



Neighbourhood Wardens' Monthly Report May 2026 – Billingshurst Parish

The monthly update from your Neighbourhood Wardens, Louisa Hull and Ross Phillips

Project Work



Chapel Corner Gardens – Trinity United Reformed Church

On 15th May the gardens committee met to discuss the quotes received for the hard landscaping and following a further site meeting David Neale Landscapes was appointed. David brings a wealth of landscaping and gardening expertise to the project and is also helping to design the planting scheme. David will be on site from early June to start works and we look forward to updating you with the progress in our June report.

If you would like to help support the project with tools and resources, please have a look at our Amazon Wishlist for items that are needed for ongoing maintenance

Please follow the link to the Amazon Wishlist to support the project: <https://tinyurl.com/5j2cw22f>

Fundraising – Go Fund Me



We have created a GoFundMe account to help with funding for the project and are really pleased to have received some donations from residents already. The GoFundMe page can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by visiting the link: <https://gofund.me/66b275c9e>

Follow Chapel Corner Gardens social media for updates on the commencement of the hard landscaping works.

On Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/chapelcornergardens>

On Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/chapelcornergardens>

Youth Provision

Youth Boxing Programme Update

May saw us say goodbye to our Year 11 students as they went on study leave after the May half term. Many of them have been with the programme throughout their time at The Weald. We wished them luck for their GCSE's. We have been pleased that this year the programme has seen lots of year 7s coming along to try out the boxing and meet the coaches and that a good number have stayed with the programme. We still have space for more young people to join so if you know of anyone aged between 11 and 17 years, who'd like to give boxing a try please let them know. The sessions run every Wednesday afternoon during term time, from 3:15pm to 4:15pm at The Weald School.

Our continued thanks go to Billingshurst Parish Council for funding the programme, Billingshurst Lions for sponsoring the t-shirts, The Weald School for allowing the use of their dance studio and to Connie and Khumo, the fabulous coaches from Brighton & Hove Boxing Gym.

Youth Club @ The Depot

4TY THE YOUTH

BILLINGSHURST YOUTH CLUB @ THE DEPOT
83A HIGH STREET

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM - 8PM
OPEN TO ANYONE IN SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 8 FROM ANY SCHOOL

MEMBERS PAY JUST £2 ENTRY PER SESSION NON MEMBERS PAY £3

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF 4TY OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.4THEYOUTH.CO.UK



May has seen a steady increase in young people attending the new youth club at The Depot, which is a huge positive. We have seen some great artistic skills, the games consoles have proved popular as well as the mini pool table. Board games have been enjoyed, and it has been very entertaining finding out who is a “traitor” and who is a “faithful”!

During the last session before the half term break, we had a movie night as requested by the young people and the popcorn went down a treat!



Gaming fun



Movie night

Events and Meetings Attended This Month

Meeting at Derwent Lodge – Tuesday 5th May

This month we met with Miriam, who is the Activities and Wellbeing Lead at Derwent Lodge care home. She gave us a tour of the home, and we met lots of the residents. Some familiar faces and many new ones too. Derwent Lodge now have access to a minibus and some of the residents have been really enjoying coming along to our Friday coffee mornings at the Community Centre. Derwent Lodge are looking for activities within the community that their residents can attend and are also holding their own events which they hope members of the community will attend.

Warden Steering Group Meeting – Tuesday 5th May

This month we held our quarterly Steering Group meeting chaired by our supervisor Ross Spanton and attended by Assistant Parish Clerk Richard, Office Manager Liz and Parish Councillors Sandy Duck and Kate Rowbottom. The meetings give us an opportunity to update the parish council about our projects and work within the parish and for them to feedback with the priorities that they would like us to focus on.

The Anchorage Community Dementia Café – Tuesday 12th May

On 12th May we were invited to visit a new Demetia Café which is being held at Pulborough Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and is run by lovely staff from The Anchorage Care Home. We were frequent visitors to The Anchorage when we worked in Pulborough and wanted to support them with this new provision. There was entertaining music from singer Rustyn George and Ross was invited to dance by one of the attendees! Derwent Lodge will be taking residents along to a future session to introduce them to Anchorage residents and for staff members to meet. If you know anyone with Dementia who you would like to take along, the Anchorage staff will make them very welcome.



