



# The Round Hill Reporter

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## Playsafe and a Fun Dog Show

*1<sup>st</sup> Playsafe Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. 2<sup>nd</sup> Playsafe + Dog Show 21<sup>st</sup> May.*

### Playsafe

The first street closure for children's play will be on Mayo Road between 3pm and 5pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. As usual there will be tea and coffee available for adults, with cake for a small contribution to Round Hill funds. We hope that this will tempt a few volunteers to step forward, to don Hi-Viz and stop cars entering the road.

As ever we will be looking for co-operation from residents, asking them to park elsewhere for the afternoon. Over the years the residents of Mayo Road have been very supportive of the closure, which is only possible with their agreement.

### Dog Show – 2 to 3.30 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Please come along with your dog and take part in the hopefully fun event. We won't be sending dogs or their owners through complex obstacle courses – events are more likely to be 'best matching outfits' (for dog and owner), waggiest tail (a judging nightmare when boxers are involved), 'best trick' (you might like to teach a new one, or practice to make winningly perfect, how about 'shake hands' or 'roll over and die').

There will be some more traditional events – perhaps 'sit and stay', 'come when called' and 'fetch the ball'.

We have managed to secure the judging skills of a man most knowledgeable about dogs, our local resident Surrey Police Dog Handler, Tom Mills. Jan Curry, creator of this event and owner of the misbehaving Benji (which should tell you all you need to know about the standards we will be setting) is looking for another judge, so that the dreadful burden does not fall entirely on one man's shoulders.

We are also looking for people to bring other attractions, perhaps homemade cakes or savories, young plants – be they house, flowering, fruit or vegetable, or even second hand books, not necessarily on dog-related themes. We are a city of artists – how about quick cartoonists, sketchers or caricaturists, for dogs and/or people?

There will be tea and some cake available for a small contribution to Round Hill funds.

### Playsafe/ Dog Show overlap – 3pm to 3.30pm

This half-hour of overlap might give an opportunity to have another competition: the child with the most convincing dog make-up or costume?

### Playsafe – 3.30pm to 5pm

The remaining time, until 5pm, will see joyful play as usual. Bring bikes and balls.

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# Advent Windows all over Round Hill

The whole of Round Hill is following in the path of Belton Road, who started creating Advent themed window displays a few years ago, and are still doing it. In the rest of Round Hill Cath Kronhamn organised another Advent Calendar series.



The hare gazing at the moon was at 86 Richmond Rd and the hilly landscape was at 49.



More images appear elsewhere in this Reporter and there are many more on the Round Hill Community Noticeboard Facebook page.



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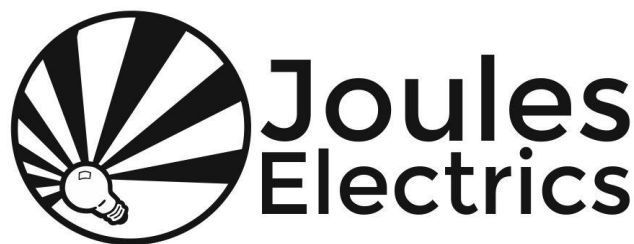
## New Recycling for Round Hill *coming in April 2017*

The Council is desperate to raise recycling rates; Brighton and Hove is performing very badly compared with other cities around England. So City Clean plans to bring a new method to Round Hill (probably not to the Upper Lewes Road bit).

Homes will be given a large grey wheelie bin for all recyclables except glass – for which a black box will still be needed. For houses without level front spaces these new bins will probably stay on the pavement all the time, alongside the green wheelie bin for refuse and a black box for glass. There is real potential for too much clutter, so City Clean have had the idea of asking every household if they think they will need a recycling wheelie bin for themselves, or whether they could cope with sharing one with a neighbour.

They plan to carry out a door-to-door survey to collect this information, but some people will not be in when they call. It makes sense to discuss sharing with people in other flats in your building, or with neighbours, and then you will be ready to answer. And if you miss the surveyors they will no doubt have a reply card they will leave for you to send back.

CityClean have made one long awaited suggestion – the new grey bin will have a label saying just what can be included for recycling. Such a label would help the entire city. With people coming to Brighton from so many other places, where recycling is always a bit different, a permanent sign on the bin makes sense. Shame we don't have them on all recycling containers.



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## Made & Mended

*We fix everything except relationships*

This business, in the premises of the old Post Office, on the Lewes Rd just south of the Gyratory, is owned and run by two young guys who both trained in shoe repairs, key cutting and engraving with Timpsons. They have a whole range of other skills, and seem willing to consider any challenge.

