



Horsham
District
Council



Warden Monthly Report

January 2025 – Pulborough Parish

PROJECT WORK

Community Allotment



We carried out a visit to the allotment in the late afternoon sun in early January and it was a tranquil and relaxing sight.

On Wednesday 29th January we attended the Community Allotment planning meeting, where we decided on action points for the months ahead, deciding on how to approach relaying the interconnecting paths, making sure they are wide enough and laid with a suitable material for wheelchairs and how to clear the new bed for planting.

We've been busy in the office and at our homes saving all our cardboard toilet roll tubes for the allotment ready for growing new seedlings.

We also wanted to say a big thank you to local resident Andrew who has donated a shed that his family no longer needs for use at the Community Allotment.



Community Allotment Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563502016842>

Journey Support Group – New Venue – Pulborough Library

We ran the first of our revisited 'Journey' support groups for parents and carers of children with SEN and additional needs on Thursday 16th January, but unfortunately, there was no take up for the service. We have two more sessions booked in over the next two months and hope that we get some attendees, but looking at it positively, if there isn't a need, that is a good thing, right?



Journey

A support group for Parents and Carers of Autistic and SEN Children

Come along this month to any of our sessions and meet with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No diagnosis required, no pressure, just a free cuppa and a chat.

Ashington

ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Friday 17 Jan | 10am - 11am
Friday 14 Feb | 10am - 11am
Friday 14 Mar | 10am - 11am

Ashington Church, Church Lane, RH20 3JX

Pulborough

pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 16 Jan | 10am - 11am
Thursday 13 Feb | 10am - 11am
Thursday 13 Mar | 10am - 11am

Pulborough Library, Brooks Way, off Lower Street, Pulborough. RH20 2BP

Storrington & Sullington

storrington-sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Tuesday 21 Jan | 10am - 11am
Tuesday 18 Feb | 10am - 11am
Tuesday 18 Mar | 10am - 11am

Storrington Library, (North Street) Car Park, 6 North Street, Storrington. RH20 4NZ

Southwater

southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 23 Jan | 10:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 20 Feb | 10:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 20 Mar | 10:30am - 11:30am

Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Road, Southwater. RH13 9LA

Billingshurst

billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Monday 13 Jan | 9.00am - 10.30am

The Depot, 83a High Street, Billingshurst.
*further dates to follow

Project Nutbourne

Whilst out on our patrols in Nutbourne in early January we stopped to take a look at the empty telephone box in The Street. We noticed that after it was decommissioned by British Telecom it was handed over to the Parish Council to maintain and preserve for future generations.





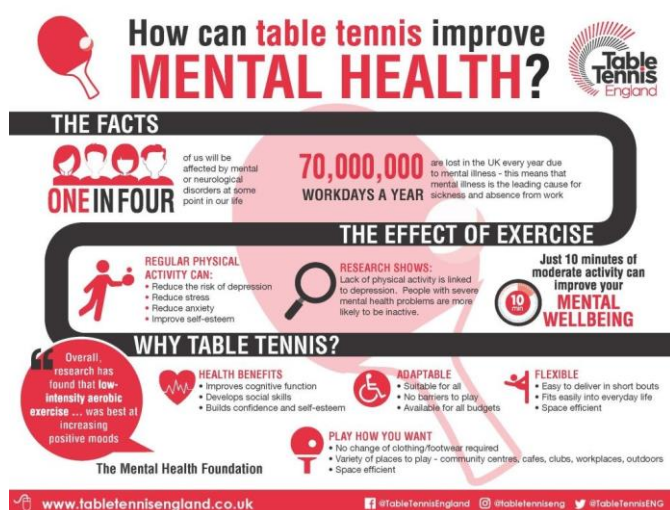
We noticed that paint is starting to peel away and expose the wood underneath. We took photographs so that we could report back to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk at the Parish Council. It was decided that a repaint was in order and we discussed possible uses for the phone box. In many areas defibrillators are located inside so that there is 24-hour access to them, but we are aware that there is one located nearby in The Rising Sun. In some areas phone boxes make useful small libraries, seed banks and information points with maps inside. All ideas were discussed.

Parish Councillor Sharon Curd attended the Nutbourne Residents Association meeting in late January, and she helpfully posed the question there. After some discussion it was felt that an information point would be useful especially if a map could be included with Nutbourne properties marked on which could help delivery drivers who often struggle to locate properties in the area. Also, it was felt that some sort of solar lighting inside would be helpful.

