

Warden Monthly Report

October 2024 – Pulborough Parish

PROJECT WORK

Community Allotment

This project continues to 'grow' with increasing volunteer numbers and a strong working party driving it forward. We have helped to develop the group's new Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563502016842> and continue to promote it where we can.

We visited the Petworth Community Garden on their combined Harvest celebration and 19th birthday party on the 1st of October. We had a good look round and then joined a guided tour of the gardens led by Kate and learned about the 'No Dig' method and how we might adopt it here moving forwards.





A new wheelbarrow

We were so pleased to be joined by Malcolm Gray on Friday 4th October who presented the Community Allotment volunteers with a lovely new wheelbarrow kindly donated by the Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District.



Refurbishment of Carpenters Meadow Play Area (Horsham District Council)

Contractors have worked hard during October on the refurbishment of the Carpenters Meadow Play Area, installing new play equipment and a cycle track. The project was delayed slightly due to some of the play equipment not being ready on time, but work looks to be completed now, and the area seeded, so hopefully the play park will be open soon for all to use.

Our thanks go to Councillor Paul Clarke for helping to drive the project forward.





HORSHAM DC - CARPENTERS MEADOW

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Events

Pulborough Community Volunteer Forum Meeting – Tuesday 8th October

We attended this quarters meeting on Tuesday 8th October held at the United Reformed Church. The group is growing in size, and it is so positive to hear how much is being achieved in Pulborough, much of which by volunteers and voluntary groups. We were pleased that Parish Councillor Sharon Curd could attend to update on the hard work of those volunteers involved with the community allotment.

Meeting with David Hurst, Pulborough Community Partnership – 16th October

We met with David Hurst to discuss the history of the Pulborough Duck and Raft Races, which we would like to resurrect and make an annual event once again. David gave us lots of helpful information and kindly took our plans to the forthcoming Community Partnership meeting for approval that we could take this on moving forward, which they have kindly agreed to.

On Tuesday 22nd October we met with Tom and Bev Capelin from Macklin's @ The Riverside to discuss jointly working on this project. The meeting was very successful, and we look forward to arranging a brilliant community event. More information to follow

Neighbourhood Warden Drop-In at Parkside – Thursday 24th October

During the week of Monday 21st to Friday 25th October all of the warden team spent time at Parkside, talking to other departments within the council about our role and what we do to support our communities. It was also an important opportunity for those of us who are not based at Parkside to find out information from those other departments about what they do and how they can help us when working with our communities. As a large part of our role involves signposting people to relevant agencies and teams within HDC we found our couple of hours there very useful.



St Mary's Primary School Fireworks – Friday 25th October



We were asked by the school PTA if we could assist with the fireworks display again this year, so we liaised with the Aurora Fireworks staff and then took our points on the footpath that runs along the edge of the Cousins Way recreation ground to prevent people from accessing the path whilst the fireworks were being let off and to keep those spectating from the recreation ground at a safe distance.



Pulborough Village Market – Saturday 26th October

Louisa attended the monthly village market this month, alongside Parish Councillors. There were some interesting new stalls and lots of familiar faces to engage with. Louisa handed out leaflets about the Community Allotment and the Silver Bullet Men's Group.

Horsham Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) AGM – Monday 28th October

On 28th October we attended this year's Horsham NHW AGM held at Horsham Police Station. We were interested to learn more about a recent Vision and Strategy review conducted by consultant Jonathan Dancer, which is looking at how Horsham Neighbourhood Watch operates and its future. Is there is a place for NHW in modern society? particularly since the pandemic where WhatsApp groups have taken over as the main method of communication

between neighbours. Interesting points were raised, and more work is planned on this. We also heard a policing update from Neighbourhood Policing Inspector Neil Durkan.



Remembrance Parade

This month we have been working with the Parish Council to create a Remembrance parade from the Memorial Gardens off Lower Street to St Mary's Church to properly mark the occasion. This procession will involve the Pulborough Beavers, Cubs and Scouts groups, each with their own flag-bearers, representatives from St Mary's Primary School, Parish Councillors and members of the public who wish to join in. We look forward to updating how it went in our November report.

Training

- On Wednesday 16th October we attended an Alzheimer's and Dementia Friends Refresher Training session in Storrington run by the Alzheimer's Society and organised by our colleagues Chris Poore and John Sampson, Storrington & Sullington Wardens. As much of our work involves visiting and supporting older people in the community, we found the training very informative.
- Louisa has also started an Open University Short Course on "Understanding Autism" to compliment the work we have been doing to support families of children with Autism and Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- On Tuesday 29th October we attended a training session in Horsham around 'Prevent' where we learned how to support people susceptible to radicalisation.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

Older People

Silver Bullet Men's Social Group

During October we have worked hard to promote the start of the Pulborough Silver Bullet Men's Group alongside Age UK. We have displayed posters at the Supermarkets, Library, noticeboards, and the village hall and had leaflets at the Village Market. This new men's social group will meet at Macklin's @ the Riverside, on the 1st Tuesday of every month between 2pm & 4pm, starting on the 5th November.



MACKLINS

Silver Bullet

Men's group in Pulborough

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

STARTS 5TH NOVEMBER



Macklin's @ The Riverside

Swan Bridge

Pulborough

RH20 2BJ

For more information call 01403 260560 or email

info-horsham@ageukwsbh.org.uk

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Visits to Older & Vulnerable residents

This month we have carried out home visits to assist several residents with technology issues. We helped one resident who was having trouble logging into their new laptop and we have spent time assisting another resident who has had lots of problems changing their broadband provider and also issues with their mobile phone provider. We had serious concerns that they would be left without any form of contact and living in one of the more rural roads of the parish felt we needed to do what we could to assist.