They can print T-shirts for you, repair your watch or i-pad, and even design a thing and 3-D print it for you. Ross is proudest of the six camera rig he built for suspension below a drone. Connor said the oddest electronic gadget he has fixed was a bat detector.

A Japanese creature at 6 Richmond Road

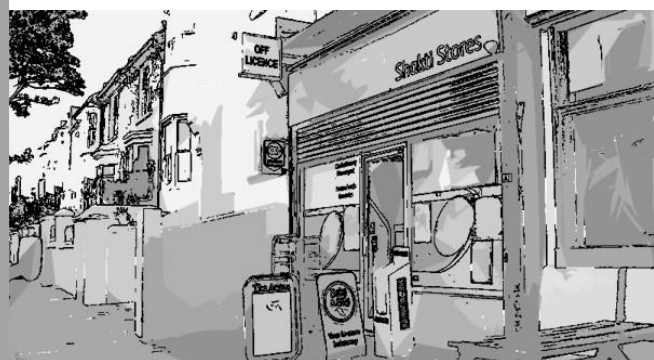


## What's happening on the Level?

Everyone must be aware of how cuts are reducing the ability of local councils to provide services, so it is good to see that members of the community are organising events at the Level. Sunday 2nd April will see a pilot for possible monthly Market events on the east side cycle lane. This will be showcase local makers, artists and crafts people as well as local produce.

Later in the year (8<sup>th</sup> July) there will be another Children and Family Festival.

The redevelopment of the Buxtons site opposite the Level on Ditchling Road has generated some money from the developer for use in the area. A big stainless steel arch, with pierced designs, is to be erected at the south end of the Level.



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## A Recent Auction Acquisition *from the B&H Heritage Commission*

The Round Hill Society is a member of the Brighton and Hove Heritage Commission, so when the Commission became aware of an old postcard featuring part of Round Hill we quickly heard about it.

The card has a date-stamp of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1912, and it was probably made especially for the people at 83 Princes Crescent. The message reads:

“Dear Clara, We are still looking forward to our holiday thought you would like the photo of our house with love from all hoping you are all quite well With Love from Mum and Dad”, and it was sent to Mrs A Starks at 18 Edgar Street, Sheffield.



83 Princes Crescent - Notice the house is semi-detached, but it isn't today. The street sign has gone as well, but a wall now runs up the middle of the steps.

# Seasonal Singing

## *cold but thankfully dry*

It seems that we get to sing every other year, and 2016 was a singing year. December 15<sup>th</sup> saw people gather at the bottom of the cat creep to sing and collect money for the Mayor's charities.

The buckets for collecting money were brilliant, with tinsel and bells and Christmas lights. Thank you to Barbara for this new innovation. The group got to sing all 20 songs in our booklet, and we had several door-knocking collectors.



More people came to join the singers as they made their way up the hill. Perhaps it was having two sources of music that tempted them out - Andrew Partington with his melodeon and Rusty Curry on harmonica.

Everyone finished at the home of Ted and Jane Power where the usual mulled wine was flowing. This year we must thank Mr Sainsbury for that. The manager of our local branch, at the gyratory, responded to our plea by providing lots of wine, satsumas and mince pies for free. It seemed only fair to round up the £181.40 collected to £190 before sending a cheque off to the Mayor's Parlour.

Next year (weather permitting) we will be seeking more bucket shakers, ideally parents and children, so that some can collect whilst others sing, and vice-versa.

Finally thanks are due to resident Max StJohn, who brought a camera (or perhaps a phone) with him and took the above photograph. Without him there would have been no illustration here.

# House sparrows again

## *A survey this time*



Male house sparrow



female house sparrow

In the last edition Jan Curry wrote a piece about house sparrows in her garden. It seems that there is a growth in their numbers on Round Hill, but they are still nowhere near as common as they used to be.

Brighton and Hove's House Sparrows Project is trying to help their recovery, and inform more people about them. Their project is supported by the Sussex Wildlife Trust, the RSPB, the Brighton and Lewes Downs Biosphere, the Sussex Ornithological Society and Brighton and Hove Wildlife Forum. You can learn more at [www.BHsparrows.uk](http://www.BHsparrows.uk) and their Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/bhsparrows](https://www.facebook.com/bhsparrows).

