

# Billingshurst Warden's Monthly Report

## November 2021

<b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>
Foot (high visibility)	130	Noise	0
Vehicle	25	Neighbours	1
<b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>		Driving/Vehicles	3
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes	0
Yellow Card Warning	0	Alcohol/Drugs	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public Order/ Criminal Damage	1
Parking Alert	0	<b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>	Fly Tipping / Flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	0
Email	1	Dog Fouling	0
Intelligence Report	1	Litter	1
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	1	Drug Litter	1
Verbal	2	Hazards	0
		<b>Community Events Attended</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>School Contact</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Youth Engagement</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Signposting</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Reports to DVLA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Safeguarding Referral</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>	<b>3</b>

### 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 Roads Gardens

LSRG - Lower Station Recreation Grounds

MOP-Member of the Public

## ASB /Crime/Criminal Damage

A resident reported to us that they had their house egged by persons unknown. They were advised to contact Police on 101 as other residents may have had issues. We checked with local shops to see if they had any eggs stolen and if there was any CCTV footage, however Sainsburys and McColl's stated that they had no stolen eggs. The Wine Shop in Jengers Mead was also be checked.

Members of the public reported that there was a group of young people drinking alcohol in Jengers Passage. It appears that the group then smashed the bottles outside the fish and chip shop area. This glass was very kindly picked up by a resident to prevent any injury to passers-by. We will try and look at CCTV of the area to try and find out who these young people are and where they got the alcohol from.

Report from police ref a shoplifting incident in Tesco's and some low level ASB, police attended, however we are liaising with local police and Tesco's to identify the offenders.

## Parking/Vehicles

Signposted MOP to Operation Crackdown ref parking on the pavement in their area.

3 reports sent to Operation Crackdown about illegal parking/parking on the pavement.

## Fly tipping/Littering/Graffiti

We assisted Billigreen with a litter pick in the school field in Luxford Way. Most of the litter had blown into the hedgerows and between 7 of us we managed to accumulate 7 bags of rubbish. The next litter pick next month will look at Station Road Gardens, mainly the edges of the Gardens where the wind blows the rubbish.

We reported fly tipping in Wooddale Road to HDC for removal.

Litter pick x 2 in Station Road Gardens around the green shelter area.

## 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 the posts we put up.

We go on regular walks with Healthy Horsham walks, it gives us the chance to have a chat with residents and any issues they may be having whilst enjoying a walk at the same time.

We have a Warden drop in every other week; at this present time, it is at The Billingshurst Centre.

We attend a Senior Coffee Morning when we are able, to meet residents to discuss any issues they may be having, giving them help and support where needed.

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.

We went into Billingshurst Primary with two Billigreen representatives to speak to the Eco Group of young people regarding the impact of littering on the local area, the wildlife and how it impacts on a larger scale on the world. The group was made up of those young children from each year group who were interested in looking after our environment. The children were very interactive and were very keen to assist with the campaign. They are going to make a video about this issue and how we can all help stop the damage that littering is causing globally which, in turn, can be used in other local schools and sent to friends and family across the UK and around the world. It was lovely to see such young people so keen and motivated in saving our planet.

We were asked to assist The Weald with their COVID 19 vaccinations, to prevent any issues with anti-vaccine supporters. Thankfully all was quiet and there were no issues at the school.

We had a Warden pop up in the Library carpark with some of the NHW members regarding "Say no to ASB". The event was well publicised on social media however it was not as well attended as first hoped. The positive aspect was NHW and the Wardens working together and we hope this can happen in the future.

During Road Safety Week, a road safety event was held opposite the Billingshurst Primary School. We were joined by the Fire Service and Highways but, unfortunately, other agencies we had asked to come along were unable to join us. It was a complete success with over 200 adults and children who came over to our display and learnt about the importance of road safety. They were given leaflets, stickers, and key rings to take home with them. Some lucky children were able to take some packets of sweets with them as well - however these ran out very quickly.

## Elderly and youth

We have lots of engagement with local young people; it gives us a chance to get to know them and they us.

Every Wednesday we go to The Weald and patrol with the Head Teacher, going to Station Road Gardens and the green shelter and Tesco's. We also go to the other side where the buses pick up the pupils. This is a very beneficial practice not only for us but also the teachers as the students see that we work in partnership.

## Dog/Animal Reports

Whilst on patrol there were 4 dogs seen wandering around the street near to a main road in the Andrews Hill area of the village. We managed to round up the dogs and locate the owner, who thanked us for our efforts.

## Cycling

### Parish Specific/Other

Pulborough Railway Station had reported that there was an issue with ASB from young people getting off a school minibus and, as there are no Pulborough Wardens, we went over for a patrol. Once at the station we spoke to the ticket office who told us that they are rude, abusive and climb onto the roof of the side of the building. The young people arrived and seemed shocked to see us. They mentioned that one of them was expecting to have a fight with another young person but saw the boy's older brother and became anxious. We stayed with the group and ensured that all the young people left the area safely, we returned the next day with a Police Officer and two PCSOs to assist with the issues. The young people were a little more challenging, however, we again stayed until the group dispersed. Railway Station staff will report any further issues to us and Police in the future. Two teachers from the school also were in attendance to monitor their behaviour.

We received a report from a resident regarding issues with a neighbour. These were discussed at length and the resident was signposted to various agencies to help support them, including care alarm and Billingshurst Community Transport. At this moment in time, there are no further issues with the neighbour, however the resident will contact us if anything happens. More visits will be made to them to ensure that they are feeling safe in their home and to check on how they are getting on.

There have been concerns over the green shelter in Station Road Gardens and the issues that sometimes occur in the vicinity. A site meeting involving the Parish Council, Police, the Weald School, Community Safety, Sussex Clubs for Young People and the Neighbourhood Wardens has taken place.

Some young people were there at the time and were involved in the discussion. It was decided that the shelter would remain where it is but would be painted another colour (pink, light green and black are some of the suggestions so far). However, this will be further discussed with the young people and Sussex Clubs for Young People to come up with a colour that the majority can agree on.

The sides of the shelter will be removed and replaced with mesh, there will be lighting, and a speaker so they can play their music through it. CCTV maybe placed in the area in the future. Police and Neighbourhood Wardens will continue to Patrol the area for reassurance purposes and to engage with young people sitting in the shelter.

Assisting the Parish Council with the Christmas Fayre and have adjusted shifts so we can attend the event in December.