



# The Round Hill Reporter

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## Seasonal Singing 19<sup>th</sup> December 6pm

*Starting at the base of the Cat Creep*

Come along to the start in Round Hill Crescent at 6pm. Bring children, lanterns and your voices. We will be walking the route shown on the right, stopping to sing at convenient street lights. We also need people to ring doorbells and collect donations for **NOMINATED CAUSE** in our decorated buckets.

Song sheets will be provided. Dress warm, the whole thing will last about 90 minutes, and will finish in Princes Road where warm mulled wine (and a non-alcoholic option) plus mince pies will be available



## Do you enjoy living in Round Hill? *Get a Round Hill window sticker*

Tell the world you enjoy being here in Round Hill by putting one of these stickers in a front window. They are 3.5 inches (9cm) diameter. Peel it off the backing sheet and smooth it onto the inside of a clean window visible from the street.

Blue, purple, green, yellow and red are available, but some are in short supply. Just contact one of the committee who listed on the back page to help build a better sense of community. Speaking of community building, if you are a Facebook user please make use of the Round Hill Community Noticeboard.

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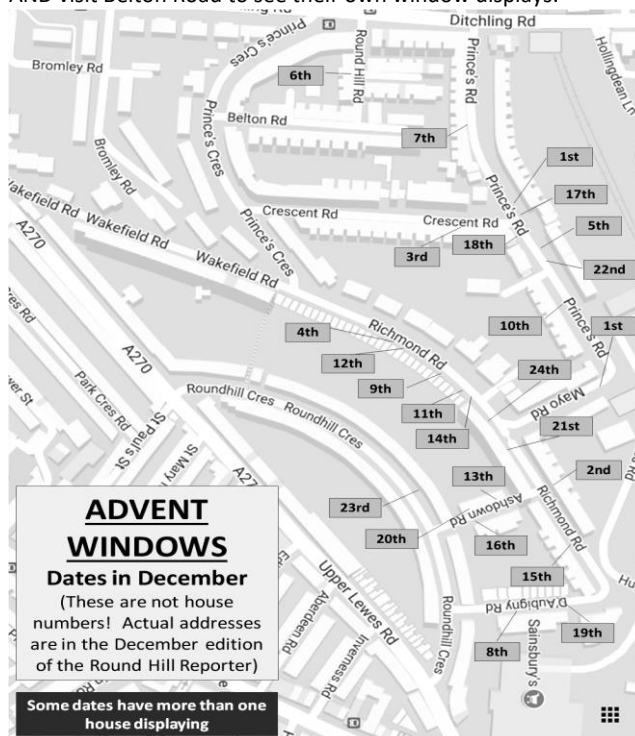
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Sat	1st	14	Mayo Road
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Wed	5th	59	Prince's Road
Thu	6th	6	Roundhill Road
Fri	7th	22	Prince's Road
Sat	8th	8	D'Aubigny Road
Sun	9th	52	Richmond Road
Mon	10th	60	Prince's Road
Tue	11th	58	Richmond Road
Wed	12th	36	Richmond Road
Thu	13th	3	Ashdown Road
Fri	14th	62	Richmond Road
Sat	15th	112	Richmond Road
Sun	16th	10	Ashdown Road
Mon	17th	55	Prince's Road
Tue	18th	38	Prince's Road
Wed	19th	15	D'Aubigny Road
Thu	20th	11	Ashdown Road
Fri	21st	84	Richmond Road
Sat	22nd	65	Prince's Road
Sun	23rd	69	Roundhill Crescent
Mon	24th	66	Richmond Road

## Advent Windows as at 15<sup>th</sup> November

*Check Facebook for later additions*

On the left are the addresses and dates they will unveil their windows (if they can wait that long!). Below the map shows roughly where they are, with their dates. All this co-ordination and mapping thanks to Miriam Stephens.

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## Nearest Student Housing? *Coming to Planning soon*

Over 18 months ago people living near the bottom of Richmond Road were informed of a new plan for 87 student room on the old garage site behind Hollingdean Terrace, near Sainsbury's and Richmond House. The scheme is back after a year of quiet, with some alterations. Now with a maximum of five storeys, it fills the triangular site in a series of stepped rises, but still takes away much of our view out to the hills.

