



# The Round Hill Reporter

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## XMAS IS COMING, TIME FOR ROUND HILL WINDOW DISPLAYS!



Have you seen any of the Round Hill advent calendar windows? Send in a pic of your favourite window so they can win a prize!

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## ROUND HILL DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL



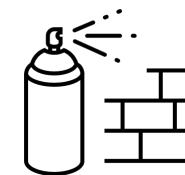
Round Hill needs its own defibrillator. According to defibfinder.uk, our nearest publicly-available, 24/7 access defibrillator is at Jubilee Library! The British Heart Foundation (BHF) says fewer than 1 in 10 people in the UK survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest because there aren't enough people prepared to perform CPR and the lack of publicly accessible defibrillators.

CPR buys time but defibrillators can save lives. Latest research shows that accessing these devices within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest increases chances of survival by more than 40%.

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## LONG WALL ARTISTS THANKED FOR THEIR WORK



"What a success!" This was organiser & artist Sandy Moon's reaction to how the long wall mural project went on Wakefield Road. Sandy was especially thrilled that so far, the wall is still intact.

It's a busy road, with lots of speeding traffic, so it was important that all the artists involved had years of experience working in street art.

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## ROUND HILL DEFIBRILLATORS



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No training is needed to use a defibrillator, as it provides audible prompts for performing CPR, analysing the heart rhythm, and shocking the person if necessary.

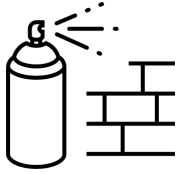
We've already started the process of getting a defibrillator for Round Hill:

1. Max and Rosi of the Roundhill pub have agreed a defibrillator can be housed on an outside wall of the pub
2. The RHS Committee has agreed that funds raised from December's seasonal singing will be put towards a defibrillator, as well as some funds from its coffers
3. We are about to apply for a Community Defibrillator from the BHF.

In total we need to raise £1,200. It would be fantastic to have it in place by springtime. Let's make this happen!

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## LONG WALL MURAL



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The Brighton Youth Group was brilliant. Sandy was pleased that they could express their up and coming talent. She hopes that this project will have boosted their confidence, as they can see their own work on a community wall.

Former Chair of the RHS Committee, Rob Stephenson, was pivotal in making the project happen, coordinating its funding from the council. Sandy was grateful to everyone involved, from artists to local donors to the project.

*"I'd do it all again in a heartbeat"*

Next time you're walking past, remember to look at the wall as a showcase of people's artwork. You can get in touch with Sandy if you'd like to commission any of the pieces for your own walls, from frogs to octopuses!

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## JUMPING AHEAD TO SPRING



The next edition of the *Reporter* isn't till March, so here's a reminder for February... As night time temperatures exceed 5°C, and after heavy rain, our local amphibians emerge from their winter hibernation with one thing on their minds: get to the breeding ponds. Toads in particular will endeavour to return to the same ponds year on year - may nothing stand in their way!

This makes the migration period one of the most vulnerable times in an amphibian's life story; should they not make it, a whole generation is wiped out. Luckily for the amphibians migrating between ponds linked by the Cat Creep, they are minded by the caring and curious community of Round Hillers they share their habitat with :)

As February approaches, remember to watch out for our reptilian friends - and please use a torch to CHECK BEFORE YOU STEP!

Why not join a neighbour on a 'toad patrol' one evening to find out more? Sometimes you can hear them serenading under the moonlight...

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## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!



Welcome to the beautiful area of Round Hill! We hope you'll love your time here. Make friends with the locals and enjoy the hilly views.

Top tips for life in Round Hill:

1. Look for toads on the Cat Creep in Feb
2. Book well ahead for the best vegan Sunday roast in Brighton at the Roundhill pub
3. Go to [www.roundhill.org.uk](http://www.roundhill.org.uk) to learn more about our history or local walks

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[www.unit4brighton.co.uk](http://www.unit4brighton.co.uk)

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## THE LEVEL CAFE UPDATES



Just over 10 years ago the Council finished a big plan to totally redesign The Level. Raising footfall has the added bonus of "informal policing". More people around reduces anti-social behaviour. Central to the scheme was a new cafe and toilets. The cafe would make the rest of the facilities in the park more attractive for extended stays.

