

Warden Monthly Report

October 2023 – Pulborough Parish

Patrol hours TOTAL:	77	ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents reported to us TOTAL:	2
Foot (high visibility)	61	Noise	2
Vehicle	16	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/vehicles	0
Verbal warning	0	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	3
Reports into Police TOTAL:	5	Fly tipping / flyposting	1
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	2	Litter	0
Verbal	3	Drug litter	0
E-CINS cases (multi-agency reporting)	0	Hazards	2
Media Reports TOTAL:	1		
Press release/Community magazines	0		
Social media posts	1	Community events attended	22
Admin hours	27	School contact	7
Vulnerable people welfare checks	4	Youth engagement	13
Signposting	21	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0

KEY:

ASB: Anti-social behaviour

E-CINS: Online portal for confidential multi-agency sharing of caseloads.

HDC: Horsham District Council

Operation Crackdown: A joint initiative with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police to report abandoned vehicles or anti-social driving.

PCSO: Police Community Support Officer

PSPO: Public Spaces Protection Order – Intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life.

PPC: Pulborough Parish Council

WSCC: West Sussex County Council

WSFR: West Sussex Fire and Rescue

CSAS: Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

ASB

During the school half term holidays at the end of October we spoke with a group of young people whilst out on patrol about a large hole that had been dug in Pocket Park. Whilst we were pleased to see that they were outside enjoying themselves, away from screens and games consoles and although none admitted they were responsible, words of advice were given about the dangers of a hole that size being dug, which could cause a tripping hazard to walkers or cause a fatality to small animals unable to get back out. The hole was quickly reported to the Parish Council and Groundsman Fred promptly filled the hole in.

Damage was also found to the wooden bench by pocket park.



We were also notified of anti-social behaviour at the Recreation Ground by 3 young people aimed at parents and grandparents using the playground. Enquiries were carried out and we passed details onto PCSO Lisa Bowley who spoke with the young people involved and their parents.

Parking/Vehicles/Road

Road Issues

We were notified of a tree partly lying in the road on Broomers Hill, that could cause an accident. We investigated and agreed that it was a hazard, so whilst one of us managed the traffic on the hill, the other got busy removing the hazard and tidying the carriageway.



Parking Around St Mary's Primary School

Concerns continue to be raised about parking around St Mary's Primary School. HDC's Civil Enforcement Officers do attend when their rota allows. We have been in discussions with staff at the school regarding Safer Routes to School Plans and have also been discussing the issue with Parish Council Chair Len Ellis-Brown and Parish Clerk Harry Quenault who are exploring the idea of a school crossing patrol amongst other wider ideas.

Other Vehicle & Driving Matters

We are frequently asked about what can be done about vehicles being driven with no road tax or valid MOT, these can be reported by members of the public using the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-no-mot>

<https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>

For anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles, please report to Operation Crackdown at:

<http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>

Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti

Fly Tipping

October saw the fly tipping of a sofa by the entrance to Duncan's Pond adjacent to London Road. We were contacted by Newey Nurseries about this and discussed the issue with them. Before we could make the report to our Hop Oast Depot a post appeared on the local Village Facebook Page and a diligent local resident updated that they had already reported it. Thank you to them.



If you witness fly tipping, please call Sussex Police and if possible, provide them with the registration of the offending vehicle and subsequently any relevant dash cam footage you may have. You can also report it direct to HDC at:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Abandoned shopping trolleys can be reported on the Trolleywise app on your phone.



You can report incidents of graffiti direct to Horsham District Council via their website:
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning>

Community Engagement/Events/Meetings

Monday Hub

We attended The Hub at Pulborough Library on three alternate Mondays in October. We find this a beneficial place to visit at least once a month. Not only do we get a warm welcome, but we find that those attending feel it is a safe place to discuss any personal or community issues with us. Going into the winter months the group is also a useful warm hub.

Although many of the attendees are older members of our community, The Hub is open to anyone of any age. One young person has recently attended The Hub and on Monday 30th October we supported them to write their first CV. We wish them every success with their job hunting.

Craft Café

On Tuesday 10th October we visited the Craft Café at the United Reformed Church and spoke to attendees about a variety of community issues. Like The Hub we are grateful to those running the group that we are welcomed along and again the Craft Café provides a comfortable, safe place for people to speak to us.

Quarterly Pulborough Community Volunteer Forum Meeting

On Tuesday 10th October we attended the quarterly Community Volunteer Forum meeting, also held at the URC. Chaired by Christine Lindsay, the group shares updates about the work of groups, organisations, and volunteers within the community. Updates were given by all the Pulborough Churches, the Pulborough and District Community Care Association (PDCCA), Pulborough Community Transport, Pulborough Traders and Pulborough Medical Group (PMG) via their Social Prescriber. We also gave updates on our community projects 'The Pulborough Pantry' (Community Fridge) and our joint Youth Forum with the Billingshurst Wardens.