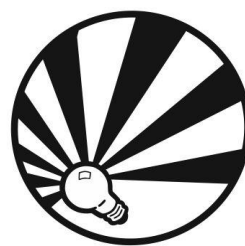
The developers all emphasise that purpose built student housing reduces demand for HMOs in the town, but with rents approaching £1000 per month they do not seem to be targeting the same students as those sharing houses amongst us now. Evidence suggests that it is richer foreign students who seek out these purpose built and fully managed properties.



The photograph above tries to indicate the loss of long view the proposed development will cause. The highest part is about the same as the highest part of Diamond Court, the lowest part of which can be seen through the trees on the left of the picture. Students will come and go through a gate in the middle of Hollingdean Terrace, so unless they are noisy, they should have little direct impact on Round Hill.

Apparently new students to the block will have signed an agreement promising not to bring a vehicle into Brighton whilst they live there. Certainly there is only room for one car, and that is for a disabled driver. The block will be staffed from about 9am to 5.30pm or 6pm at an office beside the gated entrance. Outside this time responsibility for keeping order rests with senior student residents who receive cheaper rent for undertaking the duty. The developers say the system works, but personal experience in at least one local family suggests it is not ideal. But this case was with all-British students, who can be a bit wilder – well I was.

Rob Stephenson



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## Round Hill Annual Meeting *17<sup>th</sup> October at Richmond House*

Pavilions kindly hosted the meeting which was attended by twenty residents plus eight committee members.

Helene, the Manager of Pavilions, outlined the support work for their drug and alcohol recovery programmes. Over 1600 people receive treatment at three locations across the city, and about 60 leave with good outcomes each month.

Barbara (Treasurer) told us that we raised £689 and spent £1100 in the year, the imbalance being accounted for by expensive colour in one Reporter and raised printing costs. The Veolia Environment Fund was suggested as a new source of funding.

We discussed neighbourhood safety; with most saying they feel safe here at any time. Outward signs of a real community may help – get a Love Round Hill window sticker, see front page. The Facebook Community Noticeboard has also helped people be alert to issues.

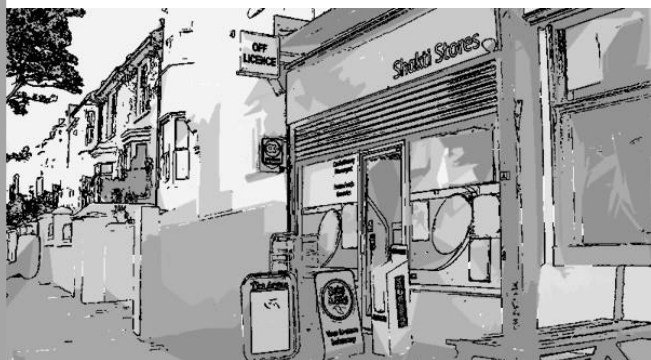
Two people left the committee; we thank Ted Power and Ray Knight for their valuable input, and welcome Andrew Partington and Jamie Aitchison to the committee – details on back page.

The smells from Veolia's Waste Transfer Station, electric car charging points, street trees and next year's social calendar were all discussed before the meeting ended at 9pm.



## RHS Committee meeting with CityClean Head

A meeting is planned for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at which we will raise any and all regular, frequent problems which people report to us direct with the new Head of CityClean, Rachel Chasseaud. The principal areas of concern are recycling and refuse collection, so if there is something that goes wrong where you are, or there is an issue you have been trying to tackle for some time without success, please pass on the details to one of your committee members. You will find their contact details on the back page of this Reporter.



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## Last big Elm on Upper Lewes Road felled *But can we plant-up the hollow stump?*



There it is – gone. About 110 years in the making, now just a hollow stump remains. The stump will be with us for some time. If the Council removes it then Highways will be required to make good the pavement and road surfaces and reposition the kerbstones. This costs serious money, money the local authority needs to keep for more important services in these days (years) of austerity policy. There are two more hollow stumps and one solid stump along the road. A hollow stump is very much like a planter – now there's an idea.

There may be opportunities to plant more trees. But tree planting does receive mixed responses. Before we press for more trees it would be good to know who favours more, and who is against the idea, especially outside their house.

