



The Round Hill Reporter

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Round Hill Seasonal Singing

Thursday 20th December 6.30pm at the bottom of the Cat Creep

Singers, musicians and all keen to join in should gather at the bottom of the Cat Creep for 6.30pm. Dress warm and bring lanterns (for fun) and head torches (to read the words).

We will have the song sheets and have folk to knock on doors to raise the residents and tap them for a donation for Martlets Hospice.

It should take about 90 minutes to complete and be in the warm at the Jolly Poacher (ex Round Hill Tavern) for mulled wine and mince pies.

You may want to stay on to sample what our newest pub has to offer. Or call to book dinner with them on 683967.



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Spot the Location Today

Sunnyside was once a prosperous brick built family home with panelled rooms indoors and a large glasshouse in the garden. When the war came the owners moved away and the house was requisitioned. Bomb damage did for the glasshouses, and the Council used the house as emergency accommodation for homeless families immediately after the war. Up to 10 people per room were packed in, and soon Sunnyside became known as Heartbreak House. By 1955 it was empty and derelict. This picture and information was taken from a 1957 edition of the Brighton Gazette, when the house was finally demolished to make way for – what? It might help you to know that the glasshouses had already been replaced by a block of flats when this picture was taken. The best clue is in the bay and roof detail of the house on the far left, which is still standing. The answer is on page 7.



Unique Christmas gifts, handmade in glass in my Round Hill studio

Visit the studio (by arrangement) until December 20th or 16 Clifton Street, where I am exhibiting my work, 11.00 – 5.00 on 1&2, 8&9 December

Contact Annie McCabe: 07801701551; amccabebrighton@gmail.com or www.anniemccabe.com to arrange a visit

jewellery; glass Christmas decorations; glass bead making lessons; gift vouchers; individual commissions



Veolia Update

News from the liaison group

Veolia established regular meetings with local communities in order to share their plans and actions with us, and receive our thoughts and comments. The meetings occur late afternoon in their offices just west of the railway bridge in Hollingdean Road, and last just over an hour.

At the meeting on 31st October we heard that they have just improved the water mist system which reduces smells leaking from the refuse transfer station. This should reduce the degree or frequency of offensive smell events. They hope that negotiations will be completed soon with providers of a new smell elimination system which will replace the water mist system. If all goes well it should be installed before Christmas. It works by circulating the air within the transfer station through a number of hanging cylinders which contain strong ultra-violet lights.

The UV radiation should destroy the odour molecules as they are drawn through the cylinders. If they have sufficient cylinders, moving enough air then there should be no smells to escape. I asked a representative from the Environment Agency at the meeting if she could comment on the effectiveness of similar equipment at another transfer station owned by a rival company. She said that there had been fewer complaints since their equipment was fitted, but more time is needed to see if the apparent effect is really due to better control, or just the effect of other variables.

Meanwhile some new Swedish kit will soon be installed at the recycling plant. This uses filters and active carbon to control dust and smell, and may also be ready for Christmas.

Dragonflies

Before either of those things there will be some illuminated dragonflies installed on the east side of the Waste Hall early in December. The lighting is by Lucid Design, who have done the latest lighting at the Royal Pavilion, but they will be seen best from the Hollingdean side.

Local Action Team

An opportunity for comment

Because the Local Authority likes LATs and the police are committed to attending LAT meetings it is possible that we might get better service from the city if we were part of a LAT. There are around 40 LATs in Brighton and Hove, and they represent many different sizes of community, but they are all about crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Triangle community group decided not to create a LAT for their area, thinking it would dilute their available time. I think the Round Hill area is too small to support a LAT, and it would be better if it contained us, the Triangle, the Lewes Road traders, perhaps the trading estate immediately north of us, and even the 'Friends of' groups representing our two parks – the Level and Saunders park. What do you think? Raise the issue on our Yahoo site (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/roundhill/>) or on Twitter at twitter.com/roundhillsociety or just drop a note with one of the committee, see list on page 8.

Cleaner Streets for Round Hill

On Dog Fouling:

The Yahoo site has seen a lot of messages on this issue lately, and Ted Power has put a fine French poster on our website you might enjoy (web address on page 8).

So should we design and circulate some sort of witty or hard-hitting window sticker reminding dog owners to clean up after them?

If you have a good design idea or a great catch phrase please send it to any of the committee, and we will try to design the sticker for distribution in a future Reporter.

The bigger picture:

We need ideas and offers to make Cleaner Round Hill happen. Maybe you could talk to new neighbours about bin days and proper sorting of recycling? Or just deliver a leaflet with the same info? Or maybe we need a few more carefully sited litter bin, but where? How about adopting a length of fence where nobody owns the projecting vegetation, and keep it cut back?



Gardening Club

Would you be interested?

Several residents have suggested the idea of forming a Round Hill Gardening Group with the aim of keeping the Round Hill green areas tidy, helping residents with their gardens and perhaps developing new planted areas in Round Hill.

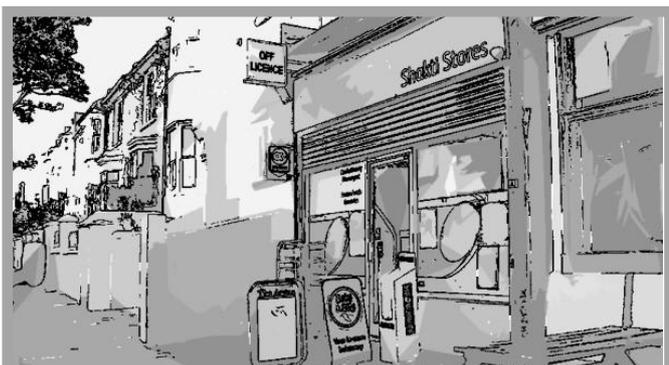
You don't need to be a green fingered expert, or even have a garden of your own, but would need to be prepared to give some time on one Sunday each month. If you are interested in exploring the idea further, please contact me and I will set up a meeting to discuss everyone's ideas.

