

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

May 2022

Patrol hours TOTAL:	187	ASB incidents TOTAL:	11
Foot (high visibility)	144	Noise/Miscellaneous	0
Vehicle	43	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes/E-Scooters	8
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	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	12
Police reports TOTAL:	5	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	0
Email	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	4	Litter	2
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	15
Verbal	0	Hazards	1
Media reports TOTAL:	15	Community events attended	5
Press release / Community magazines	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	8
Social Media	15	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	55	School contact	10
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	12	Youth engagement	70+
Signposting	8	Reports to DVLA	3

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 Road Gardens

LSRG - Lower Station Recreation Ground

MOP - Member of the Public

YP – Young People

[ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage](#)

On Monday 2nd May at approximately 9pm a young person reported that a group of unknown young people had tried to assault him and steal his bike. Thankfully he was unhurt. This happened at the Billingshurst Railway Station and is now under investigation by the British Transport Police.

There was a report from a resident in Little East Street regarding a sign being damaged which has also been reported to the police by the victim. We will patrol the area as often as we are able, to try to deter and prevent further issues.

A fence panel has been damaged by being kicked, two possible suspects were spoken to by the aggrieved. We also patrolled the area before school when this was happening. There have been no issues since, however we will continue to monitor.

It was reported to Wardens that a school blazer was set alight and burnt at the Lower Station Road Recreation Ground skatepark. We advised the parent to inform the police and the Weald School about this incident. We have been to the skatepark and spoken to a few young people regarding the incident, however no-one saw or heard anything about it. We will patrol the recreation ground on a regular basis to keep an eye on the area.

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

We reported 1 business vehicle to Operation Crackdown for parking illegally in the village.

We reported 7 vehicles to Operation Crackdown for parking illegally in the village and for not having a valid MOT.

We reported 3 vehicles to DVLA for noncompliance.

[Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti](#)

We did a litter pick in Station Road Community Gardens.

We did litter picks in the Weald sports ground on Luxford Way x 2.

[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.

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 met with the Farming Community Network to further assist our farming community in and around the parish.

We held our Warden pop up in Jengers Mead with the Billingshurst Fire Crew. It was a quiet afternoon with only a few passers-by, however we did have some good community engagement with residents and businesses.

We had a very interesting meeting with the rural prevention officer from West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (WSFRS), who would like to link in with those residents who live in the more rural parts of Billingshurst who may benefit from a Safe and Well visit. These visits are a free service carried out by WSFRS and involve a pre-arranged visit to the resident's home to offer advice on how to make it safer and, where appropriate, they will fit smoke alarms or other specialist fire detection equipment free of charge. For further information contact: **0345 8729 719**. We will be conducting joint visits with the Prevention Officer in the near future to our more rural vulnerable residents. However, if you have anyone you would like to refer, please contact the Fire Service on the number above.

We spent a lovely morning with some residents who live in sheltered accommodation locally. They asked lots of questions about our role, we also discussed the issues that the residents were concerned about. We will be going back to see them very soon.

We attended a residents meeting and chatted about issues that were concerning some of the residents. We have given advice where we can and have some tasks to investigate. We will update the residents at the next meeting we are able to attend. One of the issues that was raised at the meeting has been dealt with and this will be fed back the next time we are attending the meeting.

We attended a quiz afternoon at one of the local sheltered accommodations and we had a fun and slightly competitive afternoon with the residents who also thoroughly enjoyed the quiz. The second quiz afternoon was just as much fun – it was all about the Queen so we learnt a lot from the residents.

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 Inglefield 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 part, 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 peoples' 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 on-site programmes. This month we helped with a VE day celebration which was an afternoon of memories and singing for the residents.

We visited the local bowls club to talk with members and learnt about the club. We have been invited to go and try out bowls in the near future which will be a chance to engage with the members and discuss any issues they have in the community.

Licensing

Animals/Dogs/Cats

Cycling

Parish Specific/Other/Railway

We assisted with an RTC A29 close to the junction of New Road. We went to the roundabout by the new Trade Park and directed traffic away from the incident. We stayed until police back-up arrived and took over.

It was reported that travellers had parked up on the Weald Sports Ground/ 6th form car park. Approximately 10 -12 caravans were insitu and there were a few issues which were reported to police and the appropriate agencies by residents. The travellers have left the area and a big clear up is in progress in both the Weald sports ground and the surrounding pathways and wooded areas.

“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”