## Hip Hip Hooray - the Roundhill *has opened as a proper pub again.*

Max and Rosi are the tenants and they have a five year tenancy, but please make use of them straight away, don't delay. On opening night (7th November) there were four, yes four real ales. Wines spirits and Small Batch coffee also available, but beyond that Rosi is proud to offer three different Kombuchas. I have only tasted the one from Brighton creative brewers and fermenters Old Tree before - and it is delicious, a satisfying and complex flavour but just a hint of alcohol. Another local drink producer - Fierce - will soon be providing an exciting tonic for your gin, or even by itself. Instead of refined quinine they use the whole bark of the cinchona tree, the source of natural quinine, plus a bunch of other botanicals they grow themselves. Still not enough choice? Then try any one of their four ginger beers or the regularly changing craft ale.

And when you've got a drink, how about some food? The menu is vegetarian, but can be vegan if you prefer. No meat then, but still serving 'burgers', 'meat balls' and even 'calamari', this one is really trumpet mushroom, and, as Rosi said, it fooled her mum.

Max has been running a Lewes pub for seven years, and they've been looking for a Brighton location since January, deciding on our local in June. They have friends in the area, some will be behind the bar and others providing music. They've done a great job redecorating and adding their own eclectic objects, and soon will be announcing special events. Welcome to Round Hill Max and Rosi (and the two little ones).

**Max and Rosi**

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## More trees wanted *Or are they too much trouble?*

The Upper Lewes Road is unlikely to get new trees in a hurry (see article opposite) but Richmond Road was discussed at the Annual meeting. Some trees were planted there a few years ago, and there is plenty of room for more. At the time the Council seemed happy to provide them, perhaps they can again. But what do people on Richmond Road think?

If you would hate to have a tree planted outside your home on the south side of Richmond Road please tell one of the committee, because we will be seeking more trees – for the cleaner air, bird perches and nest sites, food, shade and sheer delight they provide.

It may be necessary to part-fund the tree-planting this time, but would people be willing to help? Please tell us if you might find a spare £20 upwards.

There is a tree stump on the wide open pavement near our local pub – might this be another potential tree location. If there are other places you think a tree might safely go please tell.

By the way, have you stopped to admire the wall of flowering ivy growing up Sainsburys? Ivy is one of the last nectar sources for bees, and the greenery is usually full of sparrows.

## Crime on Round Hill *Latest statistics*

The Police publish local crime figures, but they are always out of date. Nonetheless here are some numbers for the Round Hill area, bounded by Sylvan Hall, the Ditchling Road petrol station and the Gyratory.

Crime	August	September
Anti-social behaviour	4	7
Bike theft	2	2
Burglary	1	0
Criminal damage	2	1
Other theft	7	8
Shoplifting	5	6
Violence and sexual	7	10
Other	0	1
TOTAL	28	35

In September most occur near the gyratory (13) or Ditchling Road petrol station (8) with a further 6 near the Upper Lewes Rd. There were just 4 inside Round Hill – anti-social behaviour in Wakefield and Princes Roads, criminal damage in Belton Road and bike theft in Round Hill Crescent.

## Bad planning decision for some Belton Road and Crescent Road residents

This ongoing development saga has been upsetting many of the 37 affected immediate neighbours for several years. The latest variation in detail involved more and different windows, with inadequate information in the documentation – just designed to cause upset. Where there was once a business in a cluster of much modified buildings every plan has involved adding more property, more bedrooms, more overlooking and less open green space.

Unfortunately the planning officers favoured the latest changes and recommended approval, and the elected members agreed, some (it seemed to observers) with very little understanding of the issues. The building has been going on for some time and will continue for over a year!

## On-street car charging points *Coming to Round Hill next year*

Fancy an electric car but have no off-street parking? Well the Council is aware of the problem and has received £300,000 from Government to install 200 on-street charging points. The points will be associated with lampposts (but will not threaten our beautiful cast iron standards). We have written to the Council asking to be kept up to date, and they have responded positively, and said if you want one nearby you should say so in an e-mail to [electric.vehicles@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:electric.vehicles@brighton-hove.gov.uk). They hope to have them ready for use by October 2019.

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## Make Friends with Round Hill *A new way to keep in touch*

At our recent Annual Meeting a discussion suggested that there are lots of Round Hill residents who are keen to contribute their ideas, help with activities and share their skills, but they couldn't commit to regular meetings. The answer may be a special channel of communication available to you if you register as a 'Friend of Round Hill'.

