

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

November 2024

Patrol hours TOTAL:	105	ASB incidents TOTAL:	11
Foot (high visibility)	80	Noise	0
Vehicle	27	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	2	Driving/Vehicles/Bikes	10
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning	0	Dog/Animal	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Parking alert	2	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	36
Police reports TOTAL:	5	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Email	1	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	1	Litter	1
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	34
Verbal	3	Hazards	1
Media reports TOTAL:	15	Community events attended	5
Press release / Community magazines	1	School Contact	3
Social Media	14	Youth engagement	60+
Admin	26	Reports to DVLA	1
Vulnerable people welfare checks	8	Reports to Operation Crackdown	9
Signposting	11		

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

This month has been a lot quieter than usual, which is always a good thing especially coming into Christmas.

There has been reports of motorcycles revving their engines and driving recklessly around the top of Amblehurst Green. This was also reported to the Police by residents.

Parking and vehicles

There have been several reports of vehicles being broken into in Billingshurst, Storrington and Pulborough. The Police are looking into the incidents, please make sure you report all incidents to The Police as it gives a picture of where and when it is happening. If you have any CCTV/Ring doorbell footage, please let them know.

A vehicle was reported for speeding with no tax or MOT to OP Crackdown.

We reported 7 vehicles were reported to OP Crackdown for parking illegally in the High Street.

We reported 1 vehicle for speeding/ inconsiderate driving to OP Crackdown.

One vehicle was reported to DVLA for having no cat tax.

Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti, Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

On Monday the 18th of November we assisted Billigreen with a litter pick along the bypass footpath and over in Jubilee Fields. All in all, we collected ten bags of rubbish, plus part of a plastic chair. Two of the group came across an injured Moorhen which was taken to a local vet. There has been no update regarding the bird's condition however, it is now in safe hands.

On Sunday the 10th of November we were very proud to be part of The Remembrance Day Parade and service. It was lovely to see all the young people taking part and also the Billingshurst Community who came out and lined the streets to watch the parade. It was particularly emotional to hear all those that had died.

We attended a Dementia Coffee morning at Osmund Court, which is run by Sage House. This is held every Tuesday at Osmund Court between 10.30am – 12 midday. It is for people living with dementia, carers and those looking for social companionship. We had a sing song, a quiz, a chat over refreshments although there are many activities that they have, to entertain the group.

Sage House is run by Dementia Support which is a charity that puts the needs of those living with dementia and their families at the heart of everything they do. Sage House is in Tangmere which is close to Chichester, it offers day breaks and activities, Wayfinding which provides professional support and advice and is available free of charge to those living with dementia and help their families cope with the challenges of dementia and provide advice on any aspect of living with dementia. Sage House also has a range of therapists who offer services such as a Hair Salon, Therapy room that provided massages, chiropody and assisted bathing.

Also, within Sage House there is Daisy's Café which is a community café open to the public for tea, coffee, quick snacks, or hot home cooked lunches.

On Friday the 22nd November we held a Road Safety Event on the green opposite The Billingshurst Primary School. This event was well attended, the children loved the road safety packs which were donated by the Safer Road Partnership and also the sweets provided by the wardens. With thanks to the Billingshurst Fire Service, The local Police Community Support Officer Tom Fontyn, The Highways Department, Billingshurst Community Speedwatch, and also the CEOs from Horsham District Council. It was a fun afternoon and the children loved going in the vehicles.



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. Please 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 help with.

We also conduct car patrols for the purposes of fly tipping and to cover the outer areas of Billingshurst such as Adversane and Five Oaks. We tend to conduct these patrols twice a week so we can keep a close eye on the areas that tend to suffer with fly tipping.

The lunch time patrols at The Weald have been very successful so far and we have been focussing on the Year 7 area, where we have had good engagement with the students. This means when they are out and about after school, they will start to recognise us and, we will recognise them.

The Billingshurst Primary School Patrol was very good again, there was no bad parking which is good.

