

# Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

November 2023

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	
Foot (high visibility)	78	Noise	0
Vehicle	16	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>	<b>4</b>	Driving/Vehicles/Bikes	0
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Parking alert	4	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>8</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	8
Email	2	Dog fouling	1
Intelligence report	2	Litter	2
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	8
Verbal	4	Hazards	0
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>7</b>
Press release / Community magazines	1	<b>School Contact</b>	<b>6</b>
Social Media	10	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>70+</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Vulnerable people welfare checks</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>12</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.

**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 reports regarding ASB in Jengers Mead, particularly around the back near the Car park. This has all been reported to the Police, by the residents/businesses. We will patrol the area and engage with the young people when we see them and make them aware of our hot drink and toast sessions that are being held at the end of November and during December. We will also find out what they would like to see in Billingshurst for young people to do.

It has been reported that there has been ASB and threatening behaviour in a few of the businesses by young people. The Police were informed by the shops concerned, we will assist by patrolling the shops when we are on duty, to try and deter any further issues.

Reports have been made to us by residents that young people are hanging around outside the library smoking cannabis and drinking alcohol. There has been lots of mess left outside of the library, which the resident cleared up and a grinder with some cannabis inside had been left. This was given to the Police by the resident. For those that are unsure what a grinder is see below. The lid wasn't taken off as the cannabis was extremely pungent.



There has been a report made regarding people climbing scaffolding in Jengers Mead, the resident is firstly concerned about the safety of to whoever is doing this in case they fall and was fearful that they would frighten their children who were asleep at the time. The resident was encouraged to log this with the Police, they also informed their landlord who requested that the scaffolding was taken down.

A first-floor window of a house which backs onto the graveyard and church path has been shattered, a ball bearing was found amongst the glass. This was done by using a Catapult/ BB gun The incident has also been reported to the Police as this type of damage has been an issue for the last few weeks.

There was some broken glass down in the Lower Station Recreation Ground by the skate ramp, and behind the skate ramp there was some rubbish that had been set alight. This has been reported to the Fire Service to add to their patrol area.



Another bin bag was removed from one of the bins by the Green Shelter and set alight. This has been reported again to the Fire Service for their awareness. We will continue to patrol the areas concerned to deter such activities.

## Parking/Vehicles

A vehicle broke down in the Billingshurst Centre Car Park, the driver is a resident who is quite frail and vulnerable. Our lovely Liz Berry stayed with him for as long as she could, and I took over until the tow truck arrived. I dropped him off at his home address and made sure he got in safely. We will be visiting him routinely to ensure he is ok and see if there is any added support that he may require.

A resident in Cleve Way has complained about the parking at drop off and pick off time, we will be patrolling when we are able, to direct drivers to a safer place to park. It is important that you do not park on corners of roads as this causes an obstruction to other drivers and pedestrians alike. Keeping all children safe is a priority, please help by parking sensibly.

We patrolled with the Civil Enforcement Officers Charles and Amanda in Cleve Way to try and reduce the amount of inconsiderate parking in the area. It was a success and most parents parked safely.

The photo is where cars usually park on corners etc, however today the corners were clear so a big thank you to everyone for keeping the children safe



## Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti

Graffiti was found on one of the EV chargers in the Six Bells Carpark, this was reported and will be removed by Horsham District Council.



Graffiti on a road sign re-emerged after a kind resident cleared the previous Graffiti, this has been reported to HDC for removal.

There seems to be an increase in Graffiti in the area, the Skate Ramp in Lower Station Road was covered in Graffiti this has been reported to HDC for removal.

We have also some across Graffiti on Station Road at the junction with Silver Lane and Station Road Gardens these have all been reported to HDC for removal.

An environmental issue has come to our notice, black bags full of household rubbish have been left out and not put in a bin compound provided. The bags are then ripped apart by foxes/animals and household rubbish is then strewn all over the place. A partner agency has been contacted and this will be resolved by them.

## Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

We went to Osmund Court to assist the residents who are unable to take part in activities without help. This week was bingo, which was great fun and enjoyed by everyone, we didn't win anything but its always lovely to spend time with the residents and staff of Osmund Court.

We spent time at the Monday club in the St Marys Rooms, this is a club for older people where they have a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake with lots of chatting. At the end of the morning, Sandra from Osmund Court got everyone doing chair exercises, which they all enjoyed as did we.

At the Friday Coffee morning we were joined by Meghan from Age Uk, the ladies enjoyed chatting with her, next time Meghan will give a talk to everyone about her role.