We already have several good systems of communication across Round Hill: our website - [www.roundhill.org.uk](http://www.roundhill.org.uk); this quarterly newsletter; our two on-street noticeboards (on Princes and Ashdown Roads); notices on telegraph poles; Round Hill Community Noticeboard Facebook page and the Round Hill Yahoo group email. These are pretty good for letting people know about what has already happened and what is planned in the future. But not everyone wants to be a member of Facebook or regularly checks out the website. Becoming a Friend of Round Hill will provide direct e-mail communication to you whenever activity is planned, ideas are sought or volunteers needed.

What's the idea?

You may not be on the committee, but you may be doing Round Hill related things: e.g. running/ contributing to the website/Facebook group or organising a local book or community event or campaigns, or you might want to offer your help or advice to inform some of the new ideas that come up. Or you may be prepared to help out sometimes at short notice at community events. If any of the above potentially applies to you, we'd like you to join a dedicated email group. You'd then be sent an advance copy of the committee agenda & resulting minutes, know your help/suggestions/advice regarding all items would be encouraged and act as a sounding board for committee members, especially at short notice for example when the society is contacted by the council regarding a consultation (see page 4). We think it would be a maximum of 2-3 emails each month. We'll abide by new data laws and keep your info safe, not use it for anything else, not pass it to anyone else and you can unsubscribe at any time. You should also know that your e-mail address will not be shared with other Friends of Round Hill – you will not be 'putting yourself out there'.

Interested? Drop me email: Annie Rimington [amccabebrighton@gmail.com](mailto:amccabebrighton@gmail.com) or call me if you'd like to discuss the idea: 07801701551.



# Recycle Right

## Advice leaflet for those needing it

Our new A5 leaflet:



It's great you recycle,  
but do you **Recycle Right**?



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**

 <b>Right</b>	 <b>Wrong</b>
<b>Plastic</b>  <b>PLASTIC BOTTLES ONLY!</b> Ask yourself, is it plastic, is it a bottle? If your answer is yes and yes - wash it and squash it - NO LIDS.	<b>IF IT'S NOT A BOTTLE DO NOT PUT IT IN YOUR RECYCLING!</b> <b>Even if it has a recycling symbol.</b>  <b>No tubs, no trays, NOTHING.</b>
<b>Paper</b>  Any paper. Envelopes including windows, flyers, newspapers, directories.	No paper and greeting cards with foil or glitter.
<b>Cardboard</b>  Boxes - remove self-adhesive tape.  Check for recycling symbol on packaging.  Cut to roughly magazine size (A4).	<b>NO CARTONS (tetra pack) OR COFFEE CUPS</b> - they look like cardboard but contain plastic. Some other cardboard looking packaging has plastic. <b>IF YOU ARE NOT SURE - CHECK FOR A RECYCLING SYMBOL</b> No greasy items - such as pizza boxes No tubes of puree or toothpaste No metal lids
<b>Metal</b>  Food and drinks cans - rinsed Empty aerosols - NO LIDS	
<b>Glass</b>  Bottles and jars - NO LIDS Wash and put out in a SEPARATE BOX.	No random bits of glass No broken glass
<b>Batteries</b>  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](http://www.roundhill.org.uk) and join our Round Hill Community Noticeboard Group on Facebook

Walking round the streets of Round Hill it is common to see uncollected black boxes of recycling. Sometimes these boxes have been left by the recycling crew because the mix is not what they want. It's good that people want to recycle, but it would be a great deal better if they did it right. And that is where our new leaflet comes in. It offers easy to grasp information on how to use the Council black boxes.

Committee members will soon be delivering them through letterboxes of houses where the recycling box is clearly being misused, but if you want to help a neighbour with advice then you will soon be able to download a copy of this leaflet and print out a few copies.



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## Halloween Play Street – last one of the Year



Thank you to everybody who participated in our Halloween Play Street. The weather was very variable. A short downpour of rain and air which had turned cold probably explains lower attendance this year, but there was still an opportunity to meet new faces and to catch up with both friends and acquaintances within Round Hill. Barbara provided drinks and cakes and there were also biscuits with a Halloween theme made by other volunteers – including real finger sponges!. More pumpkins appeared as the afternoon progressed and it was again possible to stage the "doughnut on a string" event. Play Street will be back in spring 2019.

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