

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

March 2024

Patrol hours TOTAL:	106	ASB incidents TOTAL:	8
Foot (high visibility)	88	Noise	0
Vehicle	18	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	3	Driving/Vehicles/Bikes	8
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Parking alert	3	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	29
Police reports TOTAL:	12	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	1	Graffiti	3
Email	4	Dog fouling	1
Intelligence report	1	Litter	3
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	21
Verbal	6	Hazards	1
Media reports TOTAL:	11	Community events attended	5
Press release / Community magazines	1	School Contact	6
Social Media	10	Youth engagement	70+
Admin	20	Reports to DVLA	4
Vulnerable people welfare checks	10	Reports to Operation Crackdown	8
Signposting	12		

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 Road Community Gardens

LSRG - Lower Station Road Recreation Ground

MOP - Member of the Public

ASB

There have been reports of small motorbikes being ridden in Coombe Hill, the riders had no helmets and were seen riding dangerously down the road. We believe this incident was reported to the police and we will patrol the area as well.

The garage in Coombe Hill has at last been secured to prevent any further ASB in the area. Thank you to Saxon Weald who came out and secured the garage door again.



The bus stops at the top of East Street near the Amblehurst Green Estate have been damaged by what looks like ball bearings probably fired from a catapult. If anyone has seen or heard anything, please contact the police with any information of persons or vehicles.

A windowpane of a front door was smashed by a rock or something similar in Penfold Grange. This has been reported to police by the resident.

[Parking/Vehicles](#)

One vehicle has been reported to DVLA for having the wrong registration plate on the vehicle.

Four vehicles have been reported to Operation Crackdown for illegal parking and obstruction on the High Street.

One large lorry was asked to move from the junction of Roman Way and High Street as it was obstructing the vision of those vehicles coming out of Roman Way going towards the temporary traffic lights.



The vehicle above was causing an obstruction to other vehicles and after many reports from residents the vehicle eventually was moved on.

A vehicle in Marringdean Acres had a parking alert placed on the vehicle as it was causing an obstruction to other road users. Although vehicles could get past by going onto a grass area, it would cause problems for larger vehicles such as emergency services.

[Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti](#)

There was a report of fly tipping at the junction of Rowner Road and Okehurst Road, which was obstructing part of the road and was a danger to road users. Thankfully this was reported to HDC by a resident and it was very quickly removed.

HDC are always very quick at removing graffiti, especially if its abusive etc. There is now an app that you can use to report issues, such as graffiti, fly tipping, overflowing bins, dog bins and so on. It is a very helpful app so take a look and see what you think.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/mobileapp>

Two lots of graffiti which was found on play equipment in the small park in Natts Lane has been reported to HDC

We have reported graffiti that has been found on a traffic signal box at the junction of Stane Street and Luxford Way. This was reported by 'phone in the first instance, but the graffiti was not removed so it has been reported again. WSCC have come back and told us that they will remove the graffiti when they are next in the area.

We assisted Billigreen with their litter pick. Some went to the Hilland roundabout and picked up litter there whilst the rest of us split and went up the bypass footpath and two went to Jubilee Fields. In one hour, we picked up eight bags of rubbish between us. This included dog poo bags full of dog poo which had been discarded on the footpaths or thrown into hedges or trees. Please put the bags into the bins provided or take them home and put in your own bins.

The picture below only shows three of us, however there were four other people who were with us. Thank you to all Billigreen members who do such an amazing job with everything they do.



Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

The Billingshurst Wardens, the Pulborough Wardens and Dan Fairchild who is the Youth Provisions Officer for Horsham District Council, went into the year 7 assembly to talk about Youth Forums. A Youth Forum is run and developed by young people for young people. A forum gives the young people a voice to make changes in their community or to give them the opportunity to be heard on their ideas, opinions and needs. The talk went very well and we had several young people show an interest in joining the Forum. We hope to visit again and talk to the year 8s in the next few weeks to see if we can get some more young people to join.

On Wednesday 13th March we were invited to the Enrichment Day at The Weald School where there were lots of activities going on for each year group. We gave a short talk to the year 7s about our role in the community and what we do and are hoping to do to help those who are isolated in the community, and also the projects we hope to start for the young people. The morning and afternoon sessions ended with the groups doing a litter pick in the school grounds. The students were very enthusiastic about the task, and it was surprising to see how much litter they had collected.

We held a Warden Drop-In at the Billingshurst Railway Station. Unfortunately, the heavens opened and it rained heavily. However, we did still manage to speak to a few residents about local issues that they were concerned about.

On Thursday 28th March, we were invited by Osmund Court in Rowan Drive to their Easter Bingo for the residents. We help the residents who would otherwise be unable to take part due to dementia or other disabilities. The afternoon was enjoyed by all including us, even though we didn't win.

