





# Warden Monthly Report

November 2024 – Pulborough Parish

## **PROJECT WORK**

## Remembrance Parade – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November

This year, we set out to organize a meaningful village procession for Remembrance, aiming to strengthen community bonds and pay tribute to those who served. Collaborating closely with the Parish Council Clerk, we brought together all the uniformed youth groups from the 1st Pulborough & Bury Scout Group, St Mary's Primary School—proudly represented by their Deputy Head Boy and Head Girl laying a wreath—the Pulborough Brownies, Parish Council members, and any residents who wished to join, even including their dogs!





A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part in making this event a truly moving tribute.

#### **Community Allotment**

During early November the amazing group of allotment volunteers worked tirelessly over a 2-day period to clear the very overgrown second plot and filled a skip in no time. We were sad not to be able to join them with this due to prior commitments, but we are excited to see how the plot develops and to learn more about no dig methods.





We would also like to thank a very kind resident who we met at the Pulborough Shedders, who gave a generous donation of tools to the Community Allotment. Thank you!

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



At the beginning of November, we even put our handyman hats on and fixed the broken tap so all the allotment holders could have water again!





#### Refurbishment of Carpenters Meadow Play Area (Horsham District Council)

Now that the works have been completed and the temporary fencing removed we have visited the refurbished play area at Carpenters Meadow. The new play equipment pays tribute to the Wild Arts Trail on the brooks with dragonflies and leaves upon the top. Seats and picnic benches have been installed where previously there were non and a small cycle/skate track has been installed. Due to the winter weather and flooding the markings will be added to the track in the spring.



We are also pleased with the lovely animal rubbing plaques that have been installed to help educate people about the local wildlife.



Our sincerest thanks go to the Director of Communities at Horsham District Council Paul Anderson, Anna Chapman and the Parks & Countryside Team and Cllr Paul Clark for their help in seeing this through.

Since the completion of the works, it has been lovely to see the play park in use and we are especially pleased to see the lovely feedback about the park on social media.

"It's made a huge difference to many bored children. My kids "This is wonderful" love it. It was full of children/families the other day. Such a lovely sight!"

## **EVENTS**

#### Multi-Agency Community Support Networking Marketplace Event - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Following on from HDC's Cost of Living Summit held in January of this year, Horsham District Council's Community Development Team arranged a Community Support Networking event, which we attended along with most of the warden team. More than 30 organisations and community groups that offer district wide support were in attendance and themes discussed included youth work, debt & money advice, food support and community transport. Invitations to visit the event were sent to those working in the community such as school designated safeguarding leads, social prescribers, youth workers, housing association officers and parish council clerks. The event was very well attended.



#### Pulborough Village Market – Saturday 23rd November

Louisa attended the monthly village market this month at the Village Hall with Parish Council Chair Cllr Len Ellis-Brown.

She used the opportunity to promote the Community Allotment and Silver Bullet Group as well as the forthcoming Parish Council Christmas Market.



#### Pulborough Shedders 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November



We joined the Pulborough Shedders at their 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary celebration on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Since their official opening last November, it has been a pleasure to see the project grow and develop. To see new friendships form and a variety of creations made. To hear of people supported through life's testing times and people no longer feel as socially isolated.

It was great to see such a wonderful turnout of people celebrating. Well done, Shedders!



## Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

#### Older People

#### Silver Bullet Men's Social Group - Tuesday 5th November

The first meeting of the Age UK Silver Bullet Group was held at Macklin's @ The Riverside on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. There was a really good number of men in attendance and the group was also visited by PMG Social Prescriber Freddie Jones. Our thanks go to Freddie for helping us to promote the group and Macklin's for supporting the group by allowing use of their venue.



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.

#### Horsham District Older Peoples Forum Meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Louisa joined the meeting via Teams call to update the group on the warden teams activities and events for older people and about what was going on in Pulborough for older people. There were also lots of updates from other agencies and organisations such as: Community Transport Sussex, Olive Tree Cancer Support, NHS Living Well Team, Blind Veterans UK, Royal Voluntary Service (RVS), Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) and HDC's Health & Wellbeing Team.

#### Visits to Older & Vulnerable Residents

This month we have spent a lot of time supporting residents with issues ranging from mobile/home phones and Broadband contracts to central heating issues. A considerable amount of our time is spent helping members of the community with matters that there is no other immediate source of help for, be that none or distant family members and cuts in provision elsewhere.

#### Youth

School visits to St Mary's Primary

We continue to join in with the pupils lunchtime play session one day a week (diary permitting) which is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the young people, getting to know them and for them to get to know us.

We offered to help with the Yr 5/6 walk to church on Friday 15th. This involved assisting with marshaling the young people safely there and back, whilst forming a temporary road closure at the top of Church Hill to allow them cross safely.



Weekly Multi Sports for Autistic & SEN Children



Our weekly multi sports sessions for Autistic and SEN children and their siblings has continued to be well attended. Louisa has been attending fortnightly, working alongside Storrington & Sullington Wardens Chris Poore and John Sampson.





During one of the November sessions, we were lucky to be joined by one of Brighton & Hove Albion's football coaches who taught some of the children ball skills which they enjoyed immensely.

#### **Modern Board Games Club**

Continuing from our report last month, as a joint project with our colleagues in Storrington, we are starting a Dungeons and Dragons/Modern Board Games Club next year and sessions will start on the Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 4:30-6:30 pm. The club is aimed at young people aged 11+

We will initially be running the club in Storrington but will set up a Pulborough session too if there is enough demand...









We were alerted to a fire in Pocket Park that took place over the weekend of the 16/17<sup>th</sup> November. It appeared that an accelerant may have been used and ask that people do not light fires in this area as it is both extremely dangerous and an important habitat for wildlife which is currently undergoing an extensive improvement programme through the Parish Council.

## Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti

We did not find any fly tipping during November and there were no littering or graffiti reports made directly to us.

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

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

### Dog Related Issues

We continue to remind people to please remember to pick up after your dogs – There is no such thing as the dog poo fairy!

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







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.

#### In an emergency always dial 999

