

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

February 2022

Patrol hours TOTAL:	200	ASB incidents TOTAL:	5
Foot (high visibility)	144	Noise/Miscellaneous	0
Vehicle	56	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:		Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes/E-Scooters	1
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Animals/Dogs	1
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/Drugs	2
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order/Crime/Crim Dam	1
Parking alert	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	11
Police reports TOTAL:	7	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	3	Graffiti	0
Email	3	Dog fouling	3
Intelligence report	0	Litter	2
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	6
Verbal	1	Hazards	0
Media reports TOTAL:	13	Community events attended	4
Press release / Community magazines	3	Reports to Operation Crackdown	3
Social Media	10	Safeguarding referral	0
Admin	30	School contact	10
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	9	Youth engagement	50
Signposting	4	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 Road Gardens

LSRG - Lower Station Recreation Ground

ASB/crime/criminal damage

We are Working with BTP and Rail Enforcement to combat ASB around the Station Road area; joint operations are ongoing.

We are still getting reports of doors being kicked in Penfold Grange area, Amblehurst Estate, Cleve Way and Little East Street the Police are aware, and we have been patrolling the areas as often as we are able.

Further reports of kicking doors in the Penfold Grange have been reported to us and the Police, one of these incidences resulted in a door being damaged. Police are investigating and we have increased our patrols in the area.

There has been further ASB in Sainsbury's car park; three young boys were seen kicking the toilet door, no damage was seen. Patrols have been increased in this area.

A worrying report was made by a member of the public, who was driving (on the A29) under the bridge that goes to Jubilee Fields, when a wooden post landed on her car. Some young people were seen on the bridge who then run off. This was reported to the Police by the victim. We have increased our patrols to the area.

Male who has been banned from the village was requested to leave and his alcohol was confiscated from him.

A report has been received from a resident regarding ASB in Jengers Passage; we patrolled the area and dispersed a group of young people. This was also reported to the Police who have been sent CCTV images by the resident. This will be shown to the school in hope they can identify those in the images.

A male we believe to have visited our area before has been reported to 101 after being seen in a village nearby with a vehicle that has an illegal number plate.

Parking/Vehicles/Bikes/E-Scooters

A female has been warned and advised in reference to a riding e-scooter and riding it on the pavement. A vehicle has been reported to Operation Crackdown for no MOT after information received ref other issues around the vehicle.

3 Vehicles has been reported to Operation Crackdown for causing an obstruction.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We found graffiti on one of the skate ramps in the skate park in Natts Lane. This has been reported for removal.

We did a litter pick around SRG and the green shelter.

We did a litter pick along the High Street, Cleveland Gardens, around SRG, the green shelter and in Lower Station Road Rec Gd. and the Skatepark.

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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 these posts we put up.

We held a Warden drop-in at the Billingshurst Centre; there was lots of people who were at the Centre who were interested in what we do, plus one resident who is having issues with ASB; advice has been given and we will support by patrolling the area where they live.

Phone meeting with HDC Youth Provision Officer regarding Sport Activities for the next few months; we will be having more discussions regarding this and hope to have some sport activities for the young people of Billingshurst including weekly Football, monthly Futsal and Boxing. We are also liaising with Sussex Clubs for Young People regarding activities that they are looking at and how we can support them.

One of our projects is a Boxing Programme which is being held in the Billingshurst Centre for young people between the ages of 11 – 17 years old. All of the young people have been funded by HDC, Billingshurst Lions and Billingshurst Parish Council this course is for 20 weeks, after which we hope it continues at The Weald. We have had have 50 young people attending this month over the 4 weeks.

We have had a very beneficial meeting with Billigreen and Billingshurst Community Partnership regarding intergenerational working between some of the community and the Eco Team of The Weald School. Our next meeting will be with the school to discuss the ideas that have resulted from talks with The Eco Team and Billigreen/ BCP.

We had a meeting with SCYP regarding starting the Young Peoples Voice, where young people can voice their opinions, concerns, and anything else that they feel needs discussing in a safe and supportive environment.

We had a meeting with the General Manager of the Leisure Centre to discuss ideas that we have regarding bringing the Leisure Centre out to the community, ie a Zumba class or something along those lines where anyone can join in, and also using the 4G pitch for football sessions that we will be holding for the young people.

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 over at 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 completed several Doorstep Welfare visits to check care line and smoke alarms and to see if there were any other welfare issues. One resident was given crime prevention advice regarding leaving their front door unlocked. One resident will need a visit or phone call to remind them to test the alarm.

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 were asked to attend a meeting at The Weald by the Billingshurst Parish Chairman to discuss Road Safety around the school. This was attended by a local councillor and one of the teachers, two school captains had hoped to attend, but they are studying hard for their exams. The students have looked at Station Road and Stane Street to see what can be done to make the area safer for both The Weald students and Billingshurst Primary pupils. They provided some very good ideas, some of which will be taken forward by the local Councillor to make the area safer for everyone.

We attended the School Council, there was discussions around the school uniform, and they were making posters regarding this, most of the students will be studying for their mock exams after half term, so we wish them lots of luck.

We went to Osmund Court to introduce ourselves to the residents and ended up making tea/coffee for approx. 20 residents. It is our aim to try and visit them every other month, so they know who we are and can report issues that they are worried about.

Licensing

Dog related issues

We were alerted by residents regarding the discarding of cigarette butts outside flats in Roman Way, this has been reported to the housing provider. Also, in the same area there was reports of lots of dog's mess on the grass area out the front of the flats. We sprayed the mess with red paint to make pedestrians aware and to make it easier for the Environment Agency to find; the housing provider will be speaking to the residents of the flats regarding this issue.

We referred the issue to the Cleansing Department from HDC so the dog excrement can be cleaned up. However, this is not something they would do, so it has been passed back to Housing to deal with.

We were made aware of a dog being bitten by one/two dogs near Carpenters, the dog a year-old puppy was thankfully not badly injured, but obviously the puppy and owner were very shocked.

The fact both dog owners did not assist with their dogs is worrying. For an incident such as this, it will need to be reported to www.horsham.gov.uk/report/dog-attacks. If Horsham District Council receive three reports of an attack by the same dog/dogs in a six-month period, then HDC will make contact with the dog owner.

This could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice or Community Protection Notice, both of which include a fine, and measures that need to be implemented.

Cycling

Parish specific/Other/Railway

We assisted with finding a venue for the Children's Immunisation Programme with the help of a Parish Councillor and the Fixture secretary for St Marys Church to hold a clinic for those children that had missed out on their immunisations since the pandemic had begun. The clinic will be running on Thursday 24th February between 0900hrs – 3pm at The St Marys Room in East Street.

The 20-week accredited Boxing Programme began at the Billingshurst Centre on the 9th 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 2nd week of The Boxing Programme saw 19 young people come along to The Billingshurst Centre, all of which enjoyed the session and will be coming back for the further sessions.

We go into The Weald School at lunchtime once a week, 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 Billingshurst Primary School on the year 6 lunchtime to get to know those young people who will be joining The Weald in September. This will hopefully help with their transition from a primary school to a High School, plus they will have a point of contact outside the school if they need any help or support.

We supported one of the Billingshurst Station staff to ensure that all passengers were directed to the correct platform/ bus after a vehicle collided with the bridge over the A24 at Christ's Hospital, it was particularly busy once the students from the local school arrived to go home. Thankfully once all the students from the school had left the station it was easier for the staff to deal with.