

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

June 2022

Patrol hours TOTAL:	188	ASB incidents TOTAL:	17
Foot (high visibility)	150	Noise/Miscellaneous	2
Vehicle	38	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes/E-Scooters	9
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Animals/Dogs	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/Drugs	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order/Crime/Crim Dam	5
Parking alert	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	19
Police reports TOTAL:	10	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	3
Email	3	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	7	Litter	3
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	18
Verbal	0	Hazards	0
Media reports TOTAL:	20	Community events attended	8
Press release / Community magazines	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	5
Social Media	20	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	40	School contact	14
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	24	Youth engagement	70+
Signposting	9	Reports to DVLA	0

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

SRG - Station Roads Gardens

LSRG - Lower Station Road Recreation Grounds

MOP - Member of the Public

YP – Young People

[ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage](#)

Whilst we were carrying out a regular patrol, we noticed a male who is known to us who is banned from entering a certain block of flats. We made our way to this block of houses and caught the male loitering outside. After he disappeared from view, we alerted the manager who found the male in a resident's room, Police were called, and the male was removed from the building.

We have sent 2 emails to 101 in reference to illegal activity in the village.

One of the benches in Station Road Gardens was damaged. The vandals managed to remove part of the aluminium top and then burnt underpants on the table. This was reported to the Parish Council so it could be fixed.

It was reported that a shop in the High Street had been egged, this has been reported to Police as well.

It was reported that a shop window in High Street/ Jengers Mead had been graffitied. This has been reported to the police.

There have been some complaints from residents regarding noise and litter around the log area at the end of Brookers Road. We will patrol the area as often as we are able to try and deter the issues.

It was reported that three shops had damage to their windows, one in Station Road and two in the High Street.

It was reported that young people were climbing on scaffolding and onto the roof of a building in the High Street. We patrolled the area and didn't see anyone on or near the scaffolding. The scaffolding has now been taken down.

[Parking/Vehicles/Bikes/E-Scooters](#)

6 businesses have been warned in reference to one of its business vehicle parking illegally in the village.

1 x 101 report has been sent in reference to a driver who was acting suspiciously in and around the area.

3 vehicles have been reported to operation crackdown for parking illegally in the village.

We have handed out 3 car crime leaflets so far during our summer campaign, this is in relation to preventing theft from cars.

We stopped at the scene of an accident on the High Street to give words of advice and support.

[Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti](#)

There have been reports of littering and the setting of a fire in the fields at the bottom of Brookers Road. This has been picked up and the fire service has been made aware. We will patrol the area regularly, as will the fire service.

There have been reports of littering in the 6th form car park and the Weald Sports Ground. This has been reported to the Weald by a resident.

There have been reports of graffiti in Forge Way and these were reported by residents and Wardens to Horsham District Council for removal.

We found drug litter, mainly used empty drug bags, which have been in various locations such as Station Road Gardens, Cleveland Gardens, Church Path, Jubilee Fields, and the field at the end of Brookers Road.

A bin which was found overflowing in West Street was reported to Horsham District Council for emptying.

There has been some obscene graffiti found on one of the pieces of play equipment in Lower Station Road Recreation Ground. This has been reported to Horsham District Council for removal.

[Community Engagement/Events/Meetings](#)

Regular tweets and Facebook posts to engage and update the community appear to be working well and people are now recognising us from the posts we put up.

We hold regular drop-in sessions in and around the village.

We visit both schools on a regular basis both patrolling outside with staff and inside to engage with young people.

The Boxing Programme is flourishing. The young people are thoroughly enjoying the Programme and this will be continuing after assistance with funding by Matt the Boxing Programme coach.

We have monthly meetings with Billingshurst Fire Service to discuss issues in Billingshurst and how we can work together to make Billingshurst a safer place to live, with emphasis on the increase in the lighting of small fires around Billingshurst. We will be discussing with the Fire Service what can be done to educate young people around keeping safe, to prevent injury to those involved with lighting the fires and preventing damage to the countryside of Billingshurst.

