



# The Round Hill Reporter

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Please come and help at the next Round Hill Spring-clean – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – details on page 4

## It's your neighbourhood Greening the Round Hill Streets *A Round Hill Challenge*

You don't have to live in this area long before you realise it's a pretty lively place: Advent window displays, seasonal singing, street parties, play street activities, open gardens, street cleaning volunteers, this magazine, super web site, noisy sea-gulls and interesting neighbours.

Now, the Round Hill Society Committee, encouraged by the interest of people watching the bulbs being put in the Richmond Road Planter last Autumn, has bravely decided we have enough green fingers around to work towards the Royal Horticultural Society's "It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme" (IYNS)\*. We hope as many people as possible will make their front gardens look really fantastic this summer. (There are volunteers to help if you want them to – ring 01273 601320 or any committee member). We also hope those not so lucky to have a garden will put up hanging baskets, or window boxes or stand planters on their front door or basement steps.

This year, please aim to look really good between the 14th and 21st of June and pretty good the rest of the time! Happy gardening!

\*Google 'RHS' and 'communities' to learn more.

Round Hill Committee will award a prize for the young person under five, ten and fourteen, who can grow the tallest Sunflower (plant the seeds soon if you want them to be big by June) or the best Salad Planter. The student house which grows something beautiful in the most original container will also win a prize, as will the household with the brightest or most eye-catching display of all. The rest of us will achieve, what "It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme" is hoping for: that we will all have the satisfaction of knowing we are making our city neighbourhood greener than ever. The most colourful street or area will be entered into the IYNS next year.

### Playsafe on the Street

The next closed street Playsafe session will be Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 3 to 5pm on Mayo Road. Please make a note in your diary to come out with the children and make the most of a car free road.

If you can help with publicity, setting up and supervising please contact Boo, Cath or Kate (see back page).

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# Living on Round Hill - a student's view

When I first moved into Richmond Road in August last year, not only was I excited about the prospect of getting to live with six of my best friends, but I was moving out of University - closer to Brighton - and into our very own house. The day I moved in was filled with countless trips to and from the car carrying armfuls of belongings, dragging my parents to Sainsbury's to convince them to buy me all the expensive foods and manhandling furniture around my room.

In between all this numerous neighbours popped out to say hallo, introducing themselves and offering a cup of sugar should we ever need it! It was so nice to be welcomed into the area and we were all grateful for the sense of community spirit.

The location of Richmond Road is perfect for all of us. The boys easily cycle into University, whilst the girls prefer to take the more leisurely option of the bus.

The walk into Brighton town centre via North Laine, particularly on a sunny day, is delightful. We have our pick of supermarkets and make frequent use of the Open Market and sunny days at The Level.

The only thing we have cursed about living in Richmond Road is the hill, and having to slog up it after a long, hard day at University. However we have even learnt to embrace that, appreciating the beautiful views of Brighton from our bedroom windows, and the fact it keeps us fit! We have felt truly at home in Richmond Road and will be very sad to leave in the summer!

**Natalie Sykes.**

**Pot Tip.** You cannot beat Dr. D. G. Hessayan's book "The Container Gardener" – not too expensive and has all anyone needs to know about the subject.

**Pot Tip.** Do not forget to dead-head flowers. The plant will remain looking good and will stay alive longer.



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## Seasonal Singing for First Base Day Centre

The 18<sup>th</sup> December was dry so we could go out and sing. With enormous help from Andrew on melodeon and Isabel on cello the choir sang its way around Round Hill and raised £170 for Brighton Housing Trust's First Base Centre which provides food, health services and help for both homeless and near-homeless people in the city, to help them get back on their feet.

# Advent Windows

*The 2014-5 crop*

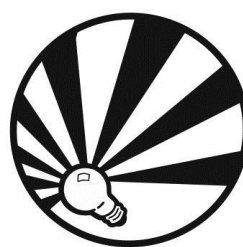
The well-established Advent Windows of Belton Road spread across Round Hill at Christmas, with decorated windows appearing in Richmond Road and Round Hill Crescent. If you missed them here is a taste of the work.



A Round Hill Crescent nativity scene



While shepherds watch their flock by night



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Examining the sixth day in Belton Road

## Round Hill Spring Clean

### *Sunday 22nd March*

10.30am - 1.00pm

Meet at the junction of Mayo and Richmond Roads  
at 10.30

Work will include cutting back overgrown hedges;  
painting over graffiti; delivering recycling/refuse  
information; gathering fly-tipping for council  
collection and some Spring planting.

