



The Round Hill Reporter

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Community Clean-up

Give an hour on Saturday 13th April

Six months ago 40 folk came out to clean up Round Hill, and they all enjoyed the experience. People who saw it going on seemed to value it as well. And now people are tweeting and using the Round Hill Yahoo forum to complain about dog fouling. In addition some pavements are becoming impassable because of refuse bins and recycling boxes on the pavement long after their collection days.

We would like to encourage people on Round Hill to take a stand on street quality. With the help of City Clean and the Council we are planning to print window stickers on the theme of "Committed to Cleaner Streets", and make them available to everyone.

Maybe there are people who do not know the correct 'box etiquette'. Bins and boxes should be put outside the night before collection is due, and taken back in as soon as possible after they are emptied. Black bags are likely to be ripped open by gulls or foxes, but if you have off-street space for a dustbin, the problem is solved. City Clean (292929) will even provide a wheelie bin for you if you have a private space to keep it on. Where piles of rubbish have clearly been abandoned 292929 can help.

Recycling boxes can get over-full especially if tops are left on plastic bottles. Much more space is created if the tops are removed and the bottles squashed. If people mix glass with other recyclables the workers will not empty the box. Glass must be kept separate, in a second box or in a carrier bag beside the box. Additional boxes and nets to cover them (lids no longer available) can be obtained from City Clean on 292929.

Dog fouling is not just disgusting, it is also illegal and a threat to health. But we have to be able to identify the irresponsible owners. Then the Dog Warden service will pursue the prosecution. The Dog Wardens (Animal Welfare Team) can be contacted on 292145. And a clean-up crew can be brought in by calling City Clean on 292929.

Lots of folk leave unwanted stuff on the pavement or front garden, often with a note saying 'Help yourself'. This is great if it leaves the pavement clear, or if things are taken in after a reasonable time.

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Clean-up Continued

But if soft furniture, books or clothing gets wet they may be ruined. Try giving stuff away on-line. Register with GreenCycle Sussex, just search for it on-line and register. Almost anything will find a home, including part sheets of plasterboard, cardboard boxes and collections of jam jars.

Last time we were able to cut back a lot of vegetation projecting across pavements, especially in Princes, Richmond and Wakefield Roads and down the Cat Creep. We will check these areas again, but can help people with their front gardens. If it's getting beyond your resources, then contact a nearby committee member and we'll try to tidy up for you.

Please consider giving a little of your time on Saturday 13th April to help clean up Round Hill.

City Clean will help us with tools, safety clothing and transport for collected wastes, but you might like to bring your own gloves and tools. Just leave your contact details with any committee member (see back page) and we will get back to you nearer the time.



Plastic tubs and plastic bags won't be taken, so this box was left un-emptied.

Features Worthy of Protection

The Council is reviewing its list of special features in the city that are considered to add to the sense of history of the place without being good enough to be officially 'listed'. Some small features in Round Hill seem to add greatly to the sense of place, and could be worth getting on the list. Consider the following:



The flint and bits of brick walls on the cat creep – classic Brighton Bungaroosh building material. Bungarush is used in many Brighton houses, hidden behind plaster. It can make hanging a picture incredibly tricky. You either hit a flint and bend the nail, or start dislodging handfuls of loose lime mortar and pebbles. There is another length of bungaroosh wall where Crescent Road meets Princes Road.

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Evening & weekend appointments by arrangement

Talk to our own PCSO

Our young reporters this edition are sisters, Bonnie (8) and Poppy (10). They have interviewed Round Hill's Community Police Officer, Bonnie Scovell.

Q: What has been the worst crime in Round Hill?

A: 14 years ago there was a murder but you don't see many of those in Round Hill so don't worry!

Q: How old were you when you became a police officer?

A: A little over 40.

Q: What was your most unusual crime?

A: A neighbour of some noisy students nailed their door shut so they couldn't get out! That's not good!

Q: How often do you patrol the streets of Round Hill?

A: Almost every day!

Q: What's the most common dog used as a police dog?

A: German Shepherd.

Q: How long have you been a police officer?

A: 2 years.

Q: Have any dachshunds helped to solve a crime (our pet dog Peggy is a very clever daci)

A: Probably not.

Q: How many crimes have you solved?

A: Most!

Q: Why do you have to wear a uniform?

A: so people can recognise me.

Q: Our brother would like to know do you have a gun?

A: No.

Q: Has any of your friends or family been arrested?

A: No they have not!



