alert	2	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	23
Police reports TOTAL:	7	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	3
Email	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	4	Litter	1
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	18
Verbal	3	Hazards	0
Media reports TOTAL:	15	Community events attended	6
Press release / Community magazines	1	School Contact	4
Social Media	14	Youth engagement	90+
Admin	15	Reports to DVLA	0
Vulnerable people welfare checks	9	Reports to Operation Crackdown	6
Signposting	12		

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

HDC – Horsham District Council

[ASB](#)

A resident has reported to us that two to three young people are riding dirt bikes and mopeds around the village late at night without lights on. We have advised them to call the police and inform them of this so they are aware and can focus their patrols in the area.

There was a report of a dirt bike/motorcycle driving around the park at Newman Way on Monday 13th May. The rider was also seen on the road. The rider had no helmet on and, at the time of this being reported by a concerned resident, there were children playing in the park. A report was made to the police by the resident.

There have been further reports of a moto cycle driving around Newman Way, in a field in the area of Brookers Road and in Wooddale Road. These sightings have all been reported by residents. Apart from the fact that they are putting children and residents at risk of harm in the park areas, they are also at high risk of hurting themselves when riding on roads without a helmet. Please call any sightings into the police at the time and also let us know and, if we are on duty, we will go and check the area.

Riding motor bikes/quad bikes/off-road bikes on the road/off road without helmets, possibly without insurance, licence etc. are traffic offences which will require police attendance. If we are on duty, we are more than happy to go along and try to deter the behaviour where we can and to ensure the safety of residents and road users alike. However, it is necessary to contact the police so the issue can be logged, and hopefully a police unit will be able to attend.

[Parking/Vehicles](#)

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

One vehicle has been reported to Operation Crackdown for obstructing a pavement in Penfold Grange.

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

We cleaned off some very unpleasant graffiti that was on a wall and received a report of other graffiti on a piece of equipment in a park just off Challen Street. This had, however, already been cleaned off before we got there.

One of the wonderful Billingshurst Cleansing Operatives cleaned off some abusive graffiti in Station Road Community Gardens.

Eighteen pieces of drug litter have been found - this comes in the form of empty clear plastic bags. A grinder and a small bag of cannabis were given to the police for destruction. These are found in various locations such as parks, close to benches, Jubilee Fields etc.



On Tuesday 14th May we were asked to attend a Beavers meeting to talk about what our role is and assist in a litter pick with them in Station Road Community Gardens. The Beavers were very enthusiastic about the litter pick and they managed to pick a fair bit of litter, but not as much as we would expect. This is a good thing as it means maybe the bins are being used rather than the floor. After the litter pick two Beavers were invested into the Billingshurst Beavers and one was given their Bronze Award. It was lovely to spend time with them all and we hope to see them all again soon.

The Journey – SEN and Autism Group met for the second time on Monday 20th May. The group is very interactive and it's a chance for parents to share their experiences, challenges and ideas for managing autism related issues. The support within the group is amazing, they are supportive of each other, and friendships are already building between them all. If you have a child that has special educational needs or autism, whether they have been officially diagnosed or not, come along and see how this group can help you. The next session is on Monday 17th June between 09.30 and 10.30am, however, the Warden Julie will be there with the door open and kettle on at 09.00am so once you have taken the children to school, please pop in and have a chat with other parents.

We were invited to the Laughter Club which is held once a month at the Unitarian Church between 1pm and 2pm. Laughter energises, relaxes, calms and connects people. It combines deep breathing techniques with laughter. The benefits are many; reduction of stress levels, increases the intake of oxygen, stimulating the heart, lungs and muscles and releases endorphins (which are feel good chemicals) that are released from the brain soothing our stress and even decreasing blood pressure - which can only improve our health and wellbeing.

The next class is on Monday 17th June between 1pm and 2pm. Contact Linda on 07806327917/ LStevenson201854@gmail.com with any questions.

On Tuesday the 21st May we held our Warden Drop-in with Bone Canis who specialise in dog behaviour, training and walking service. Mark and Holly came along and set up an agility area for owners and their dogs to try out. We spoke to lots of dog walkers but were outshone by Holly and Mark who were a great hit with the dogs. (One word – treats) We are now looking at holding a bigger day with Bone Canis so watch this space for what is planned.



On Wednesday 29th May we attended Osmund Court in Rowan Drive to assist residents with a quiz run by the lovely Sandra. The afternoon was full of laughter, and well done to Steve in particular who won several of the rounds.

A resident in Carpenters had an issue last month whereby the rear window of their vehicle had been smashed by a ball bearing fired via a sling shot. We made a visit to have a chat about the incident and gave some crime prevention advice. Whilst there we met the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, Barry and Hazel, who also joined us for a cuppa.

