

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN UPDATE FOR BILLINGSHURST

NOVEMBER 2023



The summer months were very busy; we held Sports Sessions and Football for young people; although we had to cancel a couple as the weather was incredibly hot so we deemed that it wouldn't be safe to continue them. We also held a Bushcraft event which was very well attended and enjoyed by all that attended.

We also held the Warden Drop-In Sessions in various locations which were fairly well attended. The next few Drop-In dates are as noted below:-

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Sainsburys
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.30am - 11.30am	Lidl
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm – 6.00pm	Sainsburys
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00pm – 6.00pm	Billingshurst Station

Throughout the Spring and Summer months we will be moving around Billingshurst to ensure we engage with as many of the residents as possible.

**The Friday Coffee morning** which is held every Friday between 10.00am & 12 noon at The Billingshurst Centre has proved to be very successful in forging old and new friendships amongst the group. We have had some wonderful guests come along to chat to the ladies (men are also welcome), including Billingshurst Fire Service, PCSO Tom Fontyn, Aaron Barton from Billingshurst Surgery, Age UK, Prevention Assessment Team, Claudia Dreamer from West Sussex County Council, who gave a talk about Scams, Voluntary Services and much more. It is a very friendly group, and we would welcome anyone that would like to come along, you will be given a warm reception alongside a hot drink, toast and biscuits. If you have any questions about the group, please contact **Julie: 07795 051529**.

**The Boxing Programme** has now been running since February 2022, we have a core group of about 10 young people who have been with the programme since it started. There are also another 8-10 who have joined recently, and we are supported by the Billingshurst & District Lions

who have assisted with donations. At the moment the young people are coming up with a design for T-Shirts which again the Billingshurst & District Lions are funding.

**Hot Drink and Toast** for young people has been slow to get off the ground, however we will continue with this, especially over the cold winter months. It would be amazing if local businesses could help donate other food such as Pizza's, panini's, soups etc. Please contact Julie if you are able to help on 07795 051529.

**The Parent Support Session** which is being run by Julie one of the Billingshurst Wardens and Vanessa Green who is the Head of DaVinci House at the Weald School. The parent support will be for those parents who have concerns over their children regarding drugs, self-harm, teenage behaviour etc. It is held at The Weald School for parents who would like to chat with other parents in a non-judgemental and confidential setting. Other partner agencies will be invited to come to the group to give support and advice to the parents and their families, but this will be at the parent's request. The sessions are held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month between 5pm – 6.30pm**. Any questions please ring Julie on **07795 051529**. The next sessions are on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

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