We started the football on a Thursday over in Lower Station Road Recreation Ground, the young people that came along had a brilliant time including Barry who was shattered by the end of the two hours. We will be continuing the football every Thursday 3.30 – 5pm during termtime and 2- 4pm during the school holidays.

We assist with Billingshurst Speed watch on an ad hoc basis as and when required.

We attend a residents association meeting and chat about issues that are concerning some of the residents, giving advice where we can. We update the residents at the next meeting.

We regularly attend a quiz afternoon at one of the local sheltered accommodations, it can be a slightly competitive afternoon however it is thoroughly enjoyed by staff, residents and us.

We marshalled both the Jubilee and Billingshurst Show and then mingled with the Community. Both events were very successful and well attended by the Community.

We led the Horsham Health Walk due to somebody being on leave which was enjoyed by all those concerned.

We had a meeting with some of the crew from Billingshurst Fire Station about issues around fires being set in the area, and we will be supporting an open day they are hoping to hold later in the summer.

We met with the Head Teacher of the Weald, a member of staff, a school Governor and the Premises Manager for a site visit of the Weald Sports Ground in Luxford Way. This is due to residents' concerns of littering, ASB, dog fouling and the recent issue with Travellers setting up camp on the field. Suggestions have been made about what can be done to prevent the issues, but further discussions will be needed.

We went into the Weald School for the Year 6 Welcome Day and patrolled during lunchtime. We managed to speak to quite a few new students who were enjoying their day at the Weald albeit some were finding it slightly overwhelming which is understandable.

We went and spoke to the Rainbow Group about our role and then we all went on a litter pick in SRG. The girls had a lovely time and enjoyed picking up the rubbish left behind by others.

We assisted the Weald with decorating the marquee for the school prom. The marquee looked amazing and hopefully the students thought so too.

We helped the Weald with regular patrols around the school area on the evening of the prom and were also there at the beginning when the students arrived in various forms of transport and on foot. The students looked amazing in their suits and dresses and, from seeing them leave, it looked like they all had a wonderful time.

Patrols

We carry out patrols (foot/visible and car)

We carry out Parish-wide patrols and fly tipping checks in known hot spots.

We continue to regularly patrol the green spaces around the village to act as a deterrent and give a visible presence.

Conducting weekly patrols of the High Street to visit shops and check the area.

Regular patrol of Jubilee Fields/ Manor Fields/Cleveland Gardens/Station Road areas.

Regular patrols of Penfold Grange and Ingfield Manor.

Regular patrols of the Daux Road area and fields at rear of the industrial estate.

Regular patrol of local farms for reassurance.

Weekly patrol outside schools with CEOs and school staff.

Elderly and Youth

We meet with the school council on a regular basis, where young people discuss issues of the day or anything else, they want to talk about. This brings about a lot of interesting discussions which all students on the council engage with and enjoy.

We meet with some of the older young people in Station Road Gardens and at the skatepark on a regular basis and we have built up a very good relationship with them and they have become accepting of our presence. In fact, when the Group walk past us, they also wave or say hello. This is a great achievement on our behalf, as a few months ago the group would not engage or talk with us at all.

We have continued to make doorstep visits to check care line and smoke alarms and to see if there were any other welfare issues.

We attend two seniors' coffee mornings as often as we can. It gives the residents time to talk to us about any issues they may be having, and we also are able to sign post the residents to the appropriate agencies if needed.

We go into the Weald School at lunchtime once a week and this is proving very beneficial to both us and those students who were not aware of us and what we do.

We are also going into The Billingshurst Primary School at the year 6 lunchtime to get to know those young people who will be joining The Weald in September. It will hopefully help with the young people's transition to the Weald, and they will know our faces if they ever need any help or assistance.

We visit the local residential homes on a regular basis to meet residents and engage with their onsite programmes.

We have visited many of our vulnerable residents and checked on their welfare and signposted those that required it to the appropriate agencies.

[Licensing](#)

[Animals/Dogs/Cats](#)

[Cycling](#)

[Parish Specific/Other/Railway](#)

We closed a communal door after we saw it had been left/wedged open in a housing block.

We saw a vehicle which was stopped on the bypass and assisted the driver by giving them directions and we then escorted them towards A272.

“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”