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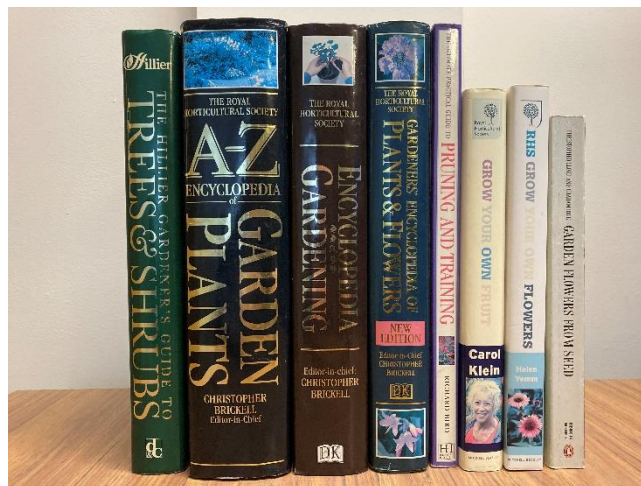
# Warden Monthly Report

December 2024 – Pulborough Parish

## PROJECT WORK

### Community Allotment

We are thankful for a donation from a generous member of the community of some comprehensive reference books that will help us plan and develop the space as we move into the growing season ahead. We are looking forward to seeing the allotment develop over the year ahead.



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

### Timebank

We had the opportunity to take our 'Timebank' project to Full Council on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December with a presentation and although they unfortunately decided not to allow us to run it under their auspices, they did kindly agree to provide the funds for it to be set up and run for its first year of operation.

We are still looking for a business or organisation to help us with this and will happily come and explain what it is all about if anyone is interested in helping out?

## EVENTS

### **Quarterly Warden Team Meeting – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

We attended our quarterly team meeting at Parkside on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This was also our warden Christmas get together so many of the team were wearing their Christmas jumpers. Ross was very happy to win a box of mince pies for the naffest Christmas jumper! (It's true, it was absolutely horrendous – Ross)

During the meeting we had an interesting update from our colleague Phil Mockett from the Community Link Team. Not only does the team provide Assistive Technology such as Digital Lifeline Alarms, GPS Mobile & Locator Devices and Fall Detectors but they also have a Virtual Reality (VR) headset service which can for a small fee be used by community groups or those who are confined to their own home. Whilst wearing the headset users can view 360-degree footage of locations based around nature, beach locations, scenery, and some city locations around the world. These videos are either set to music or relaxing nature sounds.

Community Link also have a “RoboCat” which is a form of robotic pet and can be seen in the picture below. Robotic cats can be a good alternative to real pets for people with dementia because they can: Provide companionship and comfort, help alleviate feelings of loneliness and isolation, be a calming influence, be interactive and responsive to touch, sound, and motion, and do not require feeding or cleaning.



We have spoken with the Anchorage Care Home and are planning a visit by Phil with Robocat and the VR headset in the new year.

### **Pulborough Parish Council Christmas Market – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

For the second year running the Parish Council held their evening Christmas market at the Village Hall. The event was very well attended with a range of stalls, and it was great to see community organisations such as Pulborough Cubs, the Pulborough and District Community Care Association (PDCCA), Pulborough Shedders and St Mary's Primary School raising money and being supported.





*A great selection of homemade crafts and refurbished tools for sale by the Pulborough Shedders*