Future Table Tennis Club for Pulborough

We have been researching the idea of starting a table tennis club in Pulborough with sessions for different age groups. As part of this research, we visited Thakeham Table Tennis Club who are based at the lovely new Village Hall in Thakeham. We were greeted by Andrew whose passion for table tennis was infectious. Andrew allowed us to ask him lots of questions and informed us about Table Tennis England who support associate clubs.

This project idea is very much in its infancy, and we look forward to updating you over the coming months.



<https://www.thakehamtabletennis.co.uk/>

EVENTS & Meetings

Horsham District Council Staff Briefing in Local Government Devolution Proposals – Tuesday 7th January

As many of you will probably be aware from local media coverage, the government published a white paper on the 16th December 2024 regarding English Devolution. This process will change how local authorities are structured and means there will be a lot of change for those employed by local authorities and as wardens this affects us too.

Horsham District Council CEO Jane Eaton held briefings for all staff on Tuesday 7th January to update us on how this may affect us all.

More information about the Devolution can be found on the government website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-white-paper-power-and-partnership-foundations-for-growth/english-devolution-white-paper>

Pulborough Community Volunteer Forum Meeting – Tuesday 7th January

The PCVF meeting has really grown in strength over the last year or so and it is always great to attend and hear what positive work is going on within the Pulborough community by so many wonderful volunteers and voluntary groups. This quarter the meeting welcomed Karen and Debbie from local business Caremark. Caremark are keen to promote local activities and groups to their clients and also make their staff aware of any potential volunteering opportunities. Comprehensive updates were given by Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club, the Pulborough & District Community Care Association (PDCCA), the three Pulborough Churches, the Senior Social Prescriber from PMG, a representative from the Parish Council, HDC's Voluntary Sector Support Team and us.

Goodbye to Neighbourhood Warden Julie Green – Friday 24th January



Although the majority of the time we work in pairs within our parishes we are part of a wider team of 14 wardens covering 7 scheme areas. January saw the retirement of our colleague Neighbourhood Warden Julie Green who was based in Billingshurst. Julie had been a well-respected part of our team and the Billingshurst community for over 4 years and we gathered together on the 24th January to wish her a very happy retirement.

Pulborough Village Market – Saturday 25th January

Ross popped into the Village Market on Saturday 25th. This popular market was well attended as usual, and it was nice to see and chat to the regular stall holders and some new faces and to see the extremely tasty breakfasts flying off the shelves from the busy kitchen.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

Older People

Anchorage Care Home Visit – Wednesday 29th January

We have a small budget that we are allowed to spend from for project work in the community. We decided to use some of this money to fund a visit from our 'Community Link' colleagues at HDC who provide fall alarms and other valuable services. One of their additional services is the provision of 'robotic' pets and virtual reality headsets.

Animals are known to help combat loneliness, social isolation and support people living with dementia - but the responsibility of caring for a pet can mean that some people who would benefit can't keep one. Robocats are equipped with AI technology and touch sensors designed to mimic a real pet. These robots bring people comfort, stimulation, and prompt discussions about cats they may have owned in the past.

Affectionately known as 'Lucy' the robocat, she made herself at home and provided the residents with a great sense of comfort and happiness.

VR can enhance neural connections that support sensory, motor, and cognitive skills. It has been proven to help with Physical Rehabilitation, Stress Reduction, Lifelong Learning, Improve Quality of Life and Reduce the feeling of social isolation.

The residents were able to choose from a variety of visuals ranging from The Australian outback, Dolphins in the sea, The northern light, Farm Animals, A variety of seasons and a hand gliding experience. The instant reactions from the residents were heartwarming and really quite emotional. This triggered a lot of memories of happiness from past holidays and life experiences.



Further information about the services that Horsham District Councils Community Link team provide can be found here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/community-link>

Silver Bullet Men's Social Group - Tuesday 7th January



MACKLINS

Silver Bullet

Men's social group in Pulborough

The 1st Tuesday of every month 2pm – 4pm



Macklin's @ The Riverside
Swan Bridge
Pulborough
RH20 2BJ

For more information call 01403 260560
or email info-horsham@ageukwsbh.org.uk

No booking necessary - just turn up!