The first step is to learn where there are house sparrows in the city, and you can help by completing a survey if you have them living near you. You can complete the survey online at the website (click on 'survey' when you reach the site). They would also like to know if you once had house sparrows but don't anymore.

They are also looking for people to help them make bird boxes for House Sparrows, and to run workshops with the public and in schools, to survey colonies as they are identified and to help out at events as and when they occur.

They also plan to distribute trial packs of mealworms during the breeding season and spread the right kinds of seed to encourage insects that the birds rely on, especially when feeding their chicks. If any of this interests you then send an e-mail to [BHsparrows@gmail.com](mailto:BHsparrows@gmail.com).

## Dark Nights bring Doggie Doo!

It seems that there are dog owners who either will not clean up after their dogs, or who just send their dogs out alone on colder mornings. Whatever the reason there has been more dog excrement on our streets – and therefore on our shoes, on our carpets and more – than a community might hope for.

In these days of cheap webcams I am surprised that we have not been publishing photographs of unaccompanied dogs or the guilty dog owners with their dogs. Meanwhile perhaps a bold poster will make a difference.



Thoughtless dog owners  
We're watching you!

9 out of 10 dog owners  
clean up after their dog.  
Are you the one who doesn't?



Here is one that may soon be displayed where the worst offenders leave their nasty offerings.

If there is a problem where you live and you'd like to borrow our 'Clean it Up' stencils and spray paint please contact either Annie or Sandy – see back page for details.

## Changing Gears

This community bike shop is on the corner of Lewes and Edinburgh Roads. It is part of Groundwork UK, a national charity which helps give people skills and work experience whilst aiming for improved sustainability.

The manager, Bruno Esteves, and his volunteers offer refurbished bikes for sale. These might have been donated by people, or they have been abandoned at one of the local railway stations. When the stations' agent remove the bikes they pass them onto Changing Gears.

But if that old bike in your shed is in need of some care you could sign up for a free bike repair and maintenance course – better be quick if you want it free – the Council's funding runs out at the end of March. Or you could pay Bruno and team to fix it up for you.

If you would use the bike but for the traffic, perhaps a course on getting back onto the road would help, they can offer that too.

If you want to grab some free maintenance training, or a confidence boosting on road course, or even learn how to cycle (and you are over 14 years old) then the first step is to register with the Council. Find out more at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/cycletraining](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/cycletraining) or phone them on 10273 295456.

## Planter Titivation

The planters at the west end of Round Hill Crescent are looking a bit sad so we will be topping up the compost, adding a mulch and putting in some new plants for spring colour. It might even have been done by the time you read this.

If you can help to maintain and water these planters we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact Annie or Rob, details on the back page.



## BEFRIENDING CONTACT POINT

*to find company or offer yourself*

Brighton & Hove has a higher number of pensioners living alone than the national average. As we get older old friends may have passed away and relatives may not be living nearby. That is why a number of organisations in Brighton & Hove offer a befriending service to try to match people that have become socially isolated and would like to have some company.

The organisations that offer befriending support in the City have got together and there is now one contact point on 01273 229005 which can direct people to the organisation most relevant to their needs. Many befriending organisations seek to match the interests of the befrienders. The contact point can be used to find a befriender, or for anyone wanting to volunteer to become a befriender.

Befriending is a relationship between a volunteer and someone who is at risk of isolation or loneliness. Befriending can change the lives of both the befriender and the person they visit. If you want more information about this service, ring Contact Point 01273 229005, or leave a message at website [www.bhfriending.org](http://www.bhfriending.org) or send an email to [contact@bhfriending.org](mailto:contact@bhfriending.org). You can also learn more from the website [www.timetotalkbefriending.org.uk](http://www.timetotalkbefriending.org.uk)

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One more Advent window, this time it's from 33 Richmond Road. It's a shame we don't have colour, but the windows shown all work pretty well in B&W.



## Playsafe dates for 2017

A usual they will be for two hours on Sundays – 3 to 5pm, and all children are welcome. Bring balls and bikes, scooters and chalks. Adults are welcome too – there is usually tea and even cake available. Come along for a chat.

We can always use additional help in setting up and clearing away, and standing around in Hi-Viz clothing to stop motorists driving through. Contact Kate, see above, if you can help.

**30<sup>th</sup> April**

**21<sup>st</sup> May (with earlier Dog Show)**

**25<sup>th</sup> June**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July (perhaps)**

**10<sup>th</sup> September**

**1<sup>st</sup> October**

**29<sup>th</sup> October (Halloween)**

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