*Delicious biscuits sold by Pulborough Cubs*







*Father Paul delighted with his win on the PDCCA tombola!*

### **Christmas Craft Café – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

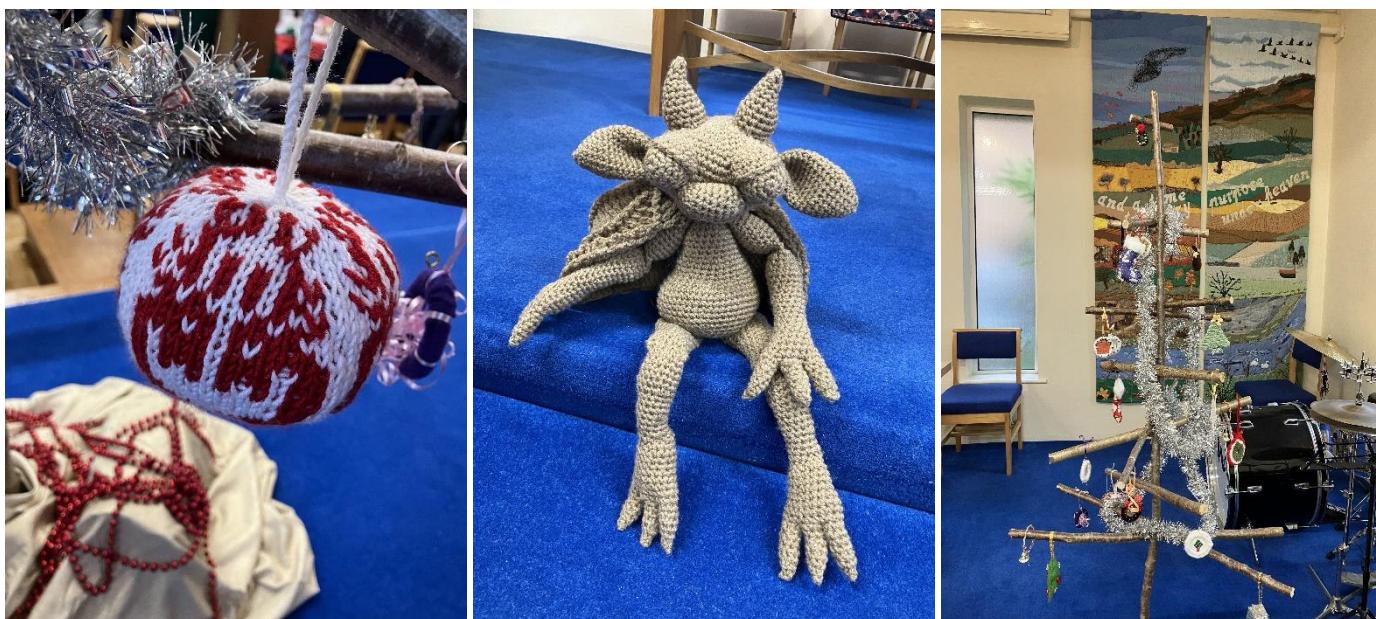
We attended the Christmas Craft Café and received a warm welcome. We enjoyed looking at the wonderful crafts made by the talented ladies who attend.

As well as enjoying their hospitality we spent time discussing community issues and in particular the ongoing parking issues around St Mary's Primary School and drop off and pick up. We were able to update that the Civil Enforcement Officers at HDC are aware and have recently visited.

The Craft Cafe are a welcoming group who alongside other organisations in Pulborough help to prevent social isolation and help to forge friendships and give support to the community.







### NHW Christmas Buffet – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Louisa was fortunate to be able to attend the Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Christmas get together at the home of Chair Mary Irons alongside Ashington Warden Bryony Sparks and Billingshurst Wardens Julie Green and Barry Faust. Mary and her husband Norman provided a veritable feast and a warm welcome. The buffet lunch provided a wonderful opportunity to discuss joint working between our organisations and we would like to say a huge thank you to Mary and the rest of the committee for their support.

You can find out more about Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Association at their website here:

<https://www.horshamnhw.org.uk/>

### Pulborough Village Market – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

We attended the Christmas market, which is always a lovely event. There was a great turnout from the community and a wide range of Christmas gifts were available to purchase. The kitchen served up their usual lovely food and there was a joyful carol concert as well.



## Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

### Older People

#### Silver Bullet Men's Social Group - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December



MACKLINS

### Silver Bullet

Men's social group in Pulborough

The 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:info-horsham@ageukwsbh.org.uk)  
No booking necessary - just turn up!

@ageukwsbh [www.ageukwsbh.org.uk](http://www.ageukwsbh.org.uk)

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Sadly, due to a clash with our quarterly warden team meeting we were unable to attend the 2nd Silver Bullet meeting but the update from Amanda from Age UK was that there were half a dozen attendees and a couple were new faces which is great to hear.

We will continue to promote the group going forward into 2025 and hopefully over time we will see it grow in number. The group meets at Macklin's on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month between 2pm & 4pm and is run by Age UK volunteer Andy.

#### Meeting with Kate at The Anchorage Care Home – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

We visited the Anchorage to meet the staff and residents to see how we could work together in the community. We had a lovely tour of the home and its facilities and are already working together on a couple of projects for the benefit of the residents and the wider community.

Just prior to Christmas, we were approached by Age UK asking if we knew of any group providing lunch on Christmas day for a member of the community who was going to be on their own on the day. We hugely appreciate the Anchorage for kindly accommodating this individual to share Christmas lunch with their residents and hope that all had a lovely time.



## **The Hub Christmas Lunch – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

The Hub is an older persons group that meets for a cuppa and a chat at Pulborough Library each Monday morning throughout the year (excluding Bank Holidays).



*Organiser Rob Aylott looking very festive and channelling his inner Tommy Cooper and Hub members enjoying the festive feast*

## **The Anchorage Christmas Party with the Sandgate Singers – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

When we visited The Anchorage on the 10<sup>th</sup> December Kate told us about their Christmas Party being held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December. We visited whilst the Sandgate Singers were singing Christmas carols with the residents and we got our best singing voices warmed up and joined in! It was a really lovely, festive occasion and we loved the opportunity to join. Thank you to The Anchorage.