Within six years of building the new cafe in the centre of The Level, its green roof began to fail. Faulty plumbing in the cafe's foundations then led to water flooding the floor. Further investigations found that the wiring was of a poor standard, and the toilets were not designed adequately for direct access public toilets (which should be much more robust). Legal costs would be prohibitive, so the Council's legal team decided not to go back to the original builders.

In the next three months, officers will decide how much needs to be spent putting the problems right. Then they will need to find out whether a commercial rent to repay those costs would be attractive to a potential business. If the sums don't work out, demolition may be the preferred option.

**Rob Stephenson**



## COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING RETURNS!



Ding Dong – Community Carol Singing is Back!

Join us as we Deck some Halls and Jingle some Bells on the streets of Round Hill for our annual community carol singing.

We'll be meeting at 6pm on Sunday 18th December (Monday 19th if the Sunday is wet) outside the Roundhill Pub on the junction of Ditchling Road and Round Hill Road. We'll be singing under lamp posts around the neighbourhood for as long as we have voices left (probably about 90mins). Songsheets will be provided and we'll arrange post-singing refreshments.

This year we'll be collecting funds towards the cost of installing a community defibrillator – so if you can't join us to sing, please do give generously on the doorstep!

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## RHS COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022

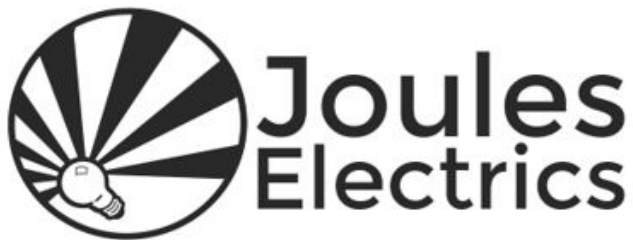


The Round Hill Society (RHS) Committee is proud to have supported and help fund lots of local activities this year.

We kicked off with the unveiling of our area's first ever blue plaque, commemorating the UK's first hospital for women & children with mental health illnesses (see previous editions on [roundhill.org.uk](http://roundhill.org.uk) for more information). Rob Stephenson, the previous Chair of the RHS Committee, secured permission and funding for the plaque, also gaining coverage from local BBC radio.

Local organiser extraordinaire, Laura-Kate Roe, did a superb job of organising the Round Hill Jubilee Party. Brighton & Hove City Council funded music, children's entertainment, promotion and decorations via the RHS Committee. As the community's first post-COVID community event, it was lovely to see so many enjoying the party, especially the kids!

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for details

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Thank you for all your support

## CRIME WATCH



There have been some changes in the way you can report a crime online to the Sussex Police. They now want to assess what you have seen before they will let you complete the online documentation. Start by going to their website - [sussex.police.uk](https://sussex.police.uk) - and then select the big REPORT button. Take a deep breath and follow their questions! Of course, you can always ring 101.

### Summary of recent Round Hill crimes

Reported September crimes:

- 16 crimes near the gyratory, of which 10 were shoplifting
- Three crimes on Sylvan Hall: violence / sexual offence, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour
- One burglary in Princes Rd/Mayo Rd area
- One violence/sexual offence in Round Hill Crescent
- Two vehicle crimes at west end Round Hill Crescent/Upper Lewes Rd
- Two public order offences and one anti-social behaviour in Wakefield Rd
- One burglary and one criminal damage in Crescent Rd

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In October we saw the most dramatic criminal incident in the area for years. A kidnapping and subsequent police operation involving firearms and a chase took place off Ditchling Road in Vere Road.

None of this is trivial, especially if it happened to you. It is important to keep reporting crimes, even if you think 'the police won't do anything', because the statistics lead the way. Police effort will follow hot-spots, so please keep reporting.

If you want to see for yourself what crimes have been reported in our area, go to [sussex.police.uk](https://sussex.police.uk) and enter your postcode on the homepage. Then scroll down and click the 'crime map' tab to see recent crimes reported in the area.

The Round Hill area is covered by Police Community Support Officer Bonnie Scovell, and her new partner, Chris Browning. Their area of patrol is bigger than just us, but keep an eye open for them, and say hello when you see them!

**Rob Stephenson**

# RESTAURANT REVIEW



## Bonsai Plant Kitchen, Baker St, BN1 4JN

Top tip: order the specials! The Hanoi pork rolls are suspiciously porky, and the fresh herbs used inside the roll were exactly what you'd hope for in genuine Vietnamese food. And the umami autumn salad is inspired - have you ever tried pak choi raw? Turns out it's really refreshing!

