

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

September 2022

Patrol hours TOTAL:	206	ASB incidents TOTAL:	10
Foot (high visibility)	151	Noise/Miscellaneous	0
Vehicle	55	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	1	Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes/E-Scooters	6
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Animals/Dogs	3
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/Drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order/Crime/Crim Dam	1
Parking alert	1	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	15
Police reports TOTAL:	10	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	4
Email	2	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	5	Litter	3
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	1	Drug litter	8
Verbal	1	Hazards	0
Media reports TOTAL:	14	Community events attended	4
Press release / Community magazines	1	Reports to Operation Crackdown	6
Social Media	13	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	40	School contact	7
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	30	Youth engagement	100+
Signposting	8	Reports to DVLA	1

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

SRCG - Station Road Community Gardens

LSRRG - Lower Station Road Recreation Ground

MOP - Member of the Public.

YP – Young People.

[ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage](#)

We received reports of a non-dwelling burglary in the village. We visited the victim of crime and gave some advice ref crime prevention and took details of what was stolen. The resident was grateful and thanked us for our visit.

We have received a report of persistent ASB from a resident in the south of the village. The resident was given words of advice and was signposted to the police as well as advised on how to use the 101 service.

We have received reports from a MOP that youths were buying vapes illegally from a shop in the village. Trading Standards were notified.

We received an email regarding dog fouling in a meadow. The resident requested some signage which they could put up which we delivered the same day to the resident so they could place it in the appropriate places in the offending area.

We were receiving numerous reports regarding a person who was causing ASB and other crimes against a couple of residents and their property. We were made aware by the aggrieved that the person was indeed a person of interest to the police. Whilst on patrol we saw the person, called police on 999 and the person was apprehended a couple of hours later and arrested for the many offences.

We have received a report from a resident who has just moved to a new house in a new estate just off Marringdean Road, that they are having issues with young people bashing their door. They have put in CCTV and we will patrol the area to try and deter further issues.

A gate going into Lower Station Road Recreation Ground was damaged. This was reported to the Parish Council and within 24 hours the gate had been fixed.

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

We have reported 5 vehicles to Operation Crackdown for ASB

We have reported 1 vehicle to DVLA for no tax

We have reported 1 vehicle for no tax to Operation Crackdown

[Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti](#)

Graffiti was found on the green shelter - some of which was very unpleasant - so we took our graffiti wipes to the shelter to clean off the offensive messages and pictures. There was a small group sitting in the shelter who saw us cleaning off the graffiti and three of the group asked if they could help us. The three young men helped clear off most of the paint, leaving only a small area that would not come off which has been reported to Horsham District Council for removal. The school has been emailed about the young people who assisted us, to inform them that these students are a credit to the school, themselves, and their parents.

Further graffiti was found in Station Road Community Gardens on the green shelter, on a wall in the garden, and a wall in the play area. We cleaned off what we could with the graffiti wipes and reported the rest to HDC for removal.

Offensive graffiti was found under the railway bridge in Natts Lane, we contacted Network Rail to ask them to remove.

There has been a lot of littering at the green shelter in Station Road Community Gardens, Church Path and also the skatepark in Natts Lane. We will patrol the area more regularly to give advice to those that need it and encourage them to put their litter in the bins that are placed close by.

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

We put out 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 which we publicise on Facebook and Twitter. If anyone has an area they would like us to attend please let us know.

The Boxing Programme is still flourishing. The young people are thoroughly enjoying the Programme and have gained fitness, confidence and are a lot more focused. We are also talking to young people around the village to get them to come along. The Programme will now be running until the end of March 2023 and hopefully beyond. Our wish is to have a designated Boxing Club for Billingshurst which will be an inclusive club for all the community. Although a lot of our young people have not been coming to the Boxing during the summer holidays, there have been a few new faces who have joined and who are enjoying the Boxing as well.

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 invited a member of The Men's Shed to our meeting with the Fire Service. We had a great discussion, and the Fire Service will be advertising the Men's Shed by putting a poster in their notice board outside the Fire Station. Representatives of Mens Shed have been invited to the open day next year, where they can sell some of the items they make.

We assist with Billingshurst Speed watch on an ad hoc basis as and when required. The group always needs other volunteers to assist them in this very worthwhile cause.

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 enjoyed by staff, residents and us. The September Quiz afternoon was thankfully headed by Sandra their appointed Quiz Mistress. The Quiz went well, and Team Julie won Jammie Dodger biscuits, which I gave to Barry. After the Quiz a lovely lady named Maria came to see the residents with her Alsatian dog, Ria. Ria was able to do lots of tricks and the residents absolutely loved her and they spent time playing ball with her and stroking her. It was a very nice afternoon ending with a cup of tea before the residents went back to their rooms, and we left to conduct a patrol.

We visited another of our local sheltered accommodations and had a chat with some of the residents who don't manage to get out and about. They appeared to enjoy our company so we will go back soon.

We were invited by the Weald School to attend the year 7 information evening. This was well attended and we managed to talk to some of the parents of the year 7 children about our role and what we do and gave out our leaflets with our contact details on it.

We were invited by the Weald School to attend the year 8, 9 and 10 information evening, which was also well attended by students and their parents. We spoke to a number of students and their parents including staff from the Weald. It was a really nice way of meeting young people that we may never see out of school.

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.

Monthly patrol outside schools with CEOs and school staff to try and prevent dangerous and illegal parking.

One of the Parish Councillors came out on patrol with us to see what we do. We spent time showing the areas where we have issues with ASB, then we were outside the Weald when the students left the school. We managed to speak to a lot of the students to see what their day been like and then sat with them in the green shelter for a short time. (No cannabis in sight or smell). After our walk about around the various parks, we then had a patrol in our vehicle to the new builds where there has been some ASB and then just general patrol around the Billingshurst area.

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 are continuing to make doorstep visits to check residents' Careline and smoke alarms and to see if there are any other welfare issues that we can help with.

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

We go into the Weald School at lunchtime once a week to now visit year 7 only for this term to help them settle in. This is working well, as now when we go into see the students they chat quite happily with us.

We are also going into the Billingshurst Primary School on 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.

Licensing

Animals/Dogs/Cats

There were several reports regarding dogs coming out of the field where the travellers were parked up and going into the road and into the estate. The dogs were ushered back into the field successfully by residents and ourselves, however there was one report of a member of the public who was bitten by one of the dogs from the site, thankfully it was only a minor injury.

Cycling:

Two cyclists who were riding their bikes on the pavement in the High Street were asked to get off their bikes and walk them; after one of them very nearly hit a pedestrian. Advice was given to them both about not riding their bikes on the pavement in the future.

Parish Specific/Other/Railway

Pulborough and ourselves have been working together as part of reciprocal working. This works very well as we get to know the hotspot areas that Pulborough has and those young people who frequent both areas. It also means that the Pulborough Wardens will also know the areas that we have issues with so that if we are not on duty but need support, they will come over to assist.

We assisted in the search for a high-risk missing person who was, thankfully, found safe and sound.

A group of travellers were reported to have moved onto the Weald Sports Field in Luxford Way. We patrolled the area to give reassurance to the residents. The travellers left the site 2 days later without any issues after they were given an eviction notice by the police.

“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”