Youth Sports Activities

During October we continued to promote the children's multi-sports sessions run by Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, in collaboration with the Parish Council at Pulborough Village Hall. Sadly, the number of attendees remained low and after discussions with Andi Dunstan from Chanctonbury Leisure Centre it was decided that the sessions would not continue after half term. It was very disappointing that there was not more interest in these activities.



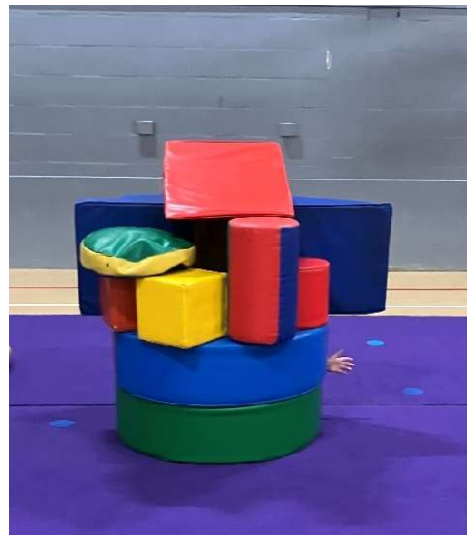
Weekly Multi Sports for Autistic & SEN Children



Our weekly multi sports sessions for Autistic and SEN children and their siblings however has proven very popular, with an average of 15 young people attending. Louisa has been attending fortnightly, working alongside Storrington & Sullington Wardens Chris Poore and John Sampson. As well as the usual activities such as archery, table tennis, basketball, soft play and the bouncy castle we were joined on 23rd October by Warren Clark. Warren who has Autism and ADHD is a golf coach and Special Olympics of Great Britain gold medallist. Warren played golf, curling and mini-Olympics with the children which was very well received.

<https://www.specialolympicsgb.org.uk/news/3146681/warren-recognised-with-beyond-sport-courageous-use-of-sport-award>

During one of the sessions, it was also fun to play spot the child in amongst the soft play! It has been lovely to chat with parents and carers, who have thanked us for supporting their families and for allowing neurotypical siblings to join in with the activities too.



Modern Board Games Club

October has seen us carry out more work on our joint project with the Storrington & Sullington Wardens. We are in the process of setting up a modern board games club to run at the Sullington Parish Hall twice a month on Saturday afternoons. We will initially be focussing on the game Dungeons and Dragons and have a Dungeon Master lined up to run the session. We are looking to possibly introduce other games like 'Pandemic' and 'Catan' in due course if there is an appetite for it. The club will start in the new year.



Parish specific/other

We were contacted by the Weald School to assist after a recent altercation at a bus stop between a resident and some pupils during the morning pick up. We spoke to pupils waiting at the bus stop about the recent incident and continue to monitor the situation going forward.

ASB/CRIME

Sadly, just days after the renovation work was completed to the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the recreation ground, damage was caused to the new fencing after three young people climbed over to retrieve their ball. Whilst this was not intentional criminal damage it was extremely disappointing and costly. The three young people were identified and both them and their parents were spoken to. The Parish Clerk is in discussion with those involved to carry out some voluntary work for the council.

Signage is also due to be erected to advise not to climb over the fence to retrieve balls, but instead contact those who have access to the gate code.

Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti

Thankfully we have not seen any nor had any fly tipping reported to us this month.

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: www.trolleywiseapp.co.uk

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>

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

Whilst out on patrol on Tuesday 15th October we were made aware of a homeless person who had stopped in Lower Street. We attended the location and spoke with the individual, who had travelled to Pulborough from the coast via train. They had soon realised that there was not any hostels or Salvation Army facilities in Pulborough and decided to move on to Horsham. We gave out a small pack of emergency food supplied to us, with thanks, by the Rapid Relief Team and did offer to make a referral to Turning Tides who help support and provide homeless services for adults in West Sussex, but this was declined.

To find out more about the work of the Rapid Relief Team please visit their website:

www.rrtglobal.org/gb

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

<p>999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<p>101</p> <p>or report online www.sussex.police.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened or there is no immediate risk of harm.	<p>CrimeStoppers.</p> <p>0800 555 111</p> <p>crime-stoppers-uk.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<p>British Transport Police</p> <p>0800 40 50 40</p> <p>Text 61016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<p>Horsham District Council</p> <p>communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
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See it. Report it.

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



Horsham District Community Safety Partnership



Horsham District Council

Patrol hours TOTAL:	84	ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) incidents reported to us TOTAL:	1
Foot	63	Noise	0
Vehicle	21	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	0	Driving/vehicles	0
Verbal warning	0	Bicycles	0
Parking alert	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning (ASB)	0	Other	1
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	0
Reports into Police TOTAL:	1	Fly tipping	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Online	0	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	0	Litter	0
Verbal	0	Drug litter	0
E-Mail	1	Hazards	0
Media Reports TOTAL:	9		
Press release/Community magazines	1		
Social media posts	8	Community events attended	8
Admin hours	12	School contact	7
Vulnerable people welfare checks	8	Youth engagement	120
Signposting	17	Reports to DVLA	0
Safeguarding referral	0	Reports to Operation Crackdown	0