Police Community Support Officer Bonnie Scovell with Poppy (10) AND Bonnie (8)

(Editor's note: We have had a more recent murder. Andrea Waddell was killed in her flat near the middle of the Upper Lewes Road beside Round Hill Crescent, in October 2009.)

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Worthy of Protection



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Seasonal Singing

A fine night, a good turnout

On a cold evening last December, over 20 Round Hill children and adults gathered at the bottom of the Cat Creep to begin our annual Christmas singing tour. Ably led by Rusty on his accordion, we sang our way up Round Hill Crescent, along Ashdown, Richmond, Mayo, Crescent and Belton Roads, eventually arriving at the Jolly Poacher for well-deserved mulled wine and mince pies.

Along the way lots of residents came out onto their doorsteps to enjoy the seasonal songs and some of you were evenly persuaded to join the 'wandering minstrels' so by the time we got to the Jolly Poacher we were nearly 30 strong.

It was particularly lovely to have so many children take an active part. Round Hill residents were very generous and we raised just over £200 for our local charity 'The Martlets'.



Cartoon courtesy of Stefan Holmstrom

Local Handyman

- Maintenance**
- Decorating**
- Improvements**

Mostly small (one / two day) jobs undertaken.
Please ring for advice and estimates.

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Weekend Working at the Waste Plant?

New plans threaten peaceful weekends

Whilst Brighton may be Right On in many ways, with vegetarian restaurants and shoe shops, lots of Eco-homes, local craft shops and artist's studios, we do very badly at recycling our domestic rubbish. We manage to separate just 28% of our waste for recycling, compared with a national average of 42%.

But the Council has a plan. Many central parts of the city will soon have on-street big bins for glass and for paper, plastic bottles and cans to go with their big on-street refuse bins. It is hoped that these will encourage residents to deposit their recyclables separate from their general waste. But the Council predicts that many people will use the new bins at weekends, when they have more free time. Bins cannot be left to overflow, some will need emptying at the weekend, and that means delivering the contents to our near neighbour – the Materials Reclamation Facility across the railway lines. Doors will be opening and closing, reversing sirens will sound and lorry loads of glass, paper, plastics and cans will be tipped onto concrete floors, at intervals over both Saturday and Sunday.

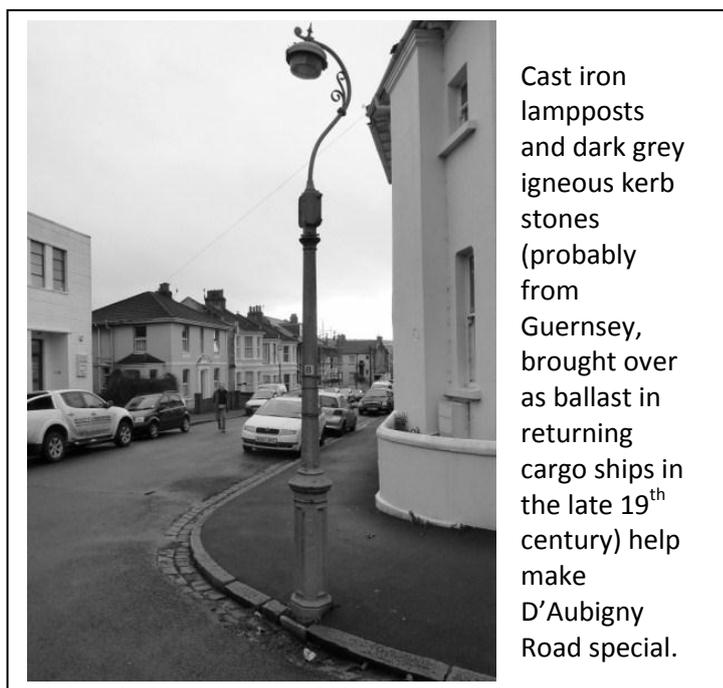
Saturday is already fairly busy, with some communal waste bins being emptied, but should we be happy to allow more vehicle movements and more tipping? As for Sundays, there is no Sunday working now, and we think it should stay that way.

It's not just the recycling building that will be in use if recycling is brought in and tipped. Glass is tipped on the floor of the waste transfer station – the smelly one – and, if the doors of that building are opened more often, then the smell will escape and spread more easily and more often.

The Council will need to see and approve a new planning application for this change in use of the waste and recycling depot.

We shall be asking the planning committee to refuse permission for Sunday working at the site. Nobody wants the noise of recycling on a Sunday, and that includes the people living close to the on-street big bins. We need to encourage better use of recycling bins, so that fewer residents are disturbed by any activity around recycling on a Sunday.