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Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the January Silver Bullet meeting as it clashed with the quarterly Pulborough Community Volunteer Forum meeting. However, the group still met and enjoyed their cuppa and a chat. There is still plenty of room for more men to attend, so please do spread the word about the group and come along and join in.

The Hub – Pulborough Library

When Louisa visited The Hub on Monday 20th January she was greeted as usual by Tony Holloway's welcoming smile and a discussion ensued about what the perfect cup of tea looks like! Louisa was pleased to see the usual number of around 20 people in attendance.

The Hub is a welcoming group held at Pulborough Library every Monday (except bank holidays) between 10am and midday. Everyone is welcome and it provides an opportunity for a cuppa and chat.

As wardens we feel it is important to attend when we can so that attendees can talk to us about any community issues they may be concerned about or any personal matters that we may be able to assist with or other organisations we may be able to signpost them too. It is also good to pick local people's brains on gaps in provisions locally so that we can consider their ideas for our next community projects.



The perfect cuppa?



Tony busy on tea making duties!

Youth

School visits to St Mary's Primary

We continue to visit the school weekly at lunchtimes to engage with the young people during their play sessions and are also joining in with the School Council meetings to see how the young people can play a wider role in decision making in their community.

Weekly Multi Sports for Autistic & SEN Children

Great news! - Our colleagues Chris and John, Storrington & Sullington Wardens, had a meeting with Paul from HDC's Sports Development department and funding has been agreed for the rest of the year. This means that Paul can continue to run the Rebound Therapy sessions on the trampolines at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre which in turn enabling us to continuing running the multi-sports sessions in the other half of the sports hall.

We are so pleased that we are able to continue the sessions as they are proving to be very popular. We have received some lovely comments on our social media channels, such as "this is amazing and there's an option to do payable rebound therapy".

During January we have had some new parents and their children attending. At one session it was lovely seeing one child enjoying some 1-2-1 time with his Mum without his other siblings around. He built some amazing creations with the soft play blocks, and it was heart-warming to see him call his Mum over to see his achievement. We have also received compliments that we also don't turn away siblings who do not have Autism or SEN as we know for some families it is really hard to get childcare for the other siblings and we would rather all the children came and benefitted than the Autistic and SEN children miss out.



Modern Board Games Club

In January, in collaboration with the Storrington Wardens, we launched the first session of our Dungeons & Dragons club for children aged 11 and up. While we were optimistic about a small group attending, we were thrilled to welcome nearly 20 participants!

Dungeons & Dragons is a tabletop fantasy role-playing game led by a 'Dungeon Master'—in this case, Oscar—who narrates the story and guides the players as they embark on an adventurous journey. Each player selected their character from a list of 13 unique options, including roles like Ranger, Barbarian, Cleric, Sorcerer, and Fighter, each with their own special abilities and traits. Together, they set off to tackle their first exciting mission!

Powered by pizza and fizzy drinks, it turned into an exciting evening! We can't wait to see these young people again at the next session, where they will dive even deeper into their characters and the game.





Parish Specific/Other



Our patrols in the parish this month have seen a huge variety of different weather conditions from frost, ice and mild snow to strong winds and rain. However, we have also had the opportunity to stop and take in the stunning view

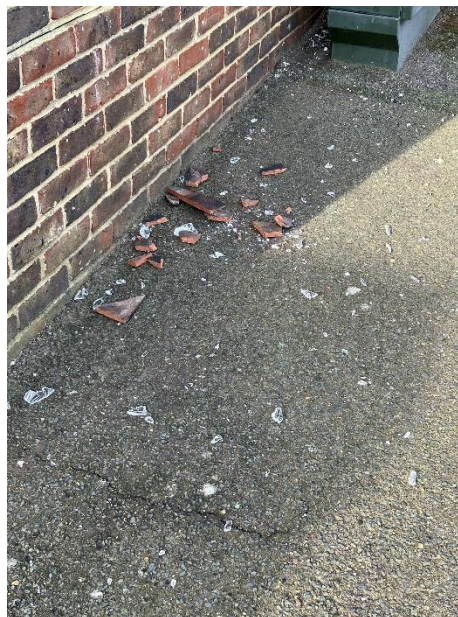
from the Village Hall terrace where the sun was glistening on the flood waters and a large flock of geese were enjoying a swim. Pulborough Brooks really is a beautiful place.