The Anchorage Community Dementia Café in Pulborough

You are cordially invited to The Anchorage Care Home's Community Dementia Café

Our sessions provide a safe and welcoming space for residents of Pulborough's elderly and care community to meet, connect and enjoy time together. We offer dementia-friendly activities in an inclusive, supportive environment, open to people living with dementia as well as family members, friends and carers.

enquiries@anchoragecarehome.co.uk
01798 872 779

**The Meadows Room
Pulborough Village Hall**

**The second Tuesday of every month
10:30am - 12:00pm**




This initiative is delivered in partnership with PDCCA and is open to those living with dementia, their carers, and anyone seeking support or signposting to relevant services.

PDCCA
PULBOROUGH & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION



The Weald School Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) After School Club – Tuesday 12th May

As part of our research into the potential for a modern board games club in Billingshurst we attended The Weald School's D&D club. We received a warm welcome from both the teachers and students and want to thank them for allowing us to observe their game play and for answering our questions.

Osmund Court Quiz Afternoon – Wednesday 27th May



Residents at Osmund Court in Billingshurst have a fabulous activities co-ordinator called Sandra. On Wednesdays Sandra often holds an activity or quiz afternoon. On Wednesday 27th May, Louisa visited to see the residents and met local resident Denise who had taken her beautiful rescue dog Luna in to meet the residents. Luna was exceptionally well behaved and enjoyed being given biscuits by the residents. Sandra then held her quiz and there was fierce competition for the prizes!!

Trinity United Reformed Church – Saturday 30th May



We visited the plant sale at Trinity United Reformed Church on Saturday 30th May. It was great to see some of the plants on sale that had been carefully removed by the Ingfield Manor School students from the church garden and nurtured ready for sale. Well done to all involved.

Billingshurst Neighbourhood Wardens - Come & See Us

Drop-In at Lidl – Saturday 16th May

During the morning of Saturday 16th May we held a warden drop-in outside Lidl supermarket. We spent time talking to shoppers about our role and community projects. We had some great conversations and our robotic cat “Billi the Kit” proved very popular!

Thank you to Billingshurst Lidl for their support.



Over the coming months we will be at the following locations:



Sunday 28th June 🕒 13:00 – 17:00 at The Billingshurst Show, Lower Station Road Recreation Ground

After helping with the road closures and following the carnival procession, come and find us at our stand at Lower Station Road Recreation Ground. We will have some Lego fun for children to enjoy, plus information about the new youth club and our boxing programme as well as the Family Activity Day on 8th August and our Chapel Corner Garden project.



Saturday 18th July 🕒 11:30 – 17:00 at Weald Fest, The Weald School

Thanks to the kind invitation from the organisers, we will be onsite during the afternoon of Weald Fest. Come along to see us and find out about our role and our projects within Billingshurst. If you have any concerns about issues within the parish, come along and speak with us.

Saturday 8th August 🕒 12:00 – 16:00 at Billingshurst Family Activity Day, Jubilee Fields

Great news – our Billingshurst Family Activity Day held in conjunction with Billingshurst Parish Council, Billingshurst Sports & Recreation Association and Billingshurst Lions is back for it's third year. The event, which is growing each year, provides fun activities for the whole family. Once again, there will be fishing and bushcraft sessions as well as the popular climbing wall, archery and bouncy castle. New for this year there will be donkey rides and a raffle with some fabulous prizes. Add the date to your diaries.



Future Events

Discover warden events happening across the district here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/wardens-events>

Local Neighbourhood policing events can also be found here:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area/sussex/horsham/billingshurst-shingley-pulborough-and-coldwaltham/meetings-and-events/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area>

Social Media



Billingshurst Wardens Instagram Account

Don't forget we now have our own dedicated Billingshurst Wardens Instagram account.

Please give us a follow at the link below:

<https://www.instagram.com/billingshurstwardens/>



Horsham District Neighbourhood Wardens

We also share a Facebook account with the other Horsham District Neighbourhood Warden Teams so please do follow us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens>

Parish Specific/Other



Station Road Gardens Volunteer Gardening Days

Don't forget once a month you can join other volunteers at the Station Road Community Gardens. The Billingshurst Men's Shed is often also open during these sessions so a great opportunity to pop along and speak to both organisations, if you are interested in joining.



