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Greetings Cards still available – see page 7

Advent Windows and Seasonal Singing

great displays and lots of cash raised

More than 24 windows were decorated and displayed during December, with most being in Richmond, Princes, Mayo and Ashdown Roads and just a few outliers in Round Hills Crescent and Road and Crescent Rd (see below).



The singing went quickly as rain was imminent, but the bucket rattlers still managed to collect over £160. A cheque for the total has been sent to Fareshare, a charity which collects good but unsaleable food from stores, and makes it available to community kitchens.

Catcreep now a Toad Crossing *volunteer wardens needed*

Every spring our catcreep sees toads making their way to breeding ponds which seem to be on the west side of the steps. They chose to cross after dusk and often on wetter evenings, and some have started the journey already.

Last year committee member Kate Wolstenholme registered the catcreep with the charity Froglife as an official toad crossing route and now signs are being displayed on the steps to warn users to look out for our amphibian neighbours.

If you use the catcreep after dark please use a torch or phone to light your way and avoid squashing toads. You can join the toad watch volunteers by e-mailing Kate W, see back page.



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A year of celebrating Nature on Round Hill

This year is the last of the United Nations Decade of Biodiversity, and a number of local environmental groups have come together - with the support of the city council - to celebrate local biodiversity through many public activities across the year.

It would be a shame if we failed to join in and explore the diversity of life here on Round Hill, making it better, learning about it and helping ensure its future.



The toad crossing on the catcreep might be called our first Nature 2020 event. The annual Playsafe street closure for children's play will be starting in April again, and we hope to have activities for children involving nature and the natural world.

These may include making 'seedbombs' - small pellets of clay, compost and seeds that can be scattered on bare ground to introduce bee-friendly flowers. Another activity might be making nest sites for solitary bees - simple blocks of hardwood drilled with a number of quarter inch diameter holes between two and three inches deep which solitary bees will pack with food and their eggs.

Adults will be able to get involved through, for example, planting 20 native trees in Round Hill gardens, or making and installing 20 birdboxes.

In April nature2020 is organising a wildlife photography challenge - see the box below for more details.

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City nature Challenge

The Brighton & Lewes Downs Biosphere is competing with over 250 locations worldwide to find and record the most wildlife between the 24th and 27th April 2020. Help us to showcase the amazing nature we have within The Living Coast and right on your doorstep.

The City Nature Challenge (Brighton & Lewes Downs Biosphere) is being led by the University of Brighton and University of Sussex in partnership with a host of supporting organisations who will be running their own events across the city as part of the Challenge, and as part of the wider celebration of the Biosphere - Nature 2020

Learn more, download the app and start capturing wildlife images on Round Hill - go to www.nature2020.org.uk

Changes in Recycling for the Upper Lewes Road

For the last few weeks Black recycling boxes on the Upper Lewes Road have not been emptied by the Council. On the 10th February a yellow Council van was spotted collecting up all the black boxes they saw on the street, and the Scottish and Saints streets.

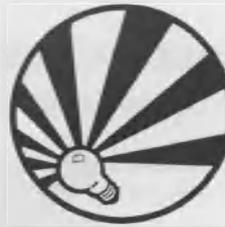
This is all because we now have glass bins and 'other recyclables' bins alongside our big refuse wheelie bins at a number of places along the Upper Lewes Road.

It up to **YOU** to take your glass bottles and jars to the glass bins.

You should also take your clean paper and cardboard (NO PIECE BIGGER THAN A MAGAZINE PLEASE) to the 'other recyclables' bin.

And your clean metal food and drink cans and aerosol cans to the 'other recyclables' bin

And your **rinsed out and squashed** plastic bottles (NO OTHER PLASTICS AT ALL) to the 'other recyclables' bin.



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If you put wrong (or dirty) items in your recycling box you are **NOT** recycling them. You may also find City Clean does not empty your box. Even if they do take your waste, too many wrong or dirty items (just 10%) and it all gets burnt. We want to avoid this.