The teriyaki "chicken" skewers were so sticky, it reminded me of eating pork ribs off the bone. The bao buns, made famous from their former pop-up kitchen at Presuming Ed's, are surprisingly filling. And the beef is as suspicious as the pork in the nems... it's vegetarian, right?

Finally, if you want something sweet but can't handle dessert, share the Torio flight - a bit like a homemade Bailey's.

Meat-eaters and vegans alike will enjoy Bonsai Plant Kitchen. Amy, one of the co-founders, builds up rapport with everyone in the restaurant. Definitely one to keep going back to, so you can try everything on the menu.

Julia Valentine

# OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

## LIKES...

STREETS WITH LOTS OF DIFFERENT COLOURED HOUSES

NEIGHBOURS HELPING OTHERS WITH SHOPPING & SMALL TASKS

ROUND HILL COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD ON FACEBOOK

INTERESTING FRONT GARDENS

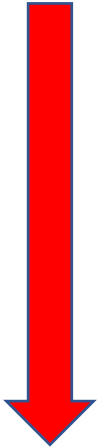
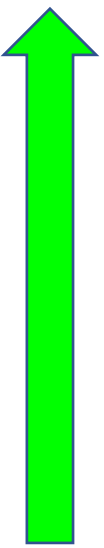
## DISLIKES...

SEAGULLS ATTACKING THE BINS

DOG POO OFFENDERS

FURNITURE LEFT IN THE STREET

SPEEDING CAR / MOTORBIKE DRIVERS



# KIDS CORNER



## Animal Word Search

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Elephant  
Duckling  
Penguin  
Lion

Koala  
Dolphin  
Turtle  
Puppy

Tiger  
Kangaroo  
Toad  
Jaguar



## RHS COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022



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Another win was securing funding from the council for the Wakefield Road mural. Particular thanks go to Rob Stephenson for his effort in getting this through. Read all about it in the story on page 1, and walk down and appreciate the beautiful wall today!

Thanks to Eva Wendler & Jo Alexander for their excellent work in the battle against dog poo, diligently spray-painting signs on the pavements in the area throughout the year.

FareShare was the brilliant local charity the RHS Committee voted to donate to this year. Money goes towards delivering nutritious, good-to-eat surplus food to a network of nearly 9,500 charities and community groups across the UK.

Finally, importantly, the Committee's money goes towards creating and funding *The Reporter*!

We are always looking for new funding opportunities and fundraising ideas, so let us know yours!

**Gary Jenkins**



Round Hill Society Committee

JOIN US

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hear what the Committee has achieved this year, vote for members on the Round Hill Society Committee, put yourself forward, meet your neighbours, have your say!

**TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER**  
**6-8PM**

Brighton and Hove Recovery Service,  
Change Grow Live, Richmond Road

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## JOIN THE COMMITTEE



The Round Hill Society Committee needs new members! In order to continue all our activities, we need at a minimum:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Roles can be shared and we'd welcome additional roles. If you'd like to have a say in how local causes are supported, building our community, or helping to conserve our beautiful area, join us! We meet once a month. Put yourself forward at the AGM or email [roundhillsociety@gmail.com](mailto:roundhillsociety@gmail.com).

### Thank you!

We wish to formally thank Rob Stephenson, Andrew Partington, Jo Alexander and Kate Rice for their years of service on the RHS Committee. You all did great things for the Round Hill Society!

# HANDY LOCAL CONTACTS

**Veolia Waste Plant smell, noise and dust problems:**  
Environment Agency - 0800 807060

**Illegal parking in the CPZ:**  
Report it on 0345 603 5469

**Student liaison officers:**  
Sussex - 01273 678220 or  
[housing@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:housing@sussex.ac.uk)  
Brighton - Andrew Keeffe,  
[communityrelations@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:communityrelations@brighton.ac.uk)

**Non-emergency police reporting:**  
Call 101 if: you have a non-urgent issue or you have a question. Alternatively, report a crime or incident online:  
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# ROUND HILL CHRISTMAS CARDS



Want to send that perfect Christmas card this year? Look no further... We have beautiful local Christmas cards for sale, with depictions of Round Hill Crescent and seagulls in the snow!

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Limited stock available so get your order in today! Email [roundhillsociety@gmail.com](mailto:roundhillsociety@gmail.com) today to order - remember to include your name, contact details, quantity of cards you'd like to order.



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