Children with parents welcome.  
Drinks and biscuits provided.

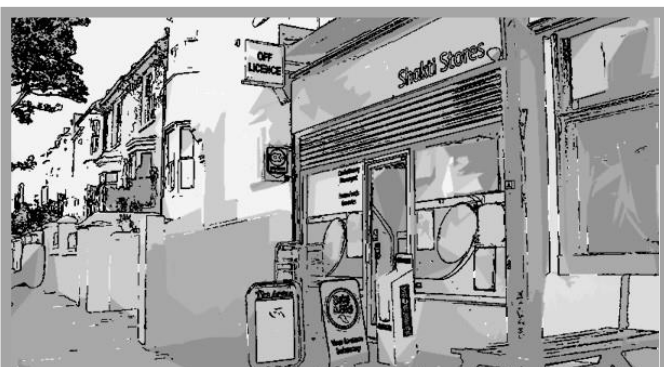
Bring your own gloves and tools if you can, but  
equipment will also be provided.

Once again we will have Council staff with us to  
help remove the waste we generate.



Andy Durr, long-time Labour Councillor for Brighton, and Mayor in 2000, died in December last year. Whilst Mayor he came to our street party, see the above picture.

He came to Brighton to take up a post as technician at the Art College where he ultimately became a lecturer. He lived just across the Lewes Road and was a regular in the Bugle. Probably his lasting legacy is the Fishing Museum on the seafront between the piers which opened in May 1994.



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Your black recycling box (with lid if you're lucky) can take **flattened** plastic bottles with or without lids, metal food and drink cans, newspapers and magazines and other clean paper and cardboard up to A4 size. Glass bottles and jars must be put out separately, in a second box.

All other plastic tubs, trays and boxes go in the refuse. Greasy pizza boxes go in the refuse. Plastic bags go in the refuse. Cardboard-based drinks containers go in the refuse.

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by John Fowler

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# Motorbike Parking on Ashdown Road

Residents in Ashdown Rd asked the RHS to find out if the unused motorcycle parking space in their road could be converted into an extra car parking space. We enquired and this is the reply from BHCC Highways Operation and Transport Department...

*"When we design these schemes we make every effort to put at least one motorcycle space in each road. The spaces are short, typically 3 metres long, and motorcyclists are not able to legally park elsewhere on the highway within the times of restriction. They also promote more sustainable modes of transport which is something the council is keen to do."*

*I appreciate you feel this space is underused, however a visitor to the area using a motorcycle would not be able to park in that road at all if it were removed, also the gain would not even be a whole car space (typically 5 metres). If a resident using a motorcycle were to move to this road then they would also not be able to park in their road during the day. For this reason I would be very reluctant to remove it.*

*It is important to us that where possible we provide the opportunity to park in each road for all road users."*

The argument seems sound, but if Ashdown Rd residents feel very strongly then you can still put a case together.

Annie Rimington

PS Thanks to BHCC Transport Department for so quickly repairing/replacing the bollard in Ashdown Road which a car or van had knocked over.

## Come on a Guided Cemetery Walk with local Historian Maire McQueeney.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 11am to 1pm. £5 per person.

Meet at the gates of Woodvale Cemetery, beside the Gladstone pub.

**Bringing together both a fascinating social history and natural history in addition to architecturally interesting listed monuments and stories about the few famous people who are buried here.**

Please contact Rob Stephenson (details on back page) if you would like to join this gentle walk – we need 10 for it to happen.

# An Endangered Species

*(Doorstep Milk Delivery)*

It is no good if you say you are 'green' and embrace all things green if you don't support your local milkman. Milk bottles are delivered to your step, in an electric float (including lots of other goodies if you want them.) You use the milk, put out your bottle and it goes back to the dairy to be used again. Next time, there's another bottle of milk on your door step.

If that's not recycling/sustainability then I don't know what is.

Richmond Road's and the surrounding areas milkman Alan Crosthwaites is as quiet as a mouse. He delivers my milk at 6.00am but I never hear him. He has been my milkman for ten years and works very hard through all weathers.

There is another joy about milk on your doorstep – if it's still there at 9.00am I know my lovely neighbours will call and check we are alright.

If you'd like to support your local milkman, local dairy and local cows ring me at 01273 601320 and I will put you in touch.