This week at the Friday Coffee morning we were very lucky to have not just but two visitors to come and chat with us all. PCSO Tom Fontyn and Aaron Barton who is the operations manager for The Billingshurst Surgery, it was lovely to hear about their roles, and both Tom and Aaron will be coming back soon.



We went to the Wednesday Club at the St Marys Rooms and heard about the mysteries of the crop circles, unfortunately we only heard the last 10 minutes or so, but we were told from others how interesting the talk was and it definitely gave food for thought about how the crop circles come about. Whilst at the Club we have been asked to give a talk in February about our role, alongside other Community groups such as the Billingshurst Community Larder etc.

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November The Wednesday Club had a special afternoon for their last meeting before Christmas. There was Christmas Carols, hot drinks with mince pies and iced biscuits. A lovely lady called Diana came and sang O Holy Night, her voice was magical and for such a little lady she had an incredibly powerful voice.

We have a new member to the Neighbourhood Warden Team his name is Oscar Johnson; he will be based in Horsham with Maria. However, he came to Billingshurst as part of his training and was welcomed by the group to the Friday Morning Coffee Club. We wish Oscar lots of luck in his new career, and we know he will be an amazing Warden.



### [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 make sure that there are no problems they need to discuss with us.

Whilst on Patrol we have visited shops that have had issues with young people, Businesses that have been broken into, schools for lunchtime patrols etc.

We have been discussing with businesses a new way of reporting issues to the Police it will be via an app on the mobile phone/tablet and will only take minutes to do.

Lucy Hargreaves a Community Safety Support Officer from HDC, went to Jengers Mead after reports of ASB in the area. We spoke to a number of the businesses about any issues they have been having, this will have been fed back into the Community Safety Team who will discuss what can be done to reduce the amount of calls made by residents and businesses.

## Older, vulnerable people and Youth

We have been continuing to make doorstep visits to check residents Careline and smoke alarms. Whilst there, we also check that the resident doesn't have 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.

A resident asked for advice regarding a personal issue, we were able to signpost them to the appropriate agencies that will be able to help with it.

A parent asked for some advice regarding their child, they were signposted to the relevant agencies, and we will be keeping in touch to see how things are going.

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at approx. 8.30pm the volunteers from the Community Larder were picking up food for the larder from Tesco's in Lower Station Road.

The volunteers were verbally assaulted by an unknown group of people, and had money thrown at them, thankfully staff from Tesco's came to help them. The volunteers were all very shaken up by the incident and luckily no-one was hurt, these wonderful volunteers who are part of our community in Billingshurst, give up their valuable time to go to local shops to pick up food that would otherwise end up in landfill. The Community Larder is well attended by the residents of Billingshurst and is a great asset to the Billingshurst Community. Police have been informed of this and we will assist where we can.

## Dog related issues.

Resident asked us a question regarding a banned XL Breed, we were able to signpost them to a partner agency who maybe able to assist with their concern.

There has also been another concern regarding the XL Breed, if you are worried or concerned or possibly have a dog that is an XL breed you can find some good information on the Horsham District Council Pages, and also the Government.UK website.

## 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 maybe of interest to the Community of Billingshurst.

A few businesses were broken into during the night - time hours of Monday Night and Tuesday Morning in November. Charity boxes were raided, and money taken in some of the burglaries and damage had been done to a couple of the businesses. There is CCTV of two people and Police are investigating burglaries in Billingshurst and Pulborough. If anyone has any ring doorbell CCTV, please contact the Police to let them know.

Further breaks to vehicles in the Billingshurst area have been reported, Police are aware and will be investigating.

There also has been reports of Number Plates being stolen from vehicles when this happens, please contact the Police and the DVLA. This may increase the chances of getting it returned to you but more importantly, it should prevent you from getting fined for offences you didn't commit as there will be an official record of the theft.

Driving without a number plate could end up costing you £1000, so it's best to get new ones as soon as you can. Some manufacturers have anti-theft registration plates that include screws that can't be removed or plates that break into pieces when someone tries to remove them.

We had a meeting with Greg Burt from The Billingshurst Parish, Dan Fairchild the Youth provisions officer for HDC, Craig Gale from Family Church, Denise Campbell and Lizzie Barnes from Billingshurst Community Partnership. The meeting was to discuss youth provision in Billingshurst, lots of good ideas have been discussed and hopefully we will be getting some of them off the ground in the New Year.

**“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”.**