

# **Late Spring Update from Julie & Barry Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens**

As residents will be aware, the last few months have been very wet; however, we have continued to be busy with our patrols, visits to vulnerable residents, visits to schools etc. Unfortunately, there has been a lot of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) including Ball bearings being shot at bus stop windows, house windows and birds from either a slingshot and/or BB gun. These instances have caused damage to property and harm/death to the birds, this is being investigated by Sussex Police and they do have some lines of enquiry to follow up, so hopefully incidents like this will stop. The cricket field at Jubilee Fields was driven over by a car which inevitably caused a lot of damage, thankfully the groundsman was able to put good the damage that was done.

## **Parent Support Group:**

We have also been looking at projects that hopefully the community of Billingshurst will be supportive of. This includes a Parent Support Social for parents who have teenage children who may have concerns about them or issues that they are hearing about such as drugs, carrying of knives, children's mental health, safety in Billingshurst etc. We may not be able to answer all the questions, but if we cannot, we will find someone that can. The sessions are a safe place for you to share what it is like bringing up a teenager, as it can be a challenging time. It can be exhausting, stressful, and worrying too feeling like life will never be the same again; it will get better, it just takes time. The Parent Support Socials are held monthly, the details of the upcoming dates are noted below. So please come along and have a chat with other parents, there are refreshments too (tea/coffee, cold drinks and biscuits).

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	5.00 – 6.00pm	The Depot (High Street next door to Moo Scoops)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	5.00 – 6.00pm	The Depot
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	5.00 – 6.00pm	The Depot.

## **The Journey:**

The Journey is a Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Autism Group, held for parents/guardians/Grandparents etc, and is designed for those who want to share their journey of bringing up a child with SEN or Autism, no formal diagnosis is required. Our group is friendly and non-judgmental and are at different stages of their journey's, therefore, we have lots of experience to share with other parents. Come along and have a cuppa and chat, you will be most welcome. The venue is The Depot, situated at 83a High Street, Billingshurst, next door to Moo Scoops. It starts at 9.30am, but we are at the Depot by 9.00am, so come in to see us on your way home from dropping your children at school. Upcoming Dates are noted below.

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 – 10.30am	The Depot (High Street next door to Moo Scoops)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 – 10.30am	The Depot
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 – 10.30am	The Depot

## **The Board Game Café:**

A place where people of all ages can come together to play board games; it is being held at The Depot on the following dates.

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	4.00 – 6.00pm	The Depot (High Street next door to Moo Scoops)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	4.00 – 6.00pm	The Depot
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 – 6.00pm	The Depot
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	4.00 - 6.00pm	The Depot

### **Adversane Coffee Morning:**

After the successful Friday Coffee morning which is held at the Billingshurst Centre on Friday mornings between 10am – 12.00pm, we have decided to start a coffee morning in Adversane Hall. The first one is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 10.30 – 12.00noon. At first, we be holding them monthly but if the idea takes off, then we will have them more often.

### **Boxing Programme:**

The Boxing Programme has been running since February 2022; the group has grown in numbers, and it is great to see how much the young people have developed. They have shown motivation, dedication, discipline and focus at the sessions. It is for the 11 - 17 year age group, and is fully funded by Billingshurst Parish Council. If you fit the age criteria, why not come along to the Weald School (Old Dance Studio) on Wednesdays between 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

### **Billingshurst FunDay:**

Put Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August in your diaries, as we are holding a Billingshurst FunDay in conjunction with Billingshurst Parish Council. All we can tell you at the moment is that the event will be held over at Jubilee Fields between 12noon – 4.00pm. Once all the activities and stalls are finalised, we will be putting details of the FunDay out on social media, and you will find posters giving you all the details.

### **Warden Monthly Drop-In Sessions:**


The next few dates, times and locations are noted below:-

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00 – 6.00pm	Lidl in Stane Street
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 – 12noon	Jengers Mead
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	4.00 – 6.00pm	Newman's Way Play park
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 – 12noon	Sainsburys

Throughout the Summer and Autumn, we will be moving around Billingshurst with our Warden Drop-Ins to ensure we engage with as many of the residents as possible. If you have a particular area, where you would like us to hold a session, then please let us know.

### **Contact Us:**

If you ever need to contact us, the info is below.

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If one of us doesn't answer, then please try the other number as it maybe one of us is off on annual leave/sick. We aren't a 24/7 service but will get back to you as soon as we are able.