Jan Curry

**Pot Tip.** The best time to water pots is in the late afternoon.

**Pot Tip.** 'Pound Shops' are the container grower's best friend – cheap colourful pots.

**Pot Tip.** Plant in groups of odd numbers for best effect.

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# Rubbish, Recycling and Round Hill

## *A report on our meeting with City Clean*

On the evening of Thursday 7th January, three Round Hill residents meet with Richard Bradley (the new Head of City Clean & City Parks) and Damian Mamura (Street Cleansing Manager) to consider some of Round Hill's most pressing issues and to explore mutually beneficial ways of working together. We had a wide ranging discussion which covered:- RH Residents' Clean-ups in collaboration with City Clean, binvelopes, communal bins, recycling, City Clean communications, flytipping, HMOs, council cuts, trees and graffiti.

We didn't agree about everything (even between Round Hill residents!), but it was a really useful conversation and we are very grateful to Richard and Damian for so generously giving their time. We gained insight into the pressures and financial constraints City Clean work with and their commitment to providing the best service they can in increasingly challenging circumstances and we agreed some initial first steps to help address some of Round Hill's issues:

**1. Binvelopes:** Lots of homes, especially in Round Hill Crescent, still use binvelopes for storing their black bags ready for collection. Originally designed to be taken indoors between collections, many of these are now in poor condition and provide easy picking for gulls and foxes.

If you wish to exchange your binvelope or any other 'non-standard' bin for a green wheelie bin, City Clean will arrange this for you. Please call City Clean on 01273 292929

**2. HMOs and houses converted into multiple flats:** some converted houses have poor arrangements for residents to manage their recycling. City Clean will work with managing agents or house owners to plan and install improved recycling systems. If you would like to review your recycling arrangements, initially contact Annie Rimington on 06801701551 or at [amccabebrighton@gmail.com](mailto:amccabebrighton@gmail.com).

**3. Flytipping:** incidents of flytipping in Round Hill have been much reduced, but there are still a few problems around. If you do see any flytipping, please do let City Clean know using their website and they will arrange collection. If you know or suspect who dumped the rubbish, then you can pass on details so a warning letter can be sent. If you leave out articles for others to take, please leave these out for no more than 24 hours - otherwise you are flytipping!

### **Did you know?**

If residents across Brighton & Hove increased their recycling by just 1%, the council would save £100,000 each year (roughly the annual cost of 5 street cleaners). The annual cost for collecting refuse and recycling for each home in Round Hill is just £65.00 (this doesn't include any disposal costs).

City Clean is bidding for national funding for an incentive and reward scheme with the aim of increasing recycling. If successful, this might include a 'message in a bottle' where each year a lucky recycler would win a major prize or communities like Round Hill where recycling is increased could share the savings to cover the costs of local improvements.

Major savings have to be found by City Clean in the forthcoming Council budget meaning very difficult decisions will have to be made. These may mean having to choose between communal bins across Round Hill or keeping our excellent street cleaner. Some residents on the Upper Lewes Rd seem satisfied with their communal bins, however, all feedback in our recent survey showed Round Hill residents vehemently against communal bins. If there is the possibility of a major change in refuse collection we have asked City Clean that residents in any road affected will be able to voice their opinions before decisions are taken.

City Clean have agreed once again to support Round Hill's next Spring Clean-up (see page 4).

Richard Bradley has agreed to an interview to answer Round Hill residents' questions in the next issue of the Round Hill Reporter. If you have a question, please send it to Sandy at [sandy.thomas@uwcad.it](mailto:sandy.thomas@uwcad.it)

# The Round Hill Reporter is 15 years old this year!

- The first issue appeared in February 2000
- The Round Hill logo first appeared in September 2000
- So far, 59 "Reporters" have been printed and distributed ( 4 per year)
- Delivered to 1000 households, this makes 59,000 copies issued to date!
- Contributors are diverse, from the oldest aged 90 to the youngest aged 8, and include students as well as long-term residents. It is by and for everybody.
- Now printed by local estate agent David Maslen, in the early years the Reporter was printed in-house by volunteers on a photocopier purchased from a grant from the Millennium Lottery Grants Scheme.
- It is delivered by 20 volunteers to:-- Ashdown Road, Belton Road, D'Aubigny Road, Ditchling Road (bordering Round Hill), Mayo Court, Mayo Road, Princes Crescent, Princes Road, Richmond Road, Roundhill Crescent, Roundhill Road, Roundhill Street, Wakefield Road and Upper Lewes Road ( the North side).
- It is funded by advertisements from local businesses.