There were some attempt breaks to a few shops in Jengers Mead, so we conducted a reassurance patrol visiting the shops and speaking to those that had an attempt break and also those that hadn't but were concerned about it. There is some good CCTV of the offender so hopefully they will be identified.

Thankfully on this occasion they didn't get into the shops so left empty handed but there was some damage to doors and door frames.

Whilst on patrol we were stopped by a resident who had previously emailed us about an issue they were having. They thanked us for what we did to help him, which is so nice to have positive feedback, then a few days later another resident thanked us for all we do in the community.

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Barry – 07795 051516

Julie – 07795 051529

Please try both phones if one of us doesn't answer, as one of us may be on a rest day or annual leave or email our inbox as above.

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 or signpost to the various agencies that are available and who have the experience to guide residents 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.

We made a visit to one of our residents who we haven't seen around at the Coffee Morning or the Board Game Café for a couple of weeks. On our first visit there was no answer to the door we did try neighbours but unfortunately no-one was in. After speaking to Care Link, we were given an email which was answered by the resident, it appears they had been on an extended holiday. Which was a huge relief to us both and the resident thanked us for caring and checking up on them.

We took some of our lovely Friday Coffee morning group to The Old Barn Nursery in Dial Post. There was lots of laughing, chatting and looking at the Christmas Decorations. Then we had lunch and had another wander around, everyone enjoyed themselves and we will be doing another trip out soon possibly in January.



Dog Related Issues.

There has been reports regarding dog walkers walking their dogs through play parks off lead, and the dogs albeit not in an aggressive way approaching young children and parents. Some people/children are not happy to have dogs approach them, plus although we think our dogs wouldn't be aggressive unfortunately something could upset the dog causing it to react in a way that it wouldn't normally. So, in the interest of safety, it may be a good idea to have all dogs on leads when walking through a children's play park.

There was a report of a dog running loose at Jubilee Fields, as we left the centre to head towards Jubilee Fields, we came face to face with what looked like a fox hound, we managed to quickly head towards the roundabout to turn around and get behind the dog with lights on to protect it as much as we could, it headed into Jengers mead where it unfortunately disappeared despite an area search.

We received a report of a dog causing a noise nuisance in the north of the parish, we signposted the resident to the appropriate agency who will be able to help with this matter. We will however keep this in mind when we are on patrol in that area.

If you are unsure who to contact regarding dog issues/incidents then please take a look at the link below, as this will give you some guidance on reporting any issues.

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

[Parish Specific/Other/Railway, Social Media/Press](#)

We attended a residential address after we received a call regarding a broken branch which was damaging a fence, the resident was given words of advice on who to contact and advised to keep us informed of the outcome, they were very pleased we visited and was happy with the advice we gave him.

We reported a damaged street sign to WSCC as it has been pushed out of the ground and is in a dangerous position.

A resident reported that a tent had been put up close to a school, we visited the tent and spoke to the occupants, who said they were on an expedition and would be leaving later that day, which they did.

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We use social media quite a lot to advertise our Warden drop-ins, Parent Support Socials, Games Café and The Journey – The Autism and SEN group, among many other things as well.

The Warden Pop up was held at the Craft Xmas Fayre in the Billingshurst Centre on November the 23rd, it was busy despite the awful weather. We had lots of visits to our table to talk to us about what our role is all about and how we can help.

The next Warden Pop up is on Saturday the 21st of December at Lidl between 4pm to 6pm.

The Journey – SEN and Autism event was held on Monday the 18th of November it was only a small group, but the support that those attending gave to each other was amazing.

The next Journey is being held on Monday the 16th of December which is being held at The Depot (which is next door to the Womens Hall from 09.30 – 10.30 (doors will be open at 0900 so drop in after you have dropped your children off of school)

The next Board Game Café is on Friday the 13th of December at The Depot between 3.30 -4.30pm this is an all age event so please come along and see what you think.

“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”.