

Billingshurst Warden's Monthly Report

September 2021

Patrol hours TOTAL:	136	ASB incidents TOTAL:	16
Foot (high visibility)	111	Noise	1
Vehicle	25	Neighbours	1
Notices/warnings TOTAL:		Driving/vehicles	1
Fixed Penalty Notice		Bikes	
Yellow card warning		Alcohol/drugs	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice		Public order/ Criminal Damage	12
Parking alert	1	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	35
Police reports TOTAL:	17	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	6	Graffiti	
Email	2	Dog fouling	1
Intelligence report	4	Litter	5
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	4	Drug litter	28
Verbal	1	Hazards	
		Community events attended	6
Admin	10	School contact	8
Visits to vulnerable people (all ages)	4	Youth engagement	80
Signposting	8	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	4

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.

There has been a rise in ASB in Billingshurst over August and into September, Patrols have been stepped up in the areas where the incidents are happening. However, regarding the latest incident, of a bin in SRG set

on fire we have made contact with West Sussex Fire Service to see if there is any other information regarding the fire: i.e., any suspects or any young people still hanging around, we have also asked for some joint Patrols with them.

Damage to a tree in the Library Car Park by persons unknown repaired very quickly.

A wooden noticeboard at the entrance to a park area was damaged by persons unknown – Police were informed, and Patrols increased by Wardens and Police.

There was damage to a gated area into a children's play area this was reported to the Police by the Parish, patrols have been increased and Police informed so they can patrol later into the evening and early morning.

There was damage to a bench in a park area which was reported to Police by Parish and as above we are patrolling as often as we can as are the Police.

A report was taken regarding noise and ASB from a park on the Amblehurst Estate, shouting, broken glass etc in the evenings and later into the night. The informant was spoken to and advised we would patrol the area when on later shifts but also encouraged them and their neighbours to call 101 if its later at night.

There has been a report that 4 young people were seen by a resident taking drugs namely "Nox" in a park close to Natts Lane, Patrols will continue in the area and PCSOs informed.

A call was taken from a resident that someone was breaking into the new development behind Newman Way and stuff was being thrown in the pond. A group of young people aged about 11 – 12 years old; the fencing that had been taken down was put back up. We then reported this to the Police for assistance with patrols, the company was contacted about putting up fencing that was more robust and secure.

There has been a couple of reports regarding young people hanging around the Billingshurst Centre late at night, they are shouting and generally being loud. CCTV does show some young people; however, we do not know them. A couple of the males do have distinctive clothing and one has an electric scooter, so we are hoping we do eventually meet up with them. This has been passed to the PCSOs for their attention and for patrols when they are on duty.

A report came in from a neighbour of the Weald Sports Ground that there was a group of young people in the Sports Ground, we went and engaged with the group. One of the group is from Billingshurst, but the rest were from another area and that more were to come. There has been a dispersal order in Southwater, so the group are moving to other areas including Horsham and Billingshurst, which in turn is meaning Billingshurst is having more ASB. This information has been passed to the Police and PCSOs for their attention and patrols to be conducted.

We have had a report from a resident, that they witnessed a group of young people in SRG on Sunday at 4.30pm, they were drinking alcohol, being loud and swearing, kicking items in the park and breaking glass everywhere. We are liaising with Police to up patrols in the area. We will be being patrolling the park on a regular basis and will be holding impromptu street briefings to try and gain information and identification of those involved in this ASB. A meeting with Community Safety is also going to be held to prevent the issues from worsening, The local PCSO has also spoken to her Sgt and has requested for more patrols in Billingshurst due to the rise in ASB in the area.

The Police had a few reports over Saturday and Sunday regarding young people walking over a car in Station Road, ASB in Jengers Mead, theft of alcohol from a local supermarket and the ASB in SRG.

A resident reported that the area at the end of Brookers Road, there is a space where young people meet, a bin which had been placed there by volunteers back in April this year had been set alight, either on purpose or accidentally by a discarded cigarette.

