

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

July 2022

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| Patrol hours TOTAL: | 204 | ASB incidents TOTAL: | 17 |
| Foot (high visibility) | 156 | Noise/Miscellaneous | 1 |
| Vehicle | 48 | Neighbours | 1 |
| Notices/warnings TOTAL: | 3 | Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes/E-Scooters | 11 |
| Fixed Penalty Notice | 0 | Animals/Dogs | 1 |
| Yellow card warning | 0 | Alcohol/Drugs | 1 |
| Community Protection Warning/Notice | 0 | Public order/Crime/Crim Dam | 2 |
| Parking alert | 3 | Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL: | 26 |
| Police reports TOTAL: | 11 | Fly tipping / flyposting | 0 |
| Phone (including 101 and 999) | 1 | Graffiti | 3 |
| Email | 4 | Dog fouling | 1 |
| Intelligence report | 3 | Litter | 2 |
| E-CINS (multi-agency reporting) | 0 | Drug litter | 20+ |
| Verbal | 3 | Hazards | 0 |
| Media reports TOTAL: | 14 | Community events attended | 4 |
| Press release / Community magazines | 2 | Reports to Operation Crackdown | 4 |
| Social Media | 12 | Safeguarding referral | 0 |
| Admin | 30 | School contact | 7 |
| Visits to vulnerable people (all ages) | 10 | Youth engagement | 50+ |
| Signposting | 5 | 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

SRG - Station Road Gardens

LSRG - Lower Station Recreation Grounds

MOP - Member of the Public.

YP – Young People.

[ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage](#)

It was reported to us that a few vehicles tyres had been damaged / punctured in Daux Avenue. The residents were advised to contact Police to make them aware.

It was reported to Wardens that a shop had shoplifting of vapes. Police are aware and investigating. We liaised with the shop and will continue to touch base with the staff to give advice and support them with any other issues.

We have been contacted by a resident regarding a low level ASB issue. This has been discussed with one of the Community Safety team at HDC and, hopefully the issue has been resolved through the actions taken, which will have prevented escalation to Environmental Health and local PCSO.

We had reports of sheds having been broken into on the allotment in Manor Fields. Seven sheds were broken into and two rotovators were stolen. Thankfully a resident heard all the noise and called the Police. A Police dog was used to try and track the culprit/culprits, and a resident on a nearby estate has ring doorbell footage that may help the Police. We visited the allotment and chatted with some of the allotment holders. They discussed the issue and the weak points of the boundary between the allotment, Manor Fields and the footpath that runs along northern aspect of the allotment. We gave crime prevention advice to hopefully prevent any further issues.

There have been reports of door kicking on the Amblehurst Estate. Fortunately most houses on the estate have ring doorbells so the culprits can be found and spoken to by Police. We are patrolling the area as regularly as we can.

Manor Fields has been having an increase in ASB, with broken bottles being found, and reports of young people climbing up the fence of the allotments. We will patrol the area when on late duty to try and find out who is using the park and will also pass onto the PCSOs so they can also focus their patrols to the park as well.

There have been reports to Police regarding noise and possible damage in a park in Amblehurst Green in the early hours of the morning although the Police were able to check the area and no damage was found.

It has been reported to us and Police that young people are climbing onto the roof of the old Barclays building we will monitor the area as much as we can. Police are also aware and will patrol the area.

We have been made aware of an incident that occurred in Arun Road by a few residents, whereby there was a lot of shouting and concerns someone had a weapon, which hasn't been confirmed. This incident is being actively investigated by Police and we are assisting by patrolling the area by foot and vehicle.

Glass has been smashed in the fields in Jubilee Fields which could cause injury to wildlife, dogs, and us humans. This appears to be an ongoing issue in and around Jubilee Fields so patrols have been increased and advice given to those seen.

ASB is now rising so we are asking residents to call the Wardens as well as the Police so we can focus our patrols on the areas that are most needed.

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

We have reported 4 vehicles to operation crackdown for parking illegally in the village.

We have issued 4 car crime leaflets for vehicles that have left their car windows open.

We have issued 3 vehicles with yellow warnings/parking alerts for parking issues on Amblehurst Estate

We have given words of advice to 1 driver and moved them on in the High Street.

[Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti](#)

We have done three litter picks at the end of Brookers Road, to clear litter around the area where the logs are as fires were being lit using the litter left. At the present time, the area has not been used for nearly two weeks. We will continue to monitor the area in case of further issues.

There were over 300 empty Nox cannisters found in Jengers Mead car park, this would have occurred on a Sunday evening as the car park was clear during the day. An intel report was submitted for awareness and for the area to be patrolled.

Graffiti on the Skate Ramp has been reported to HDC for removal and was removed the next day by HDC.

[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 and these are publicised on Facebook and Twitter. If anyone has an area they would like us to attend please let us know.

We visit both Billingshurst Primary and the Weald Schools on a regular basis - both patrolling outside with staff and inside to engage with young people.

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 of the community.

We have monthly meetings with Billingshurst Fire Service in order to discuss issues in Billingshurst and how we can work together to make Billingshurst a safer place to live, particularly with the increase in the lighting of small fires around the village. We regularly discuss 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. The Fire Service now patrol the hotspot areas to try and prevent and deter the setting of fires.

We assist with Billingshurst Speedwatch on an ad hoc basis as and when required. Further volunteers are always needed 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, we give 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 with the residents who also thoroughly enjoyed the quiz.

We attended a Bingo afternoon at one of the sheltered accommodations. It was a fun afternoon that was enjoyed by all.

[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.

There were reports that people were swimming in the fishing lake at Jubilee Fields. Regular patrols have been commenced with no sign of anyone swimming.

Large groups of young people were heading to Jubilee Fields and we gave them advice regarding keeping safe in the sun. The young people appeared to take the advice on board and were all polite and grateful for the words of advice.

We were made aware that young people were going to go to Pulborough Brooks for a BBQ. The weather had been very hot and the grass etc very dry. We patrolled the area with our colleagues the Pulborough Wardens and engaged with several young people giving personal safety advice ie: sunscreen, drinking plenty of water and fire safety around using BBQs.

We also contacted the West Sussex Fire Service who also patrolled the area including Pulborough Brooks and Hardham Water works area where there were also several young people. Unfortunately, the Fire Service were called to a fire but thankfully it was put out quickly.

There have been reports that people are swimming in the lakes at Jubilee Fields, whilst on patrols around the lakes we spoke to several young people who were sitting by the lake and gave them advice as to the dangers of swimming in lakes such as gastrointestinal illnesses, parasites, and injury from hidden debris and hazards. Plus, swimming in the lake could cause injury to the fish or even kill them.

[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 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 are able to signpost 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 during 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 called our vulnerable people to check that they were doing ok in the hot weather, advice was given, and support was offered if they needed it.

[Licensing](#)

[Animals/Dogs/Cats](#)

There has been a report from a resident that a dog has been heard barking and sounding distressed close to Mole Country Stores. We have patrolled the area at varying times however have not heard the dog so far. We will continue to monitor the area and will see if any other residents have reported this issue so we can check on the welfare of the dog.

[Cycling](#)

[Parish Specific/Other/Railway](#)

“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”