Pulborough Shedders Meeting



On Tuesday 17th October Louisa attended a meeting with Tim Tapley and Andy Heath of the Pulborough Shedders alongside Parish Council Chair Len Ellis-Brown and Clerk Harry Quenault. At the meeting it was discussed how the Parish Council could support the Shedders project in the future. Also at the meeting was Carrie Cort from Sussex Green Living. Carrie spoke about other community projects and the possibility of starting a Repair Café in Pulborough.

We also met with the Shedders at one of their regular Wednesday morning sessions, where we chatted to them about their recent progress and have helped them update their website design, content and got their 'Donate' button working, so they can now receive donations to their great cause.

Meeting Regarding Community Garden

We responded to a Facebook post from a local resident, asking if there was a community allotment in Pulborough. As this is already one of our larger community projects, we arranged a meeting with the resident and discussed our existing plans with her. Happily, she expressed an interest in being involved with not only this, but some of our other projects too, including the Pulborough Pantry.

Games & Wellbeing Café

On Thursday 26th October, Louisa attended the Games & Wellbeing Café at the Village Hall. The group appears to be going from strength to strength and has a great core group of regular attendees. The added chair exercise element is also very popular. Again, the group is open to all ages and is a very welcoming, warm place.

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

During October we have conducted our usual hotspot patrols for anti-social behaviour and for fly tipping and graffiti, both on foot and in our Warden vehicle.

On Thursday 26th October we met with two new members of HDC's Community Safety Team, Lucy Hargreaves (Community Safety Support Officer) and Tamsie Hicklin (Community Safety Early Intervention). Lucy and Tamsie

joined us on a foot patrol around Pulborough so they could get to know the village better and for us to explain to them where the local ASB hotspots are and for us to explain any other relevant community issues.

On Tuesday 31st October we had another foot patrol with Parish Clerk Harry Quenault, again visiting some of our hotspots and visiting Parish Council owned areas of land.

With the clocks changing this month and it now getting darker earlier, people are noticing street lighting that is not working. Whilst out on patrol we have been asked by members of the public where they can report faults with street lighting to. These can be reported via the link below:

<https://www.lightsoninwestsussex.co.uk/Public/ReportFault.aspx>

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

Older People

On Friday 13th October we visited the Billingshurst Wardens Coffee morning at the Billingshurst Village Centre to speak with attendees and to see how it operates, to see whether there was a need to replicate it in Pulborough. The group was very friendly, and we chatted to those present, one lady travelling there each Friday from Pulborough. We found the group had a very similar atmosphere to The Hub at Pulborough Library.

Vulnerable People

This month we have continued to support some of our more vulnerable members of the community. We have supported a local resident with learning difficulties, making contact with their support worker to provide updates and to carry out joint agency working. We have visited some of our elderly residents and linked in with family members.

Youth

School visits

We continue to visit the school during their lunchtime play sessions to engage with the different year groups, building trust with the young people and developing our relationship with the school.

It has been lovely hearing the children commenting on where else they have seen us out and about in the parish.

Teagan said, "I saw you both at the Harvest Fair".

Alfie said, "I saw you both at the park".

Leah said, "I see you when we are at the rec".

Our continued thanks go to Mrs Copus for continuing to allow us this opportunity.



Youth Forum

On Wednesday 11th October and Tuesday 17th October we visited The Weald School with our colleague Julie Green, Billingshurst Warden. We spent time over the lunch break speaking to some of the pupils who live in Billingshurst & Pulborough Parishes about our plans to start a Youth Forum and gave out flyers. We also plan to go back over the coming months to attend some assemblies to explain further, with the hope of setting up the forum in the new year.



We want to set up Youth Forums in Billingshurst and Pulborough and need your help!

- Do you want to have your voice and opinions heard?
- Do you want to shape future decision-making in Horsham District and have a say over what happens in your own neighbourhood?

Our first objective is to listen to you and then work with you to address key issues where you live

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Youth Boxing Programme

Our youth boxing programme run by WBC Cares UK is continuing at the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings between 5pm and 6pm. Numbers have begun to drop as we go into the winter months, so we are keen to get more young people involved, if there are any 11 – 17 year-olds interested in joining please help us by spreading the word. There is no need for them to pre-book, just come along to the village Hall (Term Time Only)

Youth Provisions Meeting

On Wednesday 11th October we attended a Youth Provisions meeting with Parish Councillor Kevin Lee, Parish Clerk Harry Quenault and Andi Dunstan, director of Chanctonbury Community Leisure to discuss potential new youth provisions in the area. A pop-up youth club was discussed as well as other potential youth and sporting activities. The meeting was positive, and we hope that new provisions will begin in the new year, once venues and timings and have been confirmed.

Dog Related Issues

During October we have had no reports of dogs not being kept under control.