The fire was very close to a couple of large logs that people sit on and other trees and shrubbery which could have caused a nasty fire. This incident has been passed to West Sussex Fire Service for their information, we will be patrolling the area more frequently, and it has also been passed to the Local PCSO so they can include the area in their patrols.

A further fire was reported to the Wardens by a resident at the end of Brookers Road, on arrival the fire was smouldering which we put out. A group of young people who run off then came back to speak with us, although 2 did not return. All youngsters are known to us, are from Pulborough and Billingshurst. The fire service came and checked to ensure the fire was out, and Police arrived but did not attend the scene. The fire service will patrol the location and do Community Fire Safety work with any young people that come along. We will continue our patrols of the location to check for any further issues.

Assisted a male after he was seen to stumble whilst out walking his dog, he was helped up and dog taken from him, he decided to go to his car so we took the keys from him and guided him back home whilst neighbours took the dog for a walk. Male believed to be intoxicated , local police advised.

We submitted intel to 101 regarding a possible vehicle that was being driven by a male without a driving licence

We submitted intel to 101 regarding a known person involved with drugs regarding their vehicle.

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We submitted a 2 x101 reports ref a known male and linked vehicles.

Parking/vehicles

A van was reported by residents in a lay by in Station Road in between Billingshurst Primary School and Silver Lane. Residents were concerned about the male who was living in the van, the male was spoken to and all was in order. He was working in a property close by the vehicle was road legal and has now gone.

3x Operation Crackdown reports submitted reference parking on the pavement in Billingshurst.

1x leaflet put onto vehicle in East Street advising them of a parking obstruction.

Fly tipping/littering/graffiti

Daux Nursery reported that they had some fly tipping in the front of the Nursery, it was reported for our information, however the items were taken to the tip by a member of staff who litter pick Station Road Gardens x1

Litter Pick Station Road Gardens x 4 (all after the litter wardens had been and cleared up)

Litter Pick Natts Lane Skatepark x1

Drug Litter in car park at Jubilee Fields including empty cannabis bag and Nox bottles x 8 all reported and disposed of.

Drug litter x2 in the twitten between Myrtle Lane and the park was found, this was reported and disposed of.

Drug litter x1 in Spider Park an empty cannabis bag which was reported and disposed of.

Drug litter x 1 Nox bottle found in SRG

Drug litter x 15 Nox bottles found by the bench outside the bookmakers in the High Street.

Community engagement/events/meetings

We were invited to afternoon tea with the residents at Longfield Manor which was lovely, and it gave us a chance to have a chat with the residents and staff. The sun shone and we ate lots of cakes and scones, all in all it was a very nice afternoon.

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 went to the Senior Coffee Club at St Marys Hall, it was lovely to see so many people back together again, I think the coffee, cake and chat was enjoyed by all.

We went to a community event at SRG to assist in some gardening, weeding, cutting back bushes etc it was a great success. Next Spring it is hoped to have a community event with a BBQ and music to bring together all ages of Billingshurst to help with community cohesion and assist with maintaining the lovely gardens in SRG.

We have a Warden drop in every other week; at this present time, it is at The Billingshurst Centre.

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 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 Headteacher going to Station Road Gardens and 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 for the students to see that we work in partnership.

Licensing

Dog related issues

A resident on the Church Estate has complained regarding the lack of dog bins and the amount of dog excrement which has been left by the dog owners. The estate is not under Parish or Horsham, however

Polite notice signs were put up in the area and the management company details have been given to the resident so they can contact them directly with their concerns.

Cycling

Parish specific/other

Reciprocal working with the Pulborough scheme x2 on a late shift on a Saturday evening covering the hot spot areas for ASB.

Joint Patrol with PCSO Jackson with some good engagement with young people and local businesses in Jengers Mead.

A referral made to WSCC regarding a footpath that is completely overgrown making the path unusable, after many emails backwards and forwards I have been assured this will be seen to ASAP.

After speaking to several young people, they would like to have a pump track on one of the new developments; I believe this has been discussed previously however, the young people are hoping that this idea is taken forward soon.

We assisted in the search for High Risk Missing Person who had gone missing at 18.15 hours the evening before thankfully they were found 17 hours later safe and well.