

RHS Committee Meeting

6 May 2025 / 08:00 PM / MEETING

Meeting details

Julia's house

Attendees

Dominic Furlong (DF), Christopher Paul (CP), Julia Valentine, Gary Jenkins, Sam Sheils

Apologies: Stefania Rosso (SR), Laura-Kate Roe, Cllr Raphael Hill (RH)

Agenda

1. Greening project - Bus Pocket Park (DF)

- a. Setting up watering WhatsApp group
- b. Pub is looking into whether we can hit a water butt there
- c. Lots of people asking for a bench - Patrick from Wood Store can do this in future
- d. Looking into options for the Welcome to Round Hill sign
- e. Jane looking into creating a booklet describing plants - will need laminator
- f. When tagging happens we can sand it down

2. BH Council Weeding Management Plan & Opt out Scheme

- a. Need clarification on exactly what the council officer responsible expects from Round Hill residents re: weeding - we are in the area opt out scheme, not the [street by street one](#)
 - i. Stefania emailed Raphael via RHS email but got no response
 1. Which officer within the environment team do we need to speak to
 - ii. GoodGym can cover 2 x per year - needs support with comms in community
- b. Stefania has the tools for the community
 - i. Richmond House will keep the tools and share the tools they will need to repair their shed

3. Expansion of BH council Recycling Scheme & Kerbside collection service:

- a. Being raised by Cabinet Committee next week - will be available from next week
- b. Plastic waste collection should start in May; in Autumn food waste collection should start

- c. Officer's report into suitability of Veolia waste transfer site still hasn't been produced - democratic process means they are obliged but this hasn't been made available despite requesting every year for six years
 - i. Dominic put in FOI for noise and odour permit
 - ii. Dominic requested waste permit to be sent as it's not available
 - iii. Continuing to push for report

4. RHS upcoming community events 2025 (Stefania, Laura, all):

- Sunday 25th May 2-4pm - Plant Sale, Kids' Street Play, and Makers Market
 - Liran can do event post on Facebook and set up as an event
 - Everyone can bring things along to sell and Dominic is happy to collect
- 25th Anniversary on Saturday 12th July - 2 to 6pm. Summer street party with picnic, everyone can put down picnic blankets, local makers market, music, bring your own picnic mat
 - Pub will provide alcohol and PA system for the party
 - Dominic collecting bands' names from local bands
 - Look into soft launch of the pocket park
 - Invite people involved eg councillors
- Sunday, 26 October: Halloween Special 2 – 4pm
- Other Dates to fix in GoodGym diary: provisional 23rd Sept for an Autumn green clearance before the clock changes and when there is enough light in the eve.

5. Crime reports, if anything relevant to update (Chris)

- a. No crime since last month's postal thefts.

6. Treasurer report, if anything relevant to update (Gary)

- a. Gary to send any updates via email as he had to leave before the end of the meeting (it overran).

7. RH Reporter (Sam & Julia):

- a. Sam Sheills leaving RH area 😞
- b. Next edition will be June

8. AOB

- a. Noticeboards: Chris happy to put Round Hill Reporters in noticeboards

Action items

- Julia: Follow up with Raphael (text) to see if we're still exempt in Round Hill from weeding - to what extent do we need to weed vs the council - see notes above
- Sam: Notify Liran to set up all Facebook events and set up a post for RH page for Street Play - can use Dominic's post as an example
- Sam: Reporter items for online only Summer edition (remember to include session); GoodGym feature and weeding; call out for articles at the weekend; pocket park
- Sam: Look into online versions of magazines to find costs and advertising
- Julia: Contact Emmanuel (brother) to get involved in the next edition

Next date and agenda items for next meeting

Next meeting date: 17th June 2025 - 8pm

Location: 85 Princes Crescent (Julia's house) + Online