

Billingshurst Warden's Monthly Report

November 2020

Patrol Hours TOTAL:	107	ASB Incidents TOTAL:	43
Foot	49	Noise	1
Vehicle	58	Neighbours	1
Notices/Warnings TOTAL:	2	Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes	37
Fixed Penalty Notice		Animals/Dogs	1
Yellow Warning Notice	2	Alcohol/Drugs	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice		Public Order/Crime/Crim Dam	2
Parking Alert Notice		Clear Up/Disposal Reports TOTAL:	3
Police Reports TOTAL:	6	Fly tipping / flyposting	
Phone (including 101 and 999)		Graffiti	1
Email	2	Dog fouling	1
Intelligence Report	1	Litter	1
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	3	Drug litter	
Verbal		Hazards	
		Community Events Attended/Meetings	2
Admin	30	School contact	5
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)		Youth engagement	5
Signposting		Reports to DVLA	
Safeguarding referral		Reports to Operation Crackdown	21

ASB/Crime/Criminal Damage

- A resident reported that the adjoining property had an overgrown garden that also contained multiple cars left in a state of repair. We liaised with the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-Ordinator, and the police attended the address to speak with owners. We are working with householder to resolve the problem, and further checks will be made to confirm that the garden is being cleared of debris.
- We received a report that fireworks were being set off in Jubilee Fields and other green areas. We checked the areas, but no fireworks were seen. We increased our patrols in order to deter the use of fireworks.
- We received a report from the Weald School that pupils were planning anti-social behaviour around the railway crossing point. We contacted Network Rail and advised staff at the railway station so they were aware and to contact the British Transport Police (BTP). We will continue to patrol the area concerned and will report any offences to the BTP.
- The litter warden reported there was a male who was intoxicated and shouting in the High Street. We searched the area, but male could not be located.
- We visited a local shop to provide reassurance after they reported multiple thefts. We spoke with the manager who confirmed the thefts are sporadic. They are looking at further security measures.
- A shop reported schoolchildren stealing sweets. We gave crime prevention advice to the manager and have liaised with the school. We will increase patrols of the shop and surrounding areas.
- The Weald School have reported parents not adhering to the current COVID regulations. We advised the school to write to the parents and we also attached a sign to a bus stop where this is occurring to prevent further occurrences.

- A shop reported theft and groups of noisy students breaching COVID regulations. Again, we advised the school and we have completed joint patrols at the location.
- We received a report of four youths chasing another into his house and trying to run him down with a car. We were provided with photographs of those involved, and through liaison with the Weald School the offenders were quickly identified. We have continued to reassure the victim and details of the offence were reported to the police for further investigation.
- We received a report of an attempted theft outside of the Community Centre in Roman Way. The CCTV was checked, and the registration number of the offender's vehicle was identified. We passed details to the victim and signposted them to report this to the police.

Parking/Vehicles

- A vehicle continued to be parked in a parish car park when not using facilities despite the driver being given verbal warnings. A yellow warning was issued, and the vehicle has now moved.
- A vehicle parked in the High Street was issued with a yellow warning.
- We reported 13 vehicles to Op Crackdown for parking on the pavement in the High Street and verges in the surrounding area.
- A vehicle was reported to Op Crackdown for no MOT in the Newbridge area.
- 3 Vehicles reported to Op Crackdown for causing an obstruction in the Coombe Hill area.
- A vehicle was reported to Operation Crackdown for speeding and noise in the Station Road area.
- A bike was found in Cleveland Gardens and was recovered with the help of the litter warden. This was publicised on social media to attempt to trace its owner.
- A total of nine business vehicles were seen parking on the pavement in the High Street. We contacted all the businesses who were advised of their drivers conduct and asked to refrain from parking there in the future. We were assured that the individual drivers would be spoken to. Any further breaches will be reported to Op Crackdown and consideration made for further enforcement.
- Four vehicles were seen parking in the High Street that either drove away or left after we spoke to the driver.
- One vehicle was reported to Op Crackdown as it is abandoned in the Roman Way area.
- We also reported a vehicle to Op Crackdown for no MOT or road tax.

Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti

- Graffiti reported on bridge at Natts Lane to Network Rail for removal.
- Litter reported left in a field off Brookers Road. We liaised with landowner as the field is private property and they are responsible to remove the waste.
- Fly tipping reported in the Mill Way area by a member of the public. Details were passed to HDC Waste Management for it to be removed.

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

- We met with the PCSO to share intelligence and complete village patrols.
- We met with the Deputy Headteacher at the Weald School and conducted patrols.
- Police meeting with councillors around evening patrols.

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.
- Regular patrols of Penfold Grange and Inglefield Manor.
- Regular patrols of the Daux Road area and fields at rear of the industrial estate.
- Regular patrol outside schools with teachers.
- Patrolled with traffic wardens (CEOS) and local PCSO.

Elderly and Youth

- We continue to monitor vulnerable people in the village with regular phone calls and patrols on a weekly/daily basis.
- We continue to engage with youths whilst out on patrol in and around the village.
- We spoke to four youths in the Cleveland Gardens area which is a littering hot spot, and reminded them of the COVID regulations. The youths socially distanced and left the area a short time later.
- The Weald School reported parents breaching COVID regulations and older youths loitering after the school has shut. We patrolled the school and spoke to parents and dispersed the youths. We provided the school with a pro forma letter regarding the COVID regulations for them to use if needed.
- We emailed the school regarding a potentially harmful game to make them and parents aware of its existence. We also posted about this on social media through the Parish Council.
- Three youths were seen in a vehicle acting suspiciously in area of the A272. On approaching vehicle cannabis could be smelt. The vehicle made off after the driver was spoken to, and details have been passed to the police for a potential drug driver.

Licensing

Nothing to report.

Dog related issues

- Dog fouling reported in Station Road Gardens highlighted with bright coloured environmentally friendly spray paint. This has been reported to HDC for removal.
- A male was reported to be in the Daux fields with 2 lurcher dogs which were off the lead. The same male was reported this summer to be getting drunk and leaving his dogs to run around. We searched six fields and surrounding woodland, but they could not be located.

Cycling

Nothing to report.

Parish Specific/Other

- We assisted a lady with her child after her car had broken down in the village. We waited with her until AA arrived and put cones out to protect her vehicle.
- We assisted a warden from a neighbouring parish with an anti-social behaviour issue where the offending parties also impact in Billingshurst.
- During the lockdown the skate park was closed. COVID signage was placed on the ramps and equipment, and 25 people were dispersed after being advised that they could not use the equipment. The signage was put back up as it was frequently removed.
- We served a final Fixed Penalty Notice warning to a resident on behalf of Sussex Police and HDC.
- A possible rogue trader was spotted operating in Billingshurst, and we made checks made with Trading Standards and the Police. The company were contacted, and they confirmed that the trader was legitimate.