Dragonfly sculpture on Waste Transfer Building



Cast iron lampposts and dark grey igneous kerb stones (probably from Guernsey, brought over as ballast in returning cargo ships in the late 19th century) help make D'Aubigny Road special.

Round Hill Controlled Parking

Planned to be here this summer

During the second consultation process a third of households expressed an opinion, and of them 54% were in favour of putting Round Hill into the Controlled Parking Zone already existing on the other side of Ditchling Road. The streets north of London Road Station were consulted at the same time, and also chose to enter the CPZ. If all goes according to the Council timetable the extended Zone J will be confirmed in April and enacted this summer. We asked Cllr Ian Davey about some of the issues bothering us, and here are his answers:

How many car parking spaces are there likely to be in the Round Hill area?

There will be about 470 residents' spaces, and a further 117 shared use (residents or pay and display) and about 37 other spaces (disabled parking, bicycle and motorbike parking, and car club bays)

How many residents' permits will be allowed?

There will be 587 in Round Hill and 1089 are north of London Road station. 1120 places are in the existing Zone J, between Viaduct Road and Ditchling Rise, and only 718 permits have been issued for that area. Therefore the total available will be $587 + 1089 + (1120 - 718) = 2078$.

What is the process of allocation?

Each resident in the area will be able to apply for one permit. However, in the first instance one permit will be allocated per household. Assuming that permits are available following the initial allocation, these will be issued to other members of the household who have applied. If demand outstrips supply the Council will need to prioritize the allocation of these and create a waiting list for resident permits, however, the current Area J scheme is under-subscribed (63% take up) so this is very unlikely.

If a resident / household has sufficient space to park vehicles in an off-street space then a resident / household will not be eligible for a resident parking permit. If after the initial allocation there are still resident parking permits available a resident / household would be able to apply to purchase resident parking permits for further vehicles as long as they don't have space available for further vehicles in their off-street parking facility.

What will the arrangements be for residents of Sylvan Hall Estate and Mayo Court?

This will be the same as for other residents. Although Mayo Court residents are most likely to use the on-site bays if they are free.

Sylvan Hall has a mixture of Highways and Housing land. Some of the bays on site will continue to be housing bays which residents can continue to pay for as a dedicated bay. Other bays will be marked in the same way as on other streets.

What about when a house has a garage?

Each case can be treated individually but if there is a legal crossover into an off street parking facility then the Council would implement a double yellow line across it unless the resident can prove to us that the off street parking facility cannot be used by vehicles. As above if it is proved that no off street parking facility is available then the resident can apply for permits in the first allocation. In all likelihood residents should be able to receive a permit whether they have an off street facility or not but we can't guarantee it at this stage.

The Upper Lewes Road is not part of Zone J and folk living there will not be able to buy a permit or park in Round Hill Crescent, Wakefield Road or any other part of Round Hill during controlled hours, unless they use a pay and display bay.

Doctor Bike Surgery

Friday 3rd May 2pm to 7pm NE Corner of the Level

We all know that cycling is much more popular on the continent than here in the UK, but it may not be so well known that bike sales are much higher in the UK than in the rest of Europe. Here we buy 6 bikes for every 100 people, every year. On the continent it's only 4 bikes per hundred people per year. So it seems we have got the bikes, but we don't use them.

Perhaps this Dr Bike Surgery will encourage you to dig out the old bike and bring it along for a check-up - to get it ready for the summer. Or bring your children and their bikes. Dr Bike will check their bikes to help you get them cycling. If you already cycle then bring it along, or bring your favourite cycle related kit, to show it off to those on the cusp of cycling, or just bike-curious.

Help will be on hand to examine your bike, diagnose faults and fix simple ones or advise on where to get them fixed. There will be information of cycle safety and the chance to cycle around the Level in the company of experienced cyclists.



Busy new bike racks on the Lewes Road last August.

Not so much a Street Party, more a Car Park Fete

After two miserable and wet street parties we are thinking of something a bit smaller and easier to organise. We may be able to get the use of the car park beside Richmond House, at the top of D'Aubigny Road. It's big enough for lots of local stalls, a chance to make and sell cakes, sell unwanted toys and books, to offer your special craft goods or young plants and more.

Lots of families have been involved in the past, and it would be good to hear from any who might like to be involved again. We are thinking of June or July, before the summer holidays, on a weekend. Please contact a committee member, or even tweet your interest (twitter.com/roundhillsociety).



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Can you help us update this directory? We are seeking personal recommendations from local residents.

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