Hoping to hear from you

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BIG BINS FOR UPPER LEWES ROAD?

The Triangle community has been pilot-testing some big bins (communal refuse bins) for a few months, and now they (and those of us living on the north side of the Upper Lewes Road) are being asked if we'd like to have permanent big bins and do away with our own storage and put-out arrangements.

The consultation document shows new big bins in the road outside numbers 5 and 6, 32, 42 and 43, and 54 Upper Lewes Road.



Bins on the pavement all week or just 5 big bins in the road?

Round Hill Clean-up Report

Neighbours and Councillors took to the streets of Round Hill as part of our community clean up. More than 40 adults and children turned out over October 6th and 7th to help pick up litter, paint over graffiti, trim overgrown hedges and clear road gutters around the area, starting with our special Cat Creep (a stepped twitten!). Ward Councillors Pete West and Ian Davey also showed their support by pitching in on Saturday afternoon.

We wanted to make sure we actually did something as a community to raise awareness, rather than just knowing that there were these concerns and talking about them but not changing anything. We just want to make Round Hill a nicer place to live. It's been a really good start and even people who didn't turn up on the day got involved by tidying up their gardens and the front of their houses.

Our action was supported by the Council's City Clean services, who provided tools, materials and staff to aid the clean up. The council has also agreed to carry out any large jobs, such as a major graffiti removal and gully clearing that we could not manage ourselves.

Maggie Fells, of Richmond Road, was one of those who volunteered to help. Top on her list of priorities was reclaiming the pavement at the bottom of Richmond Road from overgrown foliage. She said: "Every time I come down with my trolley I get caught in this undergrowth. Getting it out of the way is really worthwhile. It's nice to see the pavement and the road sign again."

Going onto explain why such community action was important she said: "Some residents seem to think that the council should do everything but they just can't. If you look at how many people are here helping and the total time involved, you can understand why."

Special thanks are also due to those who provide refreshments following each afternoons work.



The Young Reporters' view

By Molly Kronhamn and Ruby Vaughan

It's good that children are able to help as well. During the day we took pictures and asked why people thought it was important to help. It was fun to see someone filming the day too, and she showed us her camera and what she was filming.

When we got together on Mayo Road we were given a broom, a litter grabber and a rake. Our job was to cut back the huge overgrown hedge there. It took over 3 hours with 15 people working hard.

We asked residents how important it is to keep our community very clean and why there was so much litter around. Mainly people thought it was because seagulls open rubbish bags so we suggested better bins with lids.

After a morning of hard work we enjoyed drinks and biscuits in the sunshine. Every time we walk on the wall by Mayo Road we feel proud of our hard work and want to do it again.



Annual Meeting Report

Held on 20th September at the Salvation Army Hall

It was impossible to meet at the Round Hill Tavern this year, changes were afoot there, and now we know it was failing and has gone. The infant school was getting very expensive, and the Salvation Army at least offers adult-size chairs. I hope no-one felt it was too far away even though it was just off Round Hill. Twenty residents attended, plus Bonnie Scovell (our PCSO), Cllr Pete West and speakers from Lewes Road Personal Travel consultation and the Level Restoration Team.

Three committee members stood down, including long-serving Jean Brennan who joined in 2003, and had served as co-chair, chair and secretary during her time with us. Emma Daniel and Jenny Teare also left us. They were replaced by four new members – Sandy, Cath, Penny and Shane – and their details are on the back page.

Carol Hall, our Treasurer, reported that we finished the year with over £4300, plus £1500 in the separate Community University Partnership fund, of which more below. Annie Rimington (Chair) reported on activity during the year, including the NEW Twitter account for Round Hill, greater input to this newsletter from younger residents (Young Reporters), a short video on Round Hill and the ongoing saga of smells from Veolia's refuse handling plant.

In a discussion on street cleaning John, our street sweeper, got special mention as a good guy to be cherished. Better waste handling by ourselves was highlighted as a way to keep the place tidier – using a dustbin rather than just flimsy plastic bags, putting it out on the night before collection and taking the empty bin back off the pavement after collection all featured. Big bins were discussed as a solution, but location seemed to be the stumbling block – no-one wants one outside their own house (see page 4 on big bins for Triangle and Upper Lewes Road).

During a discussion on travel plans for the Lewes Road we heard that under half the daily road trips on the Lewes Road are by car or van (18,500), the majority are by bus (35,000) and bike (1500). Perhaps that explains why 63% of consultation respondents wanted separate bus and cycle lanes on the Lewes Road, out to the universities.

We also had a report on works to be started at the Level – which has now closed until next summer, whilst the works are carried out. Finally there was a discussion on the idea of establishing a Local Action Team in the area. LATs exist to discuss and act on crime and anti-social behaviour, they are favoured by the Council and the police which will help and support them. More on this idea on page 3.

Picture puzzle answer – Sunnyside was replaced by Holmstead on the Upper Lewes Road, with the distinctive mass concrete stairwell end wall.

Police non-emergency incident reporting

When the wing mirror gets broken or the planter goes missing or you spot what might be drug dealing on the street report it on the non-emergency number 101 or report it by e-mail at contactcentre@sussex.pnn.police.uk so that the event is recorded and helps the police to build up data which can help identify patterns and hotspots. It really can help the police to do a better job.





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