Over the years "The Round Hill Reporter" has covered many issues, initiatives, campaigns and causes for celebration. A bound copy of "Reporters" from the first 10 years makes fascinating reading and constitutes a valuable social document, shedding light on a distinctive community's concerns, joys, enterprise and evolution. Recurring themes are:--rubbish and recycling; RH wildlife (bees, foxes, sparrow hawks, "night crawlers"\*); parking, traffic and car club; responses to planning applications; local history ( and many wonderful old photographs); dog poo; graffiti and tagging; crime updates; implications of RH's Conservation Area status; the preservation of local character (eg Victorian lampposts); fund-raising for improvements; communal activities and celebrations (street parties, seasonal signing); questionnaires and surveys; the setting up of the Round Hill website and community email; trees and planters; initiatives such as the very successful Playsafe events and the RH clean-ups.

Underlying all these articles is the desire to preserve the best of Round Hill and to initiate changes that make it an even better place to live in. There have been many solid achievements in the last 15 years as a result of the efforts of RH residents and these can be traced through the editions of the RH Reporter. To give a flavour of the last 15 years, here are some headlines!

2001: A Wild Past-- and Future? (a wildlife survey in which 63 different species were found in one garden)

2002: Telling the Round Hill Story (the publication of a book charting the history of RH)

2004: Princes Road Development Threat

2005: Dump the Dump

2006: Round Hill Open Gardens

2007: A Bronze Age Burial in Round Hill

2007: Round Hill History Walks

2008: New Developers with Designs on Round Hill

2010: Neighbourhood on Ice (snow scenes)

2011 Seasonal Window Dressing

2012 Road Rage in Round Hill (Wakefield Road)

2013 Young Reporters talk to our own Community Police Officer

2014 Richmond House appeal is dismissed

All these articles and many more can be read on the Round Hill Society website which houses the complete archive of "RH Reporters", at [www.roundhill.org](http://www.roundhill.org). Happy reading!!

\*Don't panic, night crawlers is an old name for earthworms.

**Pot Tip.** Easy flowers that bloom in June (hopefully) are Geraniums, Pinks, Petunias and Bizzy Lizzies.

**Pot Tip.** Grow nasturtiums they will scramble everywhere and like poor soil.

**Pot Tip.** A pot of herbs can look good as well as taste good. Try Chives, Thyme, Sage, Lavender and all kinds of lettuce varieties.

**Pot Tip.** Butterflies love Marigolds, so do pots.

Sandv Thomas





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### Student liaison officers:

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Brighton- Andrew Keefe 01273 641894 a.w.b.keefe@brighton.ac.uk

## The Tale of the Appearing and Disappearing 90 foot Mural

On January 17th a group of street artists created one of Brighton's largest pieces of continuous wall art. Almost immediately complaints started to flow in. Some residents complained about the tone of the wall art being angry and aggressive in colour and style. Other residents complained that there had been no consultation.

After a few days of enquiries with the council and police, we learnt that the artists were actually given the wrong address by CityClean, who intended to give them permission to work only on the support wall of the nearby first house on Upper Lewes Road.

Richard Bradley of Cityclean emailed the Round Hill Society, saying "The graffiti artists got the wrong location and I propose to have the wall returned to its original condition - less the graffiti that got us here in the first place. Sincere apologies for the inconvenience and shock when this appeared, but a genuine human error has occurred in this instance"

It's great that the affair is being wrapped up so amicably and that the wall is now returned to its original state. However, this event has raised an important issue with the local community. Everyone agrees that the retaining walls on Upper Lewes Road and Wakefield Road were a bit grim in their original state, and we clearly need some effort and investment to cheer them up. Suggestions include planting climbers and greenery, or perhaps more wall art, but this time following the proper process of discussion with residents.

If you're a local resident, we encourage you to join in the discussion to help improve the area – you can comment on the Round Hill chat-site on Yahoo (but you may have to register first) or just drop a note to any committee member.

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Alternatively, for non-emergencies, contact Bonnie on 07717 785 514 or e-mail [andree.scovell@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:andree.scovell@sussex.pnn.police.uk). "I would encourage residents to make me aware of any suspicious behavior in the Round Hill area. If you have a question or need any advice then please call me and I will do my best to help." **Bonnie Scovell, Community Police Support Officer**

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.

Letters or ideas for articles are welcome – please contact the editor at the address shown above.

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