

Warden Monthly Report

Billingshurst - June 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	177	ASB incidents TOTAL:	15
Foot (high visibility)	120	Noise/Miscellaneous	
Vehicle	57	Neighbours	1
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/Vehicles/Parking/Bikes	1
Fixed Penalty Notice		Animals/Dogs	
Yellow card warning		Alcohol/Drugs	11
Community Protection Warning/Notice		Public order/Crime/Crim Dam	2
Parking alert		Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	27
Police reports TOTAL:	22	Fly tipping / flyposting	2
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	1
Email	9	Dog fouling	
Intelligence report	7	Litter	4
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	5	Drug litter	20
Verbal		Hazards	
Media reports TOTAL:	19	Community events attended	7
Press release / Community magazines	4	Reports to Operation Crackdown	9
Social Media	15	Safeguarding referral	1
Admin	50	School contact	5
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	4	Youth engagement	100+
Signposting	7	Reports to DVLA	

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

ASB/crime/criminal damage

We are working with BTP and Rail Enforcement to combat ASB around the Station Road area. There are joint operations ongoing for this area.

Multiple intelligence reports have been submitted regarding the Station Road/SRG area after reports of ASB.

Multiple reports submitted regarding an address known for drug dealing in a neighbouring parish.

Multiple reports submitted around a vehicle and address believed linked to drug supply in the area.

Intelligence submitted regarding 3 females who are using distraction techniques to steal from elderly victims by way of conducting fake surveys.

Report made to the police via 101/BTP regarding a suspect male using the railway to visit this area who is believed to be involved in the supply of drugs.

Report made to 101 regarding a small amount of drugs found in a park by the litter warden.

Report made to 101 regarding a known drug dealer visiting the area on a weekly basis.

Resident given words of advice and provided 101 details after she reported that her car had been tampered with.

Report made to 101 regarding a white bag and coat seen discarded in Cleve Way and then removed by person or persons unknown.

101 report made regarding unknown male loitering around playgrounds and parks in the area. Investigations are ongoing.

Report made to 101 regarding a vehicle parked outside a suspected drug dealer's address.

Parking/Vehicles/Bikes

The driver of a business vehicle was given words of advice for parking on the pavement, and the business was warned.

Nine vehicles were reported to Operation Crackdown for parking on the pavement.

Whilst engaged on our Warden Drop-In session with West Sussex Fire & Rescue one of the businesses reported that vehicles are parking up and littering the area. The vehicles were reported to be doing doughnuts in the carpark late in the evening. Advice has been given as to what can be done plus who to contact, and we will monitor this and deal with any offences appropriately.

A resident was signposted to Op Crackdown after she reported parking on the pavement in her area.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

We have conducted three litter picks in Cleveland Gardens and the Natts Lane Skatepark when litter wardens were not on duty and complaints of littering had been made by residents.

We reported fly tipping in Natts Lane to Network Rail as this was on their property. This has all been cleared together with cans and bottles on the opposite side of the bridge behind a fence.

Two items of drug litter were found in the Lower Station Road skatepark area. This has been reported on the WSCC website for their mapping and 101 for Police attention.

Nine items of drug litter were found in the Natts Lane skatepark, including three small empty bags and one large Sainsbury's freezer bag that smelt heavily of cannabis with 3.5 written on it, plus an empty syringe. These have been disposed of and reported to the Police.

Six items of drug litter were found in Cleveland Gardens. All the drug litter was reported on WSCC website and a 101-email sent regarding the finding of the large bag.

Three further items of drug litter were found in Manor Fields open space, which were also reported to WSCC.

Graffiti was found on the skate ramps in Natts Lane, one of which was homophobic. This was reported to HDC for urgent removal and has since been removed.

Reported fly tipping of a mattress, some containers, and some general littering in the layby in Lordings Road to HDC for them to remove, which was collected the following day.

Community engagement/events/meetings

We have created regular Tweets and Facebook posts to engage and update the community, this appears to be working well and we have received positive feedback.

We carried out a drop-in session at the new industrial park which was fairly quiet. However, we took the opportunity to go into each of the new businesses with our poster, and had a chat letting them know what we do and how to contact us. This was well received by the businesses and we intend to go back and visit them all again.

A further drop-in took place in Jengers Mead which was very successful. There was lots of communication with the residents and some of the businesses.

We visited the Rose Hill resident's coffee morning. This was very well attended, and it was lovely to be able to introduce ourselves to the residents and have a general chat with them.

We attended the Station Road Gardens tidy up event meeting with residents as well as a local councillor. We assisted with the tidy up and sign removal.

Our fourth Warden drop-in session for the month was held at Gilman's Industrial Estate with two fire officers from West Sussex Fire & Rescue. We discussed joint working and ongoing collaboration at our future drop ins.

Our fifth drop-in session was held in a park in Newman Way which is a new build area. We spoke to a few parents with young children who at this moment in time have no concerns, although we were contacted by a resident who said that some of the young people were lying flat on their skateboards hurtling down a busy road. Also, some young people have been seen swimming in one of the ponds despite signage to say "Danger deep water, no swimming". We have patrolled as regularly as we are able and have not seen any young people around but we will continue and will speak to any young people to ensure that they are aware of the dangers of doing such activities.

Our sixth drop-in was held at The Blacksmith Arms in Adversane, where we had no engagement with the residents but we engaged with four members of staff.

We were part of a litter pick in the Weald Recreation Ground in Luxford Way with Billigreen, volunteers, MP Jeremy Quinn and Amanda Jupp. We stuck to the public footpath surrounding the field, whilst the others remained in the School Field. All in all, there were 10 bags of rubbish picked up including one bag of broken glass. The next area to be chosen is Jubilee Fields on a date yet to be confirmed.

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 of concern. 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 up a very good relationship with them, they have become accepting of our presence. The group will engage with if we see them out in the area. This is a great achievement as a few months ago the group would not engage with us at all.

We advised three young people regarding skating on the new road entrance at Lower Station Road Recreation Grounds, they were very apologetic and moved on straight away. There had been issues with young people skateboarding and being generally loud and dropping litter. This has appeared to have diminished since we have patrolled the area more frequently. We will put a PSPO sign up and the Parish Council are installing studs to prevent skateboarding along the kerb of the road.

Licensing

Nothing to report.

Dog related issues

An overflowing dog bin in Lower Station Road Recreation Ground was reported to HDC which was emptied that day.

Litter bins in Owl Close were overflowing with dog poo bags, this was reported to the appropriate agency and the bins have now been emptied, this area has not yet been handed over to HDC.

Cycling

Nothing to report.

Parish specific/Other/Railway

We emailed Trading Standards regarding a suspect trader in the Silver Lane area.

We are supporting a landlord who has been having reports from a resident that his tenant is causing issues with noise. There are no other complaints from other neighbours currently, however we are talking with the community and patrolling as regularly as we can in the area.

Whilst on patrol in Natts Lane we noticed the fire hydrant cover had collapsed and fallen into the hole leaving a big trip hazard. We liaised with a WSCC Highways employee who was parked up. He contacted his office who said they would send someone out to have a look. The employee didn't have any cones, so we went to a small building site in Stane Street and a worker very kindly let us have a cone to put over the hole in the pavement. Highways did come and look but it appears it will need work to rebuild the edge of the hole as it has worn away.