Dementia Cafe

The Dementia Cafe is held at the hall at the Trinity United Reformed Church which is accessed via West Street. The cafe operates on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month between 10am and 12 noon.

More information can be found on the Trinity URC's website and Facebook pages:

<https://billingshursturc.co.uk/dementia%20cafe.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064598869390>

Friday Coffee Mornings



May has continued to bring new faces to our Friday coffee mornings as well as our regular participants. This month our youngest attendee was 2 ½ years old! Our robotic cat had a lot of attention!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

**Billingshurst
Coffee Mornings**

Every Friday
10am - 12noon

Billingshurst Community & Conference
Centre, Roman Way, RH14 9QW

Billingshurst Centre along with the Neighbourhood Wardens are hosting a coffee morning every Friday in the Centre's Stanley Room, so why don't you pop along for a cuppa and a chat!

For more info please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:
Call: 07795 051616 | 07795 051629
Email: billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

The coffee mornings run between 10am and midday every Friday throughout the year (except Good Friday and over the Christmas period) and everyone is welcome!



Whilst Out on Patrol

Vehicle collision with a house



Whilst out on patrol on Tuesday 26th May we came across an incident in Barnfield, where the handbrake on a vehicle had failed and it had rolled down hill into a property leaving damage to the brickwork. Fire crews from Storrington had arrived quickly on scene as well as engineers from the gas company as the vehicle had collided where the gas supply connected to the property. Neighbouring properties were evacuated, and it was heart warming to see how the residents of Barnfield came together in very hot temperatures making sure those who had been evacuated had shade and water provided. We checked on residents and offered assistance.

Fly Tipping & Litter



On Thursday 7th May Ross joined the 2nd Billingshurst Guides for an evening of litter picking around Station Road and Lower Station Road recreation grounds. Thank you to the guides and their leaders for inviting us to join them and for helping to keep Billingshurst clean.



Over the last 3 months one young person from Billingshurst, who has been completing his bronze Duke of Edinburgh award, has carried out voluntary litter picks in the parish alongside members of his family. On Tuesday 26th May we joined him for his final litter pick. For two hours in the balmy heat we cleaned Station Road Gardens, the footpath to Natts Lane, Lower Station Road recreation ground and back up passed the railway station. We collected two large sacks of rubbish between us!



Whilst out on patrol during half term week we found a large plastic container filled with rubbish in Wooddale Lane. This was reported to HDC for removal. We also carried out litter picks whilst patrolling Jubilee Fields. It was disappointing to find so many empty bread bags around the lake.

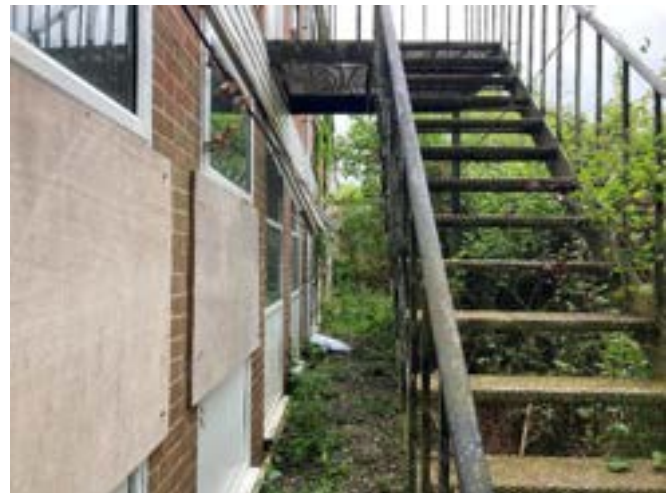
Following a post on one of the Billingshurst Facebook pages about a large amount of litter and broken glass being found in woodland adjacent to Jubilee Fields over the late May bank holiday weekend we attended the area and spent over an hour clearing away broken glass, bear cans and food wrappers. It was disappointing to also find 3 separate areas where fires had been started.



