

Billingshurst Wardens' Monthly Report

October 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	146	ASB incidents TOTAL:	
Foot (high visibility)	130	Noise	0
Vehicle	16	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:		Driving/vehicles	0
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Bikes	0
Yellow card warning	0	Alcohol/drugs	0
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0	Public order/ Criminal Damage	1
Parking alert	1	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	
Police reports TOTAL:		Fly tipping / flyposting	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	0
Email	2	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	6	Litter	3
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	1	Drug litter	5
Verbal	2	Hazards	0
		Community events attended	6
Admin	44	School contact	9
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	6	Youth engagement	98
Signposting	7	Reports to DVLA	1
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	3

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

ASB /crime/criminal damage

Regular tweets and Facebook posts to engage and update the community, this appears to be working well and people are now recognising us from these posts we put up.

101 Report made to local police ref a known drugs address.

Criminal damage has been found to the metal bin that was bought by a resident for the tree at end of Brookers Road where young people sometimes go. Some wood in the bin was set alight, the bin is still useable, Fire Service made aware, and we will continue our patrols to the area.

There was a report of male harassing staff in a charity shop. The description given was the same as a male who, last year, would enter the shop and expose his chest. He doesn't really speak to the staff but only tends to visit charity shops. The shop was visited and advice was given, we also asked them to contact 101 to make Police aware.

A resident made us aware of a group of young people who were being loud and obstructing the steps in Jengers Passage. A group of young people were spoken to and advice about their behaviour given.

Parking/vehicles

3x reports have been made to Operation Crackdown ref to a vehicle causing an obstruction in Billingshurst.

A report has been made to DVLA ref to a vehicle parked in Billingshurst without any tax.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We litter picked Station Road Gardens x2 after school as there was a lot of litter discarded by young people.

Litter pick Cleveland Gardens x1 of bottles and cans by a bench.

We litter picked on Station Road as a box and lots of cans were found close to Silver Lane.

Drug litter x 4 Station Road Gardens.

We found some fly tipping in Adversane Road, this has been photographed and reported.

Community engagement/events/meetings

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 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 attended a meeting with the Headmistress of Billingshurst Primary School regarding setting up a Walking Bus for some of the children to alleviate the traffic issues in the roads opposite the school. Also, we discussed the Litter Campaign which is to be further discussed. Plus, the Road Safety Event which we are holding on Friday 19th November between 2.30pm – 4pm, we are hoping the children will be involved in some shape or form.

We had a meeting with two Primary Care Network Co-ordinators (PCN) regarding their role, they work from Billingshurst GP Surgery and are an information support and guidance service. Their aim is to ensure that patients, carers, and families feel supported and have access to local services that are right for them, particularly around frailty.

We had a meeting with the Health and Wellbeing (alcohol) Co-ordinator, she is very interested in working with us in the future.

We had a meeting after school at The Weald with a boxing coach, regarding the starting of a Boxing Club in Billingshurst for those young people who need a diversionary activity. There was a positive response from the young people about this activity. We hope to further this project in the very near future once costings and funding have been agreed.

This month we held a Talking Tent in response to the recent suicides of four young people from the Horsham area. We went to Station Road Gardens with hot drinks, cakes, crisps, and sweets which went down a storm. We had a very positive engagement with 12 young people who came over and had a chat with us.

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, 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.

We were invited to give a talk to local scouts to learn about our role and assisted a PC from the Met Police to give a talk about drug/alcohol and smoking awareness. It gave us the chance to meet young people who we wouldn't normally encounter during our patrols. We left our leaflets with the Scout Leader to give out to the young people and their parents.

On a Wednesday we attend The Weald to have a patrol with the Head Teacher. As we were walking past the leisure centre swimming pool, we saw two girls and a boy who were being spoken to by a teacher from the school. The Manager of the Leisure Centre was also standing there. It appears that the three had been in the Leisure Centre causing issues with noise and swearing. On talking to the three young people who were involved, they mentioned there had been a fight at Pulborough Railway Station which they were involved with, I believe this may have been reported to the Police already, which is being dealt with by Police.

A lady had a fall in the High Street, three members of the public stopped and stayed with her made sure she was comfortable whilst waiting for the ambulance. We assisted with checking her address for a carer and the lady gave us another resident's name to speak to ensure the carer would know where the lady was if she turned up at the address. Thankfully the lady had no injuries and was taken home and settled in by the ambulance crew.

We have been conducting our VP visits to those elderly/vulnerable people with care alarms, firstly to check their care alarms and smoke alarms are working but also to ensure they are not in need of any help and support. This is a very good way of getting to know the more vulnerable residents and we are able to signpost them to other agencies if need be.

Dog related issues

Cycling

Parish specific/other

We gave a talk to the local Scouts (see above).

We have given advice given to local residents regarding crime prevention, operation crackdown and reporting vehicles without any tax.

We have removed illegal flyposting signs from the village advertising a local business.

A resident asked for some advice regarding an issue they were signposted to Trading Standards to assist them with the matter.

We were made aware of a male sleeping in the bus shelter in the High Street by a resident and one of our Litter Wardens. On speaking to the male we established that he wanted to get to Bognor Regis on his bike. We gave advice and checked he was ok; our intention was to go and check on him again and refer to Turning Tides for the male to get support. However, a Turning Tides representative came along and said that someone had referred him to them, and they would take him to Bognor Regis or pay for a train ticket. The male was very appreciative for all the help and support that was given by the community of Billingshurst.

The Railway Station contacted us as they were concerned about a female who they thought was acting strangely, on seeing us she bought a ticket and got onto the train. The staff at the station will call us again if they see her again.

A group of three males and one female got off the London train, they were being loud and obstructive, they obviously didn't know where they were going - walking up to by the Weald School then promptly returning to the station. They were asked if they needed help to which one answered they didn't. Three of the group went to the end shelter on the London-bound side platform, whilst one was sat by a bike which was in the bike stand and was showing a great deal of interest in it. We stayed on the platform until the group got onto the London bound train which possibly prevented some issues or a bike theft.