## **Visits to Older & Vulnerable Residents**

As we do each month, we have spent time visiting older and vulnerable people within the community, especially those who do not have family members living nearby.

This month we had lengthy and complicated dealings with an elderly and vulnerable resident in the run up to the Christmas holidays. This individual needed a lot of support, requiring multiple house visits and conversations with supporting services during this time, as we were concerned that there may not be sufficient support in place when services reduced over the festive period. We continue to provide ongoing support to this individual.

## Youth

### School visits to St Mary's Primary

We have visited the school during lunchtime play as usual and had much fun with the young people, plus we helped some enterprising pupils setup their 'Crazy Creations' homemade crafts stall for their after-school sale. This incredibly kind-hearted and school-community minded group of Yr 6s have spent the last few months making and baking and got together to sell their wares in the playground after school, to raise funds for the annual Big Top production. Together and with the help of a playground full of hungry pupils, the team managed to raise well in excess of £100 for the school!





## Weekly Multi Sports for Autistic & SEN Children



We held our final session this year on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Thanks to Chris and John, Storrington & Sullington Wardens we were able to give out some chocolate selection packs to the children as a Christmas gift from us.

Our thanks go to Paul at Horsham District Council's Sports Development Team, who hires part of Chanctonbury Leisure Centre to hold Rebound Therapy sessions on the trampolines which enables us to use the remainder of the space to run our multi-sports sessions at no cost to the families attending. We will be holding more sessions in the new year.



## Modern Board Games Club

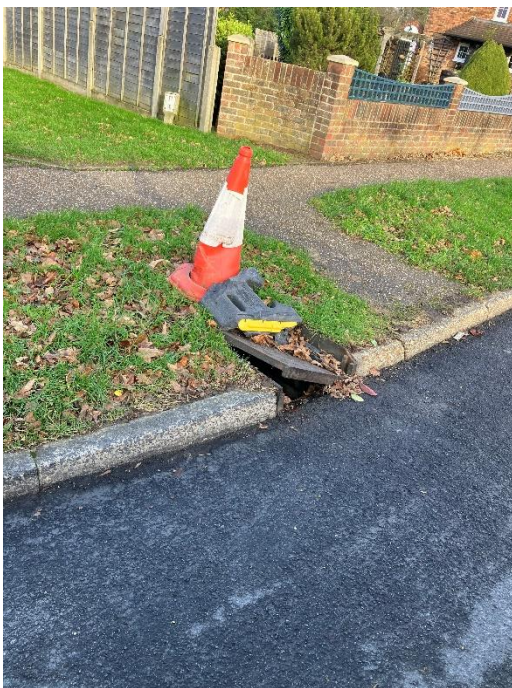
Thanks to some Black Friday deals we have now purchased some new board games and D&D reference books ready to start our gaming club on 25<sup>th</sup> January.



## ASB

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December we received a report that at around 9 am two girls, maybe of school age, entered onto the Skeyne lawns bordering the river, moved a metal bench from its winter position above the flood line down towards the river and spent time on the bench. They then moved the bench into the bushes bordering Carpenters Meadow, spent time there out of sight and then walked off leaving the bench in the bushes. Whilst no criminal damage was caused the bench and lawn area is private property and the bench was not put back in its original position. Thankfully a resident spotted the behaviour and moved the bench back to safety away from the river.

## Parish Specific/Other



Whilst out on patrol we were made aware of a damaged manhole cover at The Spinney, which was apparently driven over by a car! We reported this to West Sussex County Council, and they came and repaired it the following day.

We were also alerted to some storm damaged trees by the bowling club that were blocking a footpath and leaning against a telegraph pole. The tree blocking the footpath was being dealt with by a member of the community with his trusty saw and wheelbarrow, whilst the other required more specialist works and was referred to the Parish Council for their attention.





### **Rest Centre Pack Familiarisation Training – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

We attended a training session with Horsham District Council's Emergency Planning Officer Tony Skelding to talk through the contents of the Rest Centre Pack held at the Village Hall. The hall is on the HDC list to be a Rest Centre should there be any form of emergency in the parish where residents need to be moved from their homes to a place of safety. As wardens, we are Rest Centre Manager trained along with other members of HDC staff.



## Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti



Sadly, whilst out on patrol on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December we came across approximately seven black sacks of household rubbish, a length of wood and a bucket fly tipped by the side of the road on Nutbourne Lane. We have reported to Horsham District Council for removal.



We have also reported an abandoned trolley for collection via the Trolleywise website.

### 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](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](http://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](http://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](http://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

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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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