

# Warden Monthly Report

April 2021

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| <b>Patrol hours TOTAL:</b>                    | <b>167</b> | <b>ASB incidents TOTAL:</b>             | <b>13</b> |
| Foot (high visibility)                        | 112        | Noise                                   | 1         |
| Vehicle                                       | 55         | Neighbours                              | 0         |
| <b>Notices/warnings TOTAL:</b>                | <b>0</b>   | Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes          | 4         |
| Fixed Penalty Notice                          | 0          | Animals/Dogs                            | 0         |
| Yellow card warning                           | 0          | Alcohol/Drugs                           | 2         |
| Community Protection Warning/Notice           | 0          | Public order/Crime/Crim Dam             | 6         |
| Parking alert                                 | 0          | <b>Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:</b> | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Police reports TOTAL:</b>                  | <b>21</b>  | Fly tipping / flyposting                | 1         |
| Phone (including 101 and 999)                 | 2          | Graffiti                                | 0         |
| Email   | 13         | Dog fouling                             | 1         |
| Intelligence report                           | 6          | Litter                                  | 2         |
| E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)               | 0          | Drug litter                             | 2         |
| Verbal  | 0          | Hazards                                 | 0         |
| <b>Media reports TOTAL:</b>                   | <b>5</b>   | <b>Community events attended</b>        | <b>3</b>  |
| Press release / Community magazines           | 1          | <b>Reports to Operation Crackdown</b>   | <b>10</b> |
| Social Media                                  | 4          | <b>Safeguarding referral</b>            | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Admin</b>                                  | <b>50</b>  | <b>School contact</b>                   | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)</b> | <b>12</b>  | <b>Youth engagement</b>                 | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Signposting</b>                            | <b>5</b>   | <b>Reports to DVLA</b>                  | <b>2</b>  |

## ASB/crime/criminal damage

We are engaged in joint operations with the British Transport Police (BTP) and Rail Enforcement to combat ASB around the Station Road area.

We have submitted multiple intelligence reports regarding people using the Station Road/SRG area after reports of ASB.

We have submitted multiple intelligence reports regarding an address in a neighbouring parish which is believed to be used in the supply of drugs which impact Billingshurst.

An intelligence report was submitted after a female who is at risk of child sexual exploitation was seen boarding a train to London. BTP were informed and train was stopped at CROYDON and searched but female was not on board. Investigations are ongoing with the school and BTP as same female was stopped at Billingshurst train station.

An intelligence report was submitted regarding a vehicle linked to a male believed to be involved in the supply of drugs.

Multiple intelligence reports were submitted regarding a vehicle and suspected address believed to be involved in the supply of drugs.

An intelligence report was submitted regarding an unlicensed ice cream van that caused issues last year here and in Horsham.

A male was seen drunk and acting oddly by Library staff. The person was known to us, and we contacted the police. The male was served with a banning notice, banning him from the local supermarket.

A male was seen knocking on doors in the Penfold Grange area. We located him, took his details and offered him words of advice. His details were sent to police via 101 for their information.

A male was seen shouting and swearing in the High Street. He refused to engage with us so the police were called and the male was arrested for being drunk and disorderly.

We received reports of ASB at the entrance to a recreation ground. We spoke with residents and completed a leaflet drop in the area. We also increased our patrols and engaged with small groups of young people to give education and advice around skateboarding by the houses, dropping litter and how broken glass could cause injury to animals, young children etc.

We received reports of fires being lit in a wooded area off West Street. We attended the location and took photographs which were sent to West Sussex Fire and Rescue, and area will be patrolled more frequently.

## Parking/Vehicles/Bikes

7 Vehicles reported to Operation Crackdown for parking and causing an obstruction/dangerous driving/excessive speed in Billingshurst. 1 also reported to the DVLA for no tax.

A taxi was reported to HDC/Op Crackdown for parking on the pavement and across double yellow lines.

A business vehicle was reported to Operation Crackdown for parking on the pavement and across double yellow lines.

