

# RHS Committee Meeting

4 August 2025 / 08:00 PM / MEETING

## Meeting details

Julia's house

## Attendees

Julia Valentine, Christopher Paul (CP), Gary Jenkins, Stefania Rosso (SR)

Apologies: Dominic Furlong (DF), Emmanuel Valentine, Sam Sheils

## Agenda

### 1. Departures

- a. Sam Sheils
- b. Laura-Kate Roe

### 2. RHS upcoming community events 2025:

- a. 25th Anniversary was roaring success! Thank you to Dominic and Chris for making it a real party with such great music.
- b. Sunday, 26 October: Halloween Special Street Play 2 – 4pm - Laura-Kate's last!
  - a. Can anyone help with this as JV will be away on hols?
- c. 23rd Sept: GoodGym diary Autumn green clearance before the clocks change

### 3. Round Hill Reporter

- a. Find out stats from last month to see if people were accessing the Reporter page
- b. Next one needs to be printed as the AGM and Street Play
- c. Add page on what to recycle / what not to recycle
- d. Good Gym page

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

- a. At Full Council, Councillor Hill asked: Bad odours coming from the Hollingdean Materials Recovery Facility continue to affect residents in Round Hill. What work is being done to mitigate this given the particularly high heat this summer is likely to intensify the bad odour?
- b. Reply from Councillor Rowkins, Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Net Zero & Environmental Services: Hollingdean Material Recovery Facility (MRF) operated by Veolia, plays a crucial role in managing waste and recycling for the city. It

operates in full compliance with the site's planning consent and environmental permit, which includes an odour management plan. The facility is regularly inspected by the Environment Agency and local council officers. Veolia has made several enhancements to ensure the site operates in accordance with industry best practices. They replaced the hall doors with a model that opens and closes much faster than the previous ones. Additionally, extra odour suppression units equipped with carbon filters have been installed to help extract dust and odours from the air. These improvements complement existing measures, including priority haulage to minimise waste levels, deep cleaning of the building twice a year, proactive replacement of worn panels, and annual odour management training for site staff. The introduction of food waste collections will significantly reduce odour, as it will be tipped directly at the composting facility and so will no longer be stored at Hollingdean. In the meantime, if local residents notice any unpleasant odours in the air, we encourage them to contact Veolia immediately at 01273 511310. The site manager will survey the site and surrounding area to identify and address the source of the issue.

- c. Councillor Hill discovered that the plan to go straight to composting facility is still just a trial so we need to keep up pressure on council - Dominic to write article in Reporter?

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

- a. Round Hill is the safest area in Brighton & Hove!

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

- a. Gary to update next time

**7. AOB**

- a. Glyphosate treatment: need more volunteers for next Good Gym session
- b. Noticeboards
  - i. Chris cleaned both sides but it's frosted so not useable
  - ii. We should get new noticeboards
- c. Mirrors for Princes Crescent blind spot

## Action items

- Julia: Thank you cards
- Julia: contact Camille about October street play support
- Stefania: contact neighbours about October street play support
- Julia: ask Laura-Kate what she needs in terms of support for street play
- Julia: ask Ted about stats for Reporter
- Stefania: content for the recycling article & ad for Good Gym session in Sept

- Dominic: can you write an article for The Reporter about the waste transfer site issue?
- Dominic: can you look into new noticeboards for the pocket park and opposite your house and get rid of the old ones?
- Chris: Email Raphael & Pete West about traffic calming measures on Wakefield Road

## Date for next meeting

Next meeting date: 2nd September 2025 - 8pm

Location: 85 Princes Crescent (Julia's house)