Please check what BHCC recycles in the list below and let's all ensure we **recycle right**

	Right	Wrong
Plastic 	PLASTIC BOTTLES ONLY! Ask yourself, is it plastic, is it a bottle? If your answer is yes and yes - wash it and squish it - put the lid on/in	IF IT'S NOT A BOTTLE DO NOT PUT IT IN YOUR RECYCLING! Even if it has a recycling symbol. No tubs, no trays, NOTHING.
Paper 	Any paper: Envelopes including windows, flyers, newspapers, directories.	No paper and greeting cards with foil or glitter
Cardboard 	Boxes - remove self-adhesive tape Check for recycling symbol on packaging Collapse boxes and cut to roughly magazine size (A4)	NO CARTONS (tetra pack) OR COFFEE CUPS - they look like cardboard but contain plastic. Some other cardboard looking packaging has plastic. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE - CHECK FOR A RECYCLING SYMBOL No greasy items - such as pizza boxes No tubes of puree or toothpaste No metal bottle lids
Metal 	Food and drinks cans - rinsed Empty aerosols Lids - from glass jars only	
Glass 	Bottles and jars Wash and put out in a SEPARATE BOX	No random bits of glass No broken glass
Batteries 	In a clear bag on top of or near your box or bin	

Remember: Squash your recycling and place glass in a separate box or bin
If you'd like to learn more about our Round Hill community visit www.roundhill.org.uk and join our Round Hill Community Noticeboard Group on Facebook

History Corner - *The Cuttress family of Round Hill Road*



The end of terrace home and shop seen in the photo was the home of the Cuttress family. Charles Cuttress was a miller and baker and the 1891 census data tells us a little more about his household.

Charles (34 years old) lived here with his 4 children, aged between 1 and 8 years old. An aunt (Elizabeth Bond, 49) also lived with them, as did 2 servants – Anna Rawlings (35) and Kate Luck (18). It must have been a bit crowded there. There is no mention of a wife – perhaps she was away on census night.

The house is still there, but is no longer the end of the terrace. Another building (recently converted to dwelling from storage/workshop) adjoins it now.



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Planning Inspector's decision *car free status confirmed*

When the development of homes between Belton and Crescent Roads was given planning permission it specifically excluded access to parking permits – the development was to be car free so that it would not put further pressure on the already difficult parking situation on Round Hill.

Some time ago the developer applied for this condition to be removed, and was turned down by the planners, so he appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. The Inspector has recently made his decision after visiting the site and area. He walked around the streets on a Sunday evening and noted how few available spaces were available, and concluded that the Council was correct in refusing to remove this planning condition – the development remains car free and occupiers of the new homes there will not be entitled to car parking permits.

The developer of the 6 houses next to the railway line, accessible from Princes Road, also applied to have the car free status on his development revoked, and was also turned down by the Council's planners. Perhaps he will not try the appeal route, in the light of this Inspector's decision.

Thank you Ted Power for this information

Your Round Hill Society Committee

just five this time, more next issue



Miriam: Chair. I've lived here since 2014, work in London, and I'm a slave to two cats. I'm an F1 addict, and I love reading, writing, and sitting in coffees shops to people watch. I'd love to hear more from people about what they want support for in our community, so do get in touch!

Rob: Secretary. My wish for Round Hill is that the number of community-engaged residents keeps growing.



Andrew: Treasurer. We've lived in Round Hill since 1986 and our family grew up here. I'm a retired NHS manager. Outside of the family my interests include conservation volunteering and playing English traditional music.

Eva: I am a mother to an 11 year old, work for the NHS and love the outdoors. I joined the committee because being part of something communal and voluntary makes me feel more connected to the city. I want to drive activities involving families and younger residents, and would like to see more posts to our community newsletter from and to children.



Jo: My name is Jo and I'm an English teacher who's worked in both secondary and prison education. I have lived happily in Roundhill Crescent for the last 27 years. My wish for 2020 is that the Round Hill area becomes even greener and even more neighbours get to know and support each other.



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An Open Garden to Enjoy

Drop in, relax or even weed a bit

Jan and Rusty Curry have a hidden and beautiful garden nestling between Round Hill Crescent and Richmond Road, and they want more people to know and enjoy it this year.

They plan to open it one day a month, maybe more, but are starting with:

Wednesday 15th April 2pm to 6pm

And

Saturday 16th May 2pm to 6pm

There will be information at the door of their home, 58 Richmond Road. Jan would be pleased to have a helper or two on the open days to welcome, guide and just be around.

