

# Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

March 2022

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	<b>8</b>
Foot (high visibility)	150	Noise/Miscellaneous	0
Vehicle	45	Neighbours	0
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>		Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes/E-Scooters	5
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Animals/Dogs	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order/Crime/Crim Dam	3
Parking alert	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>	Fly tipping / flyposting	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Email	2	Dog fouling	1
Intelligence report	3	Litter	1
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	3
Verbal	1	Hazards	0
<b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Community events attended</b>	<b>6</b>
Press release / Community magazines	2	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>5</b>
Social Media	10	<b>Safeguarding referral</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>School contact</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Youth engagement</b>	<b>60+</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>2</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

**SRG** - Station Roads Gardens

**LSRG** - Lower Station Recreation Ground

## [ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage](#)

Three young males were spoken to after being caught jumping up and down on a bush in the Jengers Mead area, words of advice given and the youths informed about the Boxing Programme.

A resident has been signposted to Action Fraud after reporting an attempted telephone fraud.

There was a report of two males riding a moped on the bridge over the by-pass which takes you to Jubilee Fields. We conducted an area search but there was no trace of the young males.

There was a report regarding the igniting of an aerosol can in the play park in Natts Lane. Police and the Fire Service attended the scene. Some young people were spoken to by the Fire Service, but most ran off. We will patrol the area when we are able and will liaise with the Fire Service to commence joint patrols.

There has been reports of small fires being set in Challen Street, Jubilee Fields, and Daux Wood. West Sussex Fire Service and police are investigating these issues. We will continue high visibility patrols to try to deter further issues and obtain any information from residents that they may have.

We have received a report of youths jumping over vehicles in the village in the early hours. A MOP was contacted and advice given reference reporting incidents. We will patrol the affected area and liaise with local PCSO ref this.

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

5 vehicles have been reported to operation crackdown for parking illegally or causing an obstruction in the village.

A vehicle was seen and was stopped/broken down just outside the village. Driver spoken to and checked on. Was advised by the driver that recovery was on the way, driver then thanked us for stopping.

Vehicle seen left on verge in the High Street reported as abandoned to operation crackdown.

2 vehicles reported to DVLA for not being taxed.

### [Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti](#)

Fly tipping in Wooddale Lane has been reported to WSCC.

Fly tipping in New Road has been reported to WSCC.

We conducted 3 x litter picks along High Street, Station Road, SRG, Lower Station Road and Lower Station Road Recreation Ground.

We conducted a litter pick in Jubilee Fields.

We conducted a litter pick in Coombe Hill, Manor Fields, Cherry Tree Park, Arun Road, Rowan Drive, Mill Road.

### [Community Engagement/Events/Meetings](#)

Regular tweets and Facebook posts to engage and update the community, this appears 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.

We have attended a WI meeting to have a chat with the members and took questions about our role and what we can and what we can't do. Our leaflets were left for them to take home.

We have attended a Monday morning coffee morning and had coffee and a chat with the members of the group.

We had a meeting with two staff members from the Sussex Clubs for Young People. The Depot is starting to see more young people coming along which is brilliant.

The Boxing Programme is flourishing; the young people are thoroughly enjoying the Programme and we hope to continue this for another 20 weeks if we can get the funding put in place.

We were invited to The Billingshurst Community Partnership Meeting. It was interesting to hear what they do for the community and to also meet the members of the Partnership.

We had a very productive meeting with West Sussex Fire Service and it is hoped we will have joint patrols regarding visits to vulnerable and older residents to check care lines and fire alarms. Plus, they would like to visit groups to discuss fire safety and give advice and support to those that need it. We are also hoping to arrange for the Fire Service to come into the school for lunchtime patrols with us and give talks to the students regarding safety around fires etc

We had a lovely morning at St Marys Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. There was making a swift from paper in the church, outside there was the planting of sunflower seeds and wildflower seeds into pots for the children to take home and grow in their gardens. Inside St Marys Rooms there was tea/coffee and best of cakes plus a talk by a guest speaker.

The Fire Station held a Charity Car Wash also on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March and we went round to see how it was going. The fire crews were very busy cleaning the never-ending que of cars. It was donation only and it looks like they made a lot of money for the Fire Service Benevolent Fund.

We attended a meeting that The Men's Shed were having and we are hoping to work with them more closely in the future.

## 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.

We conduct 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 over Station Road Gardens and The Skatepark on a regular basis, 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 Senior 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 sign post the residents to the appropriate agencies if needed.

We attend the School Council at the weald on a regular basis.

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 peoples' transition to The Weald, and also they will know our faces if they ever need any help or assistance.

## [Licensing](#)

## [Animals/Dogs/Cats](#)

## [Cycling](#)

## [Parish Specific/Other/Railway](#)

The 20-week accredited Boxing Programme began at the Billingshurst Centre on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. The young people that attended had an amazing time but looked shattered at the end of the session. We have had several enquiries from other parents who would like their children to attend. So, it looks like it will be a popular programme, with hopes that the programme can be expanded. The Boxing Programme is going from strength to strength with 22 coming along on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.

There was a report from a resident in Coneyhurst of travellers setting up camp close to their property, we visited the resident for a welfare check, and managed to speak to another resident who lives close to the camp who reassured us that the visitors were only stopping off for a couple of days.

The rubbish and dog bins were overflowing in Cleveland Gardens, this was reported to HDC and both bins were emptied the next day.