Anti-Social Behaviour at Pulborough Recreation Ground – Saturday 18th January

Sadly, on Saturday 18th January at around 5pm a dirt bike was ridden around the recreation ground causing damage to the football pitches and a large area of grass near to the play area. This behaviour is both dangerous and unacceptable. It has also caused unnecessary work for the Parish Council's new groundsman Jack. Enquiries are being carried out to establish the identity of the rider.



Criminal Damage/Anti-Social Behaviour – Brooks Way



We were contacted by a resident from Brooks Way who had noticed broken tiles and glass on the pavement by River View and had also heard noises late at night on two occasions. It appears someone has thrown a drinking glass on purpose to break the tiles on the building. We cleared away the broken glass and tiles and are carrying out some enquiries as to who may have caused the damage.

A huge thank you and goodbye from Neighbourhood Warden Louisa Hull

During January Louisa applied for the vacancy of full-time Neighbourhood Warden in neighbouring Billingshurst Parish. Louisa writes:

“This month I applied for the post of Warden in Billingshurst and whilst I am very pleased to report that I was lucky to secure the role, and I am sad to announce that I will therefore be leaving my post within Pulborough Parish. My last shift in Pulborough will be on Thursday 13th February. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people in Pulborough Parish who have supported me in my work here. To all the wonderful hard-working volunteers that have worked on projects we have initiated such as the Pulborough Pantry and the Community Allotment – thank you. To Pulborough Parish Council – thank you for supporting the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme, seeing it’s benefits and supporting many of our ideas – thank you. And to my colleague Ross Phillips – keep doing what you're doing – and thank you for the last nearly 3 years. I will only be a parish away!”

Useful links for reporting litter, fly tipping or graffiti:

You can report litter issues to HDC at the following link:

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

You can report a damaged or overflowing litter bin here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/report-a-damaged-or-overflowing-litter-bin>

If you witness fly tipping in action, 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” website at: https://www.wanzl.com/en_GB/360-degree-service/TrolleyWise

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>

Dog Related Issues

Dog fouling can be reported via the HDC website:

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

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/>

Dogs Roaming Free

If you find a dog roaming free and not being supervised, you may wish to consider reporting it to Horsham District Council's approved contractor on 07512 089777 and they will come and collect. ***This is a 24/7 service, but the dog does need to be contained for them to collect.***

***** Please note Horsham District Council does not have dog wardens *****

Social Media

Please do follow us at:

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

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

<https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens>

Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

☎ 999

- A crime is happening now.
- Someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm.
- Property is in danger of being seriously damaged.
- A serious disruption to the public is likely.

☎ 101

or report online
www.sussex.police.uk

- All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.

CrimeStoppers.

☎ 0800 555 111

crime
stoppers-uk.org

- To report crime 100% anonymously.
- Crimestoppers is not the police – it is an independent charity working to help communities.
- Information given will be shared anonymously with the police.

British
Transport
Police

☎ 0800 40 50 40
Text 61016

- Non-emergency incidents on a train or at a station can be reported direct to the British Transport Police online: www.btp.police.uk/reportcrime.
- There is also a Railway Guardian app.

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- Report general anti-social behaviour and repeated public nuisance to the ASB team at Horsham District Council.
- You can also report litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dogs and dog fouling online: www.horsham.gov.uk/report.

See it. Report it.

Reporting crime and ASB means we can work together to reduce it.



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YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Pulborough Parish



Ross Phillips
07584 337476



Louisa Hull
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THE WORK WE DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Based within the community, your Neighbourhood Wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone and promote community cohesion and resilience. The Wardens undertake a number of activities, ranging from enforcement to community development.

Neighbourhood Wardens can help the community in the following ways:

- Meet the needs of the community and improve the quality of life for the residents, through engagement, promotion and support.
- Develop projects that benefit the local residents, to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- Promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.

- Support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- Engage with residents daily to get to know their local community and become a trusted friend to offer advice and guidance.
- Offer education and advice when required, before taking enforcement action.
- Contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership plan by working with other agencies.
- Provide a highly visible and reassuring uniformed patrolling presence.
- Provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- Work alongside the Police and submit reports regarding drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

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In an emergency always dial 999