On Fridays we hold a Coffee Morning which is held at The Billingshurst Centre between 10.00 – 12.00. The group are very welcoming and so many friendships have been forged over a cup of tea/coffee, we also make toast for those who want it. Some weeks we have people come along and give talks to the group; the next talk will be given by Justine Frost from the Royal Voluntary Service on Friday 19th April. If interested come along to our next coffee morning on Friday 5th April.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We go out on foot patrols daily so that the residents can stop and speak to us about any issues that they are having or just to have a chat. We also visit businesses, shops, the school, the railway station etc, to see if there are any problems they need to discuss with us.

We conduct car patrols for the purposes of fly tipping and farm patrols, and to cover the outer areas of Billingshurst such as Adversane and Five Oaks.

Our foot and car patrols also cover the ASB hotspots including the High Street, Jengers Mead, Jengers Passage, Mill Way toilets, the library, all the parks, Marringdean Acres and the Amblehurst Green Estate (both of which have previously had issues).

We patrolled Jubilee Fields and met lots of dogs and their owners. All dogs were very well behaved, and it was nice chatting with their owners.

We have patrolled all over the Billingshurst Parish this month, whether it is by foot or vehicle, but mainly it is by foot, as this gives residents the opportunity to stop and talk to us. We use the vehicle to cover the outer areas of Billingshurst such as Adversane and Five Oaks. If there is anywhere you would like us to cover, please let us know either by email: billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk or by 'phone:-

Barry – 07795 051516

Julie – 07795 051529.

If one of us doesn't answer it maybe that we are off that day or on holiday, therefore, please try both phone numbers.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

We make doorstep visits to check residents who have Careline and smoke alarms. Whilst we are there, we also check to see if the resident has any other welfare issues that we can help with, especially with the cold weather and the cost-of-living crisis. Anyone that we do meet that requires further help is always referred to supporting agencies who have the experience to guide them through the appropriate channels. We also go back and revisit the resident a couple of weeks later to check that they are ok and getting the help that they need. We have conducted 10 welfare visits this month and have signposted twelve of the residents to agencies who were able to give the support they required.

We were called to a concern for a male in the village who is homeless and sleeping in a tent. We liaised with turning tides and other agencies. It is hoped they will find a place for the man to stay as he has some complex needs, and the street is not the best place for him to be. Meanwhile we will continue checking in on him as often as we can to make sure that he is ok.

We patrol the parks on a regular basis and talk to the young people there, the main issue we are having presently is the litter that is left behind. So, we will be educating the young people about putting the rubbish in the bins before they leave (we can only try).

Dog Related Issues

Cycling

Parish Specific/Other/Railway, Social Media/Press

There was an issue with temporary traffic lights in the High Street which was causing mayhem for vehicles and pedestrians. We contacted the relevant company and within an hour the lights were working correctly again.

The barrier outside the Dauxwood Pre-School was damaged and was reported by a resident. We will contact WSCC if it isn't fixed soon as it is a hazard to pedestrians and children.

The Morrisons Daily on the High Street was broken into between 11.30pm and midnight on Monday 18th March; cigarettes and tobacco were stolen. Police are now investigating the incident and we attended to check in on the staff.

There was an attempt to steal a minibus in Stane Street on 15th March. Police are aware and investigating. We are at present looking at various projects for the community, which include a Monthly Parent Support Social which is being run by Julie and Vanessa Green, the Head of DaVinci House at The Weald. The sessions are for parents to get together and have a general chat or discuss issues that concern them about bringing up teenagers. We will also have speakers about subjects that you as parents ask for. The next one is on Wednesday the 1st of May between 5-6pm and is being held at The Depot (next door to Moo Scoops). Refreshments will be available. Please contact Julie if you have any questions: 07795 051529.

A monthly SEN and Autism Group for parents/ guardians and family members to meet up and have a chat over a cup of tea, starts on Monday 22nd April. It will be held at The Depot, 83a High Street between 09.30-10.30am. If you have any questions, please contact Julie on 07795 051529.

There also plans for a monthly intergenerational Games Café starting Friday 26th April which is being held at The Depot, 83a High Street between 4-6pm. Contact Barry for information 07795 051516.

We also hold fully funded boxing sessions for 11- 17-year-olds which are held weekly on Wednesdays between 3.30–4.30pm at The Weald in the old dance studio. It is run by WBC Cares (World Boxing Council) and the coaches Matt, Alfie and Geo are brilliant so, if you have children who would like to come along, then give us a ring.

Julie – 07795 051529

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We are also looking at starting a monthly coffee morning in Adversane possibly on a Tuesday morning and probably in the Adversane Hall. This will be hopefully starting in May so please contact us with any queries on numbers above.

Our next Warden drop in is on Thursday 18th April at the Billingshurst GP surgery between 2-4pm. Please come and see us to discuss any issues that you may have, or just pop by and say hello.

“We work various shifts on weekends and weekdays between the hours of 07.45am and 9pm. However, this is subject to change and dependent on the needs of the parish.”