

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

July 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	164	ASB incidents TOTAL:	18
Foot (high visibility)	134	Noise/Miscellaneous	1
Vehicle	45	Neighbours	
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes	11
Fixed Penalty Notice		Animals/Dogs	
Yellow card warning		Alcohol/Drugs	5
Community Protection Warning/Notice		Public order/Crime/Crim Dam	1
Parking alert		Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	18
Police reports TOTAL:	22	Fly tipping / flyposting	4
Phone (including 101 and 999)		Graffiti	1
Email	11	Dog fouling	
Intelligence report	5	Litter	2
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	5	Drug litter	10
Verbal		Hazards	1
Media reports TOTAL:	10	Community events attended	6
Press release / Community magazines		Reports to Operation Crackdown	6
Social Media	10	Safeguarding referral	
Admin	55	School contact	6
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	10	Youth engagement	100+
Signposting	9	Reports to DVLA	5

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

We are Working with BTP and Rail Enforcement to combat ASB around the Station Road area. Joint operations are ongoing for this area to give a visible presence and to resolve any ASB problems.

Multiple intelligence reports being submitted around males/females in the Station Road/SRG area after reports of ASB.

Multiple reports submitted reference a drugs address in neighbouring Parish.

Multiple reports submitted around known drugs vehicle and suspected address in the local area.

We have submitted a 101 report regarding a suspected County Lines dealer using the transport network.

We have submitted a 101 report regarding a suspect vehicle parked outside an address linked to drugs.

We have submitted two 101 reports regarding a vehicle associated with a known drugs dealer.

We have submitted a 101 report regarding a second vehicle associated with a known drugs dealer/address.

We have submitted a 101 report regarding a breach of the COVID regulations at a business premises.

We have submitted two 101 reports regarding a suspected drugs vehicle.

We have submitted a 101 report regarding a known drugs address and suspected drugs vehicle.

We received a report from member of the public about noise coming from a recreation ground late at night. The resident has been advised to call Sussex Police on 101 or email them. We have informed the PCSOs and requested patrols of the area to identify those involved and deter any further disturbance.

We have submitted a 101 report regarding a vehicle parked in a known location for drugs.

The side of one of the skate ramps was damaged and removed. It is not known who did this and the matter was reported to the Parish Council.

We were alerted to a drunk male on a bench by residents. On our arrival it was clear to see the male was extremely intoxicated. We managed to sit him up, but conversation was difficult because his first language is Polish. A passing motorist stopped, and the driver spoke to the male in Polish. He managed to get him in his car and took the man home and assured us he would stay with him until it was safe to leave him.

Parking/Vehicles/Bikes

1 Business vehicle reported to Operation Crackdown.

1 Business vehicle reported to its parent company and the driver was given words of advice.

5 Vehicles parked on the pavement reported to Operation Crackdown.

4 Vehicles reported to DVLA for no tax.

1 Taxi reported to Chichester DC for parking illegally.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

A Fly tip reported by a resident in Rowner Road which was reported to HDC and the area was cleared very quickly.

A Fly tip reported in Morris Drive.

A sofa was fly tipped in the Skate Park. This was reported and removed within 24 hours.

Graffiti on the Green Shelter has been reported to HDC for removal, some of which was very unpleasant. Also, white paint has been emptied over the seating area and on the floor. This was removed and the seats have been painted blue to cover the derogatory comments.

Empty drugs bags x 8 Natts Lane Skate Park.

Empty Drug Bag x 1 Station Road Recreation Ground.

Empty Drug Bag x 1 Newman's Way Park .

We conducted a litter pick in Weald Sports Field and Natts Lane Skate Park to clear glass bottles to prevent them being smashed.

We have visited the main park areas where there are large groups of young people and have given advice and education regarding using the bins provided and why this is important. All the young people were polite and appeared to take our advice onboard, however this is only the first week of the holidays and we will continue to engage with them over the summer.

Community engagement/events/meetings

We regularly post Tweets and Facebook messages to engage and update the community, this appears to be working well and people are now recognising us from these posts we put up.

We held a Warden Pop Up event at the Billy's on the Road café. We had one very good engagement with a resident of Billingshurst, and support from passing motorists.

We held a Warden Pop Up event at the Library, where one regular came to see us and we engaged with lots of people passing by.

We completed a Horsham Healthy Walk with residents around the village and Jubilee Fields.

We were contacted by The Weald school and asked if we could assist with The Weald Prom which was being held on the Sports Field between 6 – 9pm. We patrolled the area regularly and other parts of Billingshurst and returned at the end to ensure the pupils safely left the area.

We supported our first Community Speedwatch event since before COVID. Although motorists were caught speeding, we did have two residents approach us interested in joining the scheme.

We patrolled with a Parish Councillor where there was lots of engagement with residents and young people.

As part of the District Council's response to the three recent deaths by suicide of young people from Horsham Schools, we want to try and ensure that parents and young people have access to informal information, advice and guidance over the summer holidays and the opportunity to raise any worries or concerns that they have with a professional. The aim is to provide a focal point over the summer holidays where parents and young people from the Parish can come and have a chat / be given some leaflets / resources and signposted to other services if required. We had our first Warden Talking Tent in Jengers Mead, and on our arrival we came across a distraught young man. He told us he had crushed and injured his finger in a work vehicle. We administered first aid and he was taken to hospital by his parents. We also spoke to a lady who had been going through a hard time after losing a parent, and some advice and signposting was given to her for which she was very thankful.

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.

Elderly and youth

We meet with the school council on a regular basis, where young people discuss issues or concerns that they want to talk about. This brings about a lot of interesting discussions which all students on the council engage with and enjoy.

We meet with some of the older youths at the skatepark on a regular basis, and having built a very good relationship with them, they have become accepting of our presence. The Group will always greet us now when we walk past, as a few months ago the group would not engage or talk with us at all.

The Weald School contacted us as one of their pupils was missing. We searched the areas we had seen the pupil before and alerted our neighbouring colleagues in Pulborough. The pupil eventually turned up at school safe and sound.

We were on patrol in SRG with our local PCSO and found an unconscious male in the Green Shelter. His friend said he had been like this for some time, he had drunk alcohol and taken tablets. An ambulance was called, and a paramedic and first responder attended. The male was taken to hospital and his parent was informed.

Licensing

Dog related issues

Cycling

Parish specific/Other/Railway

A branch was removed from the main road to Adversane/Pulborough from Billingshurst after a call from our colleagues at Pulborough.