WARNING: There is open water, potentially loose or slippery surfaces and natural twiggy and thorny branches, just like many gardens!



Crime Statistics for Round Hill *Second half of last year*

Crime	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Anti-social behaviour	12	3	8	8	5	3
Bike theft	0	3	1	0	1	1
Burglary	1	1	2	0	0	0
Criminal damage	1	1	5	1	1	6
Other heft	4	5	1	7	0	3
Shoplifting	3	4	4	2	1	0
Violence and sexual offenses	8	10	3	11	7	5
Other crimes	4	12*	11**	5	5	6
TOTAL	33	39	35	34	20	24

The area includes both Sainsbury's and petrol station at the Gyratory and the BP petrol station on Ditchling Road, where most of the shoplifting incidents occur.

* Twelve 'other crimes' include 6 public order offences and 4 vehicle crimes. ** These 11 'other crimes' include 6 vehicle crimes.

You can see where the crimes happened (approximately) by going to the mapped area of the Sussex Police website using this link:

<https://www.police.uk/sussex/CC2NH2/crime/2019-11/+14yelg/>

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Illegal turns into Upper Lewes Road *a solution is coming*

Vehicles heading out of town on the Lewes Road have been turning left onto the Upper Lewes Road. Some people have reported that their sat. navs. have even advised a left turn there. There is no legal left turn there, but it is hard to know it because of the lack of clear signage. It is certainly a very tight turn, as the driver of this articulated lorry found out.



The Council have said that they are awaiting new kit to amend the lights to indicate no left turn.

Meanwhile a group of residents on the road are trying to convince the Council it should emphasise the 20mph limit here to encourage slower and hopefully quieter driving.

Playsafe for 2020 *all welcome*

The signatures have been collected and forms submitted, so here are this year's Playsafe dates – 2 to 5pm on Sundays, Mayo Road.

**29th March – 26th April – 7th June – 12th July
– 20th September and 1st November**

Whilst the road closure is essentially for children to play safely on the street the event is suitable for adults too – tea and cake and conversation available.

Please consider volunteering for an hour or so – just standing around in Hi-Viz for an hour helps keep cars away. Playsafe only works with active volunteer support.

A Card is not Just for Christmas

Eight Round Hill cards for £2.50

You can still buy a set of 8 of these full-colour A6 cards complete with envelopes, for just £2.50 (2 of each design). Why not buy more than one set? No message and just 2 have a snowy scene, so you can use them for any occasion.

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Sheep grazing at the top of Bear Road and the curved streets of Round Hill clearly seen beyond.



Two herring gulls making the most of a snowy day on Round Hill chimney pots

The Catcreep filled with flowers

Snow on listed buildings, phone box and Cordyline.

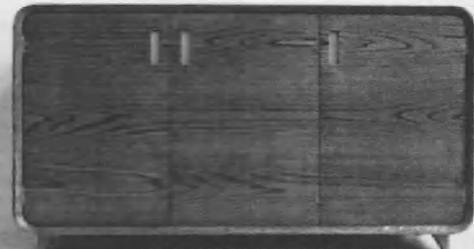


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On Facebook at:
Round Hill Community Noticeboard

Our website is not being updated just now. If you want to keep current check the Facebook page or register with the **Friends of Round Hill** group email for updates. Send a request to Stefania (see details on right).

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Illegal parking in the CPZ

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Student liaison officers:

Sussex- 01273 678220 or on-line form at : www.sussex.ac.uk/about/community/talk-to-us

Brighton- Andrew Keeffe 01273 641894 a.w.b.keeffe@brighton.ac.uk

Non-emergency police reporting: call 101 if your issue is not urgent or you have a question, alternatively report a crime or incident on www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline.

Annual Community Meeting Pictures

Back in October we held our annual community meeting at which Annie Rimington resigned as chair and from the committee. Her energy and drive are missed, but she did give us quite a few years!



Thank you to Kate Rice who took the picture of Annie with her bouquet of dried flowers, and of the full meeting.

The Round Hill Reporter is published by the Round Hill Society to keep residents in the area in touch with local news, events and each other. We try to present a fair and balanced view but the opinions expressed in this paper are not necessarily shared by all.

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