A resident reported a fly tip on New Road, this was quite a substantial load of rubbish. It has been reported to HDC by one of the residents for removal. (Thank you). Hopefully this rubbish will be removed asap.



HDC 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 any issues that they are having, or just to have a chat. We also visit businesses, shops, the school, the railway station etc. to see if there are any issues 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 Green Estate (both of which have previously had issues). If there any areas that you feel may need patrols, please let us know.

We have patrolled Jubilee Fields speaking to dog walkers enjoying the sunshine, all dogs were well behaved and so were their owners.

We patrolled the roads around Billingshurst Primary School and found that most parents were parked correctly. However, some were parked too near to junctions, on corners and on double yellow lines. We realise that parking is limited but everyone must be mindful of the safety of the children and respect the residents who live there.

We visit the Men's Shed in Station Road Community Gardens quite regularly and have a chat with them. It's a friendly place to go and if you like making things all the better. If not then go anyway and have a chat and a cup of tea. It's a brilliant initiative - an amazing opportunity to share knowledge and cultivate new friendships and decrease social isolation. If interested in taking a look, then go along Monday to Wednesday between 10.00 and 12 noon.



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. Anyone that we do meet who 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.

The Wardens have set up a coffee morning in Adversane Hall, the first one is on Tuesday 11th June between 10.30am and 12 noon. This will be monthly to start with, however, if there is a lot of interest then we can have the coffee mornings more often.

A resident called us to a male who was on lying on a bench and hadn't moved for a quite a while. When we got there, we saw a young male in a deep sleep, it took a while to wake him but once awake he seemed ok and walked off home.

We met a resident who had not long moved into Billingshurst who has some mobility and speech issues so he was signposted to various agencies that can possibly support him. He has also consented to us visiting him now and then. He has attended the Men's Shed and the Friday coffee morning where he was made very welcome by the group.

A resident called us about a build-up of boxes that were being delivered to an address. We were already aware that the person the boxes were being delivered to was not at home so we spoke to the relevant agencies and expressed our concerns. We were relieved to hear that the gentleman was ok and not in the address. The parcels will now hopefully stop being delivered until the resident is home again.

A resident contacted us regarding young people smoking cannabis in Station Road Community Gardens. We went to SRCG and spoke to a small group who were sitting in the green shelter. At that time there was no evidence of cannabis being smoked; however, words of advice were given to the group who were all very polite and engaged well with us. They left shortly after.

Dog Related Issues.

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

Cycling

Parish Specific/Other/Railway, Social Media/Press

A resident alerted us to a van that had moved Heras fencing on the houses being built on Amblehurst Green and who appear to have stolen scaffolding boards. The management company were also made aware and have contacted the police regarding the theft.

Now the weather is getting warmer, please remember to shut your car windows. There have been thefts from vehicles in other areas, so please look after your car and possessions. So far we have put a crime prevention leaflet in one vehicle that had a rear passenger window that had been left open.

There were a few reports regarding a tent in Station Road Community Gardens. We managed to speak to the lady who was stopping off in Billingshurst for a few days. We liaised with Turning Tides who also came and spoke to the lovely lad and, advice and signposting to various agencies was given. The tent was gone by the next day. Thank you to those who stopped and spoke to the lady - she really appreciated it.

Whilst patrolling in Jubilee Fields we came across a vehicle being driven in the car park by a young person with their mother having a driving lesson. However, the vehicle had no L-plates on the car and the mother, who was not in the vehicle, was directing the young person on how to park. It was obvious this was a very new driver who appeared very nervous. We advised the mum that she needed to be in the vehicle, have L-plates on to alert other drivers in the car park that this was a learner driver. Also, a provisional licence is required, and the appropriate insurance would also be needed. The mum apologised and got back into the vehicle.

Dates for your diary in June:

Parent Support Social with Julie the Warden and Vanessa Green, Head of DaVinci House from The Weald. Wednesday 5th June between 5 and 6pm at The Depot, 83A High Street (next door to the Women's Hall).

D Day Celebrations - Thursday 6th June - see posters and Billingshurst Parish Council on Facebook.

Coffee Morning - Tuesday 11th June – between 10.30am and 12 noon at Adversane Hall, Adversane Lane.

Friday Coffee Morning – every Friday between 10.00am and 12 noon at The Billingshurst Centre.

The Journey – SEN and Autism Group – Monday 17th June - 09.30am and 10.30am at The Depot, 83A High Street.

Wardens Drop-in –Thursday 20th June between 4pm and 6pm at Lidl, Stane Street.

Games Café – Friday 21st June between 3.30pm and 5.30pm at The Depot, 83A High Street.

The Billingshurst Show – Sunday 30th June – Carnival Procession is leaving Jengers Mead at 12 midday arriving at Lower Station Road Recreation Ground at 12.45pm.

“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”.