

# Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

## September 2024

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>		<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	
Foot (high visibility)	80	Noise	0
Vehicle	19	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>		Driving/Vehicles/Bikes	8
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Parking alert	2	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>		Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	3
Email	3	Dog fouling	1
Intelligence report	2	Litter	0
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	37
Verbal	1	Hazards	1
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>		<b>Community events attended</b>	6
Press release / Community magazines	1	<b>School Contact</b>	6
Social Media	10	<b>Youth engagement</b>	80+
<b>Admin</b>	20	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	1
<b>Vulnerable people welfare checks</b>	11	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	8
<b>Signposting</b>	17		

### 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

A resident has reported some issues with a dog fouling in their front garden, we gave advice regarding who to contact and will be there if further support is required.

The allotments have had some damage and ASB, we have patrolled the allotments and the Police were informed by the allotment society and the Parish Council.

There has been damage to the Amazon Locker at the train station, it is unknown when this occurred and hopefully it has been reported to the Police by the person/persons who found it.

Criminal Damage is a crime that is sporadic by nature, it is very unlikely to have happened when us the Wardens or Police are about. Therefore, predicting where crimes are going to happen is extremely unlikely; unless the ASB/damage/assaults etc occur at the same time, same day of the week and same place. We patrol on foot and in the car on a regular basis and we know, we do prevent and deter some issues by doing this.

However, that said we are not a replacement for the Police, we are not an emergency service and do not work 24/7. Our role is very much community based and we aim to meet the needs of the community to improve the quality of life for the residents through engagement, promotion and support. We support the more vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting. We also promote community cohesion, resilience and unity to encourage and empower the residents to resolve issues.

We have started many projects in Billingshurst to include Young Peoples Boxing, Coffee Mornings, SEN and Autism group, Board Game Café, Parent Social, The Billingshurst Family Activity Day in August, with many more in the pipeline.

Our role is everchanging and if you would like to know more about what we do then either come to one of our Warden Drop ins, or ring us on the numbers further down.

There has been damage to a fence overlooking the Brook Close to the park near Ostlers View and Skylarks. The fence has been removed leaving a very dangerous area where someone can fall into the brook. This was reported by a resident and we have reported it as well due to the hazard it can cause to pedestrians.



## Parking and vehicles

One vehicle has been reported to DVLA for having no car tax.

We have reported eight vehicles for illegal parking in the village.

A vehicle has been reported to Op Crackdown for dangerous and inconsiderate driving.

We have given advice to another school outside of the Billingshurst Parish about parking issues in front of the school, leaflets have been given to the school to assist with the problem.

A resident has been given advice about vehicles parking on a grass verge where they live. Also, educational leaflets were provided for the drivers who park inconsiderately in the area.

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

There has been 37 pieces of drug litter found in places around the village including empty cannabis bags, plus two tablets which have been sent for destruction by the Police.

The Parish Council environmental operatives have been very busy cleaning off graffiti from the new skate ramps, some of which was racist and abusive. The graffiti concerned has been reported to the Police due to its content.

There was some further graffiti reported to us, which we managed to remove as it was abusive and unpleasant.

The skate ramps are a community asset and therefore can be used by all ages, so very young children do not need to be seeing some of the things that were drawn or written. If you have any information regarding the graffiti, then please contact the Police on 101.

We have discussed with the Parish Clerk whether it might be a good idea to have the ramps street painted to try and prevent further episodes of nasty graffiti that was on the ramps.



There have been two further reports sent to HDC regarding racist graffiti, in an area between Birch Drive and Brookers Road. As the graffiti is on private property, we will speak to the owners about it being removed. It has been reported to Police for their information.

We visited one of the residents who had some rather nasty racist graffiti and because of the emotive content HDC will be removing it on this occasion, although usually it is up to the owner of the property to have it removed.



Whilst on mobile patrol we came across a fly tip in Rowner Road, this thankfully had already been cordoned off with signs and cones to prevent any accidents. We reported this to HDC for removal which was done the next day.



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 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 also, we will recognise them.

We have patrolled Jubilee Fields and spoken to dog owners. We came across no issues and managed to have lots of interesting conversations plus have been over to the skate ramps to check the ramps for further graffiti.

Whilst conducting a school patrol outside Billingshurst Primary school we were thanked repeatedly for our attendance as it made a lot of difference to the parking in the area. We aim to conduct school patrols at least once a week to continue assisting with the parking.

The allotments are being patrolled as often as we can after a spate of ASB and damage. There have been no issues when we have been there, but we will continue to visit at varying times of the day.

Our attention was brought to a bullying issue in one of the parks after school ends. We will up our patrols to the area to give reassurance and support to the young person concerned.

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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 visited a gentleman who was having issues with someone dumping rubbish in his front and back garden. This was causing him quite a lot of upset, as he had no idea who was doing this or why. We have given him advice and will continue to support him if required. The Police were made aware by a relation of his and have also visited and will be looking out to who this maybe doing this.

A visit was made to one of the residents who has complex health needs, who had lost confidence in going out of the flat. So, after a short chat and reassurance we walked them down to the shops which they really appreciated. Advice was given regarding the agencies that may be able to support them.

## Dog Related Issues.

A report was made regarding an attack by a possible XL bully on another dog, over in Jubilee Fields. Thankfully the dog wasn't too badly injured. This incident was reported to Police by the aggrieved for them to investigate in finding the owner/ dog and dealing with the incident in the most appropriate way.

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>

## Cycling

## Parish Specific/Other/Railway, Social Media/Press

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 drop in on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September was inside Sainsburys. Instead of standing at a table we walked around the store and talked to customers. This worked very well, and we had some really good conversations and engagement including questions regarding our role.

The Journey and SEN Group on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September had six people come along. It was a very interactive group of parents. There was lots of mutual support given and shared experiences of the difficulties in getting the correct support for their children, with lots of lively chatter and laughter. The session ended 40 minutes later than expected which was brilliant and shows the need for this type of group.

The next warden October Drop in is on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> October inside the new CO-OP in Platts Meadow between 4-6pm.

The October Parent Support Social is on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October between 5-6pm

The Board Game café is on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October between 3.30pm – 5.30pm

The Journey and SEN group is on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October between 09.30 – 10.30 (doors will be open by 0900hrs)

**“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”.**