Any attacks by dogs need to be reported immediately to Sussex Police. Their advice is that if there is an immediate threat to human or animal life to call 999. Otherwise report to the police on 101 or via the Sussex Police website reporting form. <https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Dog fouling can also be reported via the HDC website:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/dog-fouling>

Dogs Roaming Free

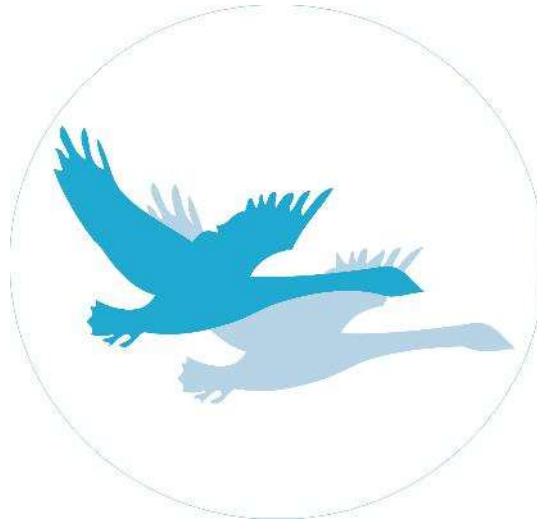
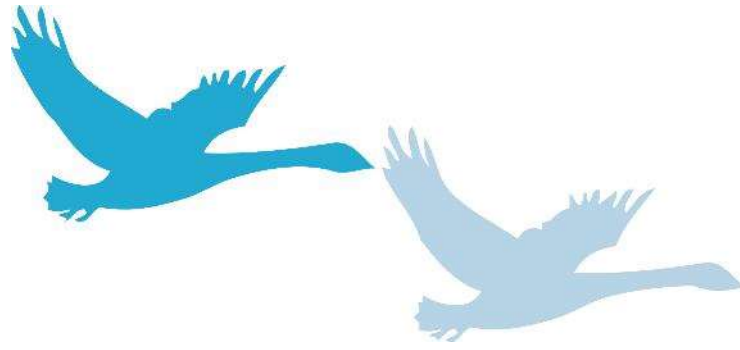
If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, you may wish to consider reporting it to Environmental Health by email at publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk

Cycling

We have received no cycling related complaints this month.

Parish Specific/Other

We were able to help the Parish Council with the design work to update their existing logo from two separate, side-by-side swans to two overlapping ones. The idea was to make it more useable across multiple platforms, particularly their social media channels where a circular avatar picture is beneficial.



Community Fridge

We paid a visit to the Billingshurst Community Larder with Parish Councillor Kevin Lee on Wednesday 4th October, to see how they operate their larder, with a view to setting up a similar one here in Pulborough.

The principle of a community larder is to prevent food waste, by picking up food from the local supermarkets and distributing free to the community without prejudice.

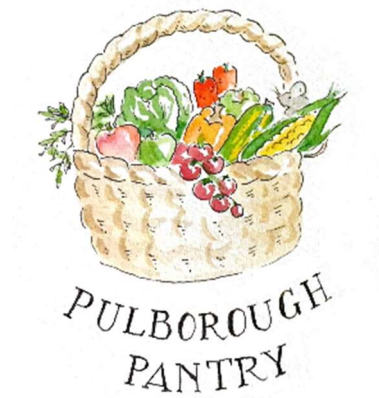
As you can see from the photos below, on the day of our visit, they had taken and shared out 234 kg of food that would have been thrown away!





On Thursday 26th October we met with Denise Campbell, Gillian Knight and Christ Henson from Billingshurst Community Partnership to discuss how they went about setting up the Billingshurst Community Larder. They were exceedingly kind to share their knowledge and processes with us.

This is a project we had been working on in 2022 but with issues surrounding a venue from which to operate one we had been unable to proceed. However, with the kind help and support of Pulborough Parish Council a venue has now been agreed and we are looking to open the “Pulborough Pantry” in the next few months.



Van Break-Ins

There were a few Transit vans broken into overnight in the parish and unfortunately, a quantity of tools were stolen. We spent some time with the victims of the break-ins looking at how access was gained, ongoing security and returning the unfortunately empty tool cases.

We were also contacted by a resident who had some camera footage of some suspicious behaviour outside their property, and we encouraged reporting to Sussex Police.

This crime spree has sadly also occurred in several neighbouring parishes too and is being investigated by Sussex Police.



Carpenters Meadow Play Area

On Friday 20th October we meet with Paul Anderson, Director of Communities and Anna Chapman, Parks and Countryside Development Manager from HDC to discuss the poor condition of the playground at Carpenters Meadow. The playground equipment is old and dilapidated, and the area is looking somewhat unloved. This is something that we flagged last year but is now getting some traction thanks to the involvement of District and Parish Cllr Paul Clarke and Horsham District Council Parks Dept.



The meeting was very successful and ultimately very promising, as it was stated that HDC has a budget to upgrade the facilities under its rural playground refurbishment programme. Plans have begun to develop the site, linking it into the adjoining RSPB nature reserve. Consultation will be conducted with residents surrounding the playground via a questionnaire, which will be delivered soon.

<https://www.instagram.com/pulborough.wardens/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens>

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>