We contacted a business regarding one of their parking illegally. The driver spoken to and warned any further occurrences will result in action being taken.

A vehicle was reported for dangerous driving on the by-pass to Operation Crackdown.

We received a report from the housing department regarding a vehicle parking in a disability parking bay blocking a dropped curb. At this time, it has not been marked as disabled parking but the requested was made on behalf of a resident. The vehicle reportedly causing the obstruction is owned by WSCC who have been notified and requested for them to speak to the driver. We will patrol the car park as often as we can and advise the driver if seen. We will consider our Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) powers for anti-social vehicle use and will use if necessary.

## Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Littering was found in a park area, which was reported to the relevant agency to clear.

We have reported fly tipping in the Lordings Road area to the relevant agency. The area is now clear.

We completed litter picks in parks and fields whilst putting up the new PSPO signage.

## Community engagement/events/meetings

We post regular Tweets to engage and update the community.

We have met with the social prescriber from the medical centre to share ideas and best practice.

We have met with a local councillor and staff to discuss the re-opening of the Community Speedwatch Scheme.

We have contacted the editor of Billingshurst Pages and have managed to secure space for every warden scheme to publish monthly reports in the magazine. This will hopefully advertise what we do to a wider membership.

We have met with West Sussex Fire & Rescue to discuss some joint working, to educate both the young and the older residents of Billingshurst.

We are helping with a project for a local nursing home, to help re develop the courtyard area. The residents have come up with ideas that they would like incorporated in the design. We will attend twice a month to help with the planting and painting of the area.

## 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 Inglefield Manor.

Regular patrols of the Daux Road area and fields at rear of the industrial estate.

Regular patrol of local farms for reassurance.

Regular patrol outside schools with CEOs and school staff.

We went on patrol with the head of Community Safety at HDC and discussed our working practices as we litter picked areas of the community.

We have conducted extra patrols to reassure residents after the serious incident in Station Road.

## Elderly and youth

We assisted Police with a search for a missing and vulnerable female with dementia who lives in a local home, thankfully she was found 3 hours later back at her old house 5 miles away!

Over the last few weeks, we have had some good in-depth conversations with some of the young people who weren't interested in talking to us previously. It just goes to show that perseverance does win through eventually.

We have assisted the school in dealing with an issue between groups of youths by patrolling at the end of the school day and engaging with those pupils involved.

We received a report regarding young people causing ASB in the entrance to a recreation ground. It was reported the young people are smashing bottles, being disruptive, and disrespectful to residents. We visited a number of addresses and spoke to the residents who could be affected by the group. We gave them our leaflet with our contact details on and signposted them to report matters to the Police.

We have also had a report regarding young people being in a wooded area behind residential houses where they have lit a fire which had to be put out by the neighbours. We have been to the area and taken a photo which has been sent to the West Sussex Fire & Rescue for their information and informed the Police Community Support Officers for the area.

We were contacted by a concerned member of the public about two young school children dressed in school uniform walking towards West Chiltington along the grass verge. It was early evening and still light, however because of their age possibly 7 or 8 we decided to do a quick sweep of the area to try and find them before contacting the Police. We found them within 15 mins, both children (10 years old) were clearly distressed and they explained they had gone to a friend's and had then got lost. The children were returned to their families who were extremely relieved albeit a little cross with them. The informant was contacted and updated with the news.

## Licensing

A report was made by a resident to the Parish Council regarding ASB in the High Street by people attending a public house and also a takeaway shop where people have been sitting eating their food, being generally loud and dropping their litter on the floor. Both establishments were contacted directly, and the Licensing Team are also involved. The possible removal of benches by Parish Council is being considered to alleviate the problem.

## Dog related issues

We have had reports about dog fouling in an area managed by a company. We will be putting signs up around the park and patrol the area to speak to dog walkers to see if they know whom is allowing their dog to foul in the park.

## Cycling

Nothing to report.

## Parish specific/Other/Railway

A young male trespassed onto the railway retrieving a ball. Details have been sent to the BTP who are dealing with the matter.