Prohibited Street Trading

May has seen us continue to liaise with our colleagues in licencing about a street trader who should not be trading in prohibited streets within the parish.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Damage





We were contacted by a concerned resident regarding young people gaining access to an empty commercial premises in Brookers Road. We attended the area and ascertained where access was being gained. After establishing ownership of the building, we made contact with the owners who were quick to secure the building. Thank you to them for their prompt action.

Once again, we have also received reports of young people gaining access to the old Barclays bank building in the High Street and we have contacted the owners to better secure the property.

Can you spot the odd one out?



Electric Bike Electric Scooter Mobility Scooter

Answer: Electric scooters are illegal to use in public areas in Sussex

Report electric scooter use to Sussex Police:
Call **101** or report online at www.sussex.police.uk
for a non-emergency, or call **999** in an emergency.



During May we have seen an increase in young people using electric scooters on the roads and footpaths in Billingshurst. E-scooters are illegal to use in public areas in Sussex. We have also witnessed some unsafe riding/manoeuvres and have made Sussex Police aware.

If you know someone who rides an e-scooter, they must only do so on private land with the landowner's permission.

WHO DO I REPORT TO?

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

999	101	CrimeStoppers	British Transport Police	Horsham District Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A crime is happening now.• Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.• Property is in danger of being seriously damaged.• A serious disruption to the public is likely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To report crime 100% anonymously.• Crimestoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities.• Information given will be shared anonymously with the police.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-emergency incidents on a train or at a station can be reported direct to the British Transport Police online: www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime.• There is also a Railway Guardian app.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council.• You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: www.horsham.gov.uk/report.

See it. Report it.
Reporting crime and ASB means we can work together to reduce it.

Horsham District Community Safety Partnership
Horsham District Council

Sussex Police Website:

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/>

Useful links for reporting litter, fly-tipping or graffiti:

You can report litter issues to HDC at the following link:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/litter>

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter bin here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

If you witness fly-tipping in action, please call Sussex Police and, if possible, provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant dash cam footage you may have.

You can also report it direct to HDC at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Abandoned shopping trolleys can be reported on the 'Trolleywise' website at: https://www.wanzl.com/en_GB/360-degree-service/TrolleyWise

You can report incidents of graffiti direct to Horsham District Council via their website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Horsham District Council App



Horsham District Council have a useful app that can be used to find out lots of information, report litter, fly-tipping, and graffiti, and you can even set up handy reminders about your waste collections too. The app can be downloaded from the Apple or Google Play stores. More information and links to download are available on the HDC website: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/mobileapp>

Dog Related Issues

Dog fouling can be reported via the HDC website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/dog-fouling>

Any attacks by dogs need to be reported immediately to Sussex Police. Their advice is that if there is an immediate threat to human or animal life to call 999. Otherwise report to the police on 101 or via the Sussex Police website reporting form.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Dogs Roaming Free

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, you may wish to consider reporting it to Horsham District Council's approved contractor on 07512 089777 and they will come and collect. ***This is a 24/7 service, but the dog does need to be contained for them to collect.***

***** Please note Horsham District Council does not have dog wardens *****

Rough Sleepers and Homeless Persons

<https://thestreetlink.org.uk/> connecting people sleeping rough to local services.



NEIGHBOURHOOD
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YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Billingshurst Parish



Ross Phillips
07795 051516



Louisa Hull
07795 051529

If you wish to speak to us in confidence, please give us a call or email
billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

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@HorshamWardens



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THE WORK WE DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Based within the community, your Neighbourhood Wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone and promote community cohesion and resilience. The Wardens undertake a number of activities, ranging from enforcement to community development.

Neighbourhood Wardens can help the community in the following ways:

- Meet the needs of the community and improve the quality of life for the residents, through engagement, promotion and support.
- Develop projects that benefit the local residents, to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- Promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.
- Support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- Engage with residents daily to get to know their local community and become a trusted friend to offer advice and guidance.
- Offer education and advice when required, before taking enforcement action.
- Contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership plan by working with other agencies.
- Provide a highly visible and reassuring uniformed patrolling presence.
- Provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- Work alongside the Police and submit reports regarding drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

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In an emergency always dial 999

