



# The Round Hill Reporter

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Round Hill has a Facebook Community Noticeboard – learn more on page 6

## Community Meeting – come and discuss local issues

*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 to 8.30pm*

At Richmond House – where Richmond Road meets D'Aubigny Road

From 6.30pm there will be tea and coffee with biscuits and cake, and a chance to meet and talk, before the meeting starts at 7pm.

If you want something discussed please contact one of the committee (see back page) to get it on the agenda. Issues mentioned so far include:

A sustained campaign to get Veolia's Refuse Transfer Station closed down – it would need a core of 10 or more folk keen to pursue a long publicity campaign (see page 2).

Action to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour – perhaps bidding for money from the Community Safety Fund to establish and run a scheme (see page 5).

More community celebration events like the June Jumble Trail (see page 6).

We always want new people to join the Committee to discuss issues and plan or promote community events. We meet monthly in our homes. If you would like to join us please contact the Chair or Secretary (details on back page).

Please bring this Reporter with you, each copy is numbered, and there will be a draw and a **prize** (or two).

### Round Hill Readers' Meeting

8pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> October at the Martha Gunn, Upper Lewes Rd. The book is Starlings by Erinna Mettler and it is a daisy-chain novel based in Brighton. The author will be present. All welcome, even if you have not read the book.

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## Waste Transfer Station Smells and Dust *the saga continues*

This plant is just outside Round Hill, immediately across the railway lines to the north of Princes Road. It opened in 2009 and has been the source of foul smells, noise and dust ever since. Veolia, the owners of the plant, have tried various ways of reducing the issues, and have pretty well succeeded with some of the noises, but smell remains the number one issue. The problem is worse in warmer weather, so it should be less troublesome to nearby residents for a few months now.

The cause of escaping odours is simple. The tipping floor where refuse is moved from street collection vehicles to bigger wagons for taking it to the Newhaven incinerator is ventilated to the open air, and it is worse when the main doors open to allow vehicles in and out.

Currently Veolia spray the heap of waste with a fine mist of water to suppress dust and smells, but this is fairly ineffective in warm weather. We urge residents who suffer to report smells by phone to

The Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60.

During August one resident in Princes Road made the following complaints to the Agency, which includes, as they request, a subjective rating of the smell nuisance – from 1 to 5.

8<sup>th</sup> August 10am rated 4  
9<sup>th</sup> August 2pm rated 5  
10<sup>th</sup> August 12.25pm rated 4  
13<sup>th</sup> August 10am rated 3 to 4  
15<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am rated 3  
30<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am rated 5  
30<sup>th</sup> August 1.50pm rated 3 to 4

This summer homes as far away as Richmond Road have reported the smell. The plant was built on a small plot and there is no space to improve it with airlock doors and mechanical ventilation. It seems we must suffer until the site goes away.



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## Yum Yum – Grub’s up

### *A herring gull’s tale*

Look fellas, look what these kind humans are throwing out for us: crusty bread, pizza pieces, a scattering of peas, some curry and rice. And here are baked beans and chocolate pudding, the menu is varied, ever changing. Obviously you have to peck through a thin bit of plastic first, but that’s no problem!

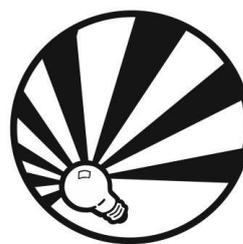
Some humans unfortunately only put all these treats out early Tuesday mornings (Refuse Collection Day). How thoughtless is that?

Luckily however there are enough humans on this patch, who chuck refuse bags out on a Wednesday, so we can examine the contents for the next six days. The further you sort through, spreading it all out on the pavement and road the more delicious morsels you can find.

It seems humans are very relaxed about this, seeing evidence of the pleasure they are giving us, more and more bags and uncovered boxes appear as the week passes.

We have learnt to be scavengers (we would prefer fish or even worms) but food is plentiful on the Roundhill, so why bother to look further afield especially as street lighting means we can eat day and night (although there is some competition at this time by the urban foxes.) Yum yum, grubs up.....

Gulls are beautiful bold birds, struggling to survive like most of us (even footballers.) Right now all is quiet except for the odd yowl from an individual bird warning another not to come too close, as they like a few months of comparative solitude. Most gulls mate for life, so once they both return to each other, close to the previous year’s nesting site next Spring, they can get down to their squawky business all over again. For now the yak yacking of parent birds protecting their young is over. So is the encouraging yelping of large groups of supportive birds circling around the first tentative flights of fledged youngsters. Peace, but I am perverse - I miss the noise.



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I am a Brighton girl (albeit an old one) lucky enough to live by the sea and the sight and noise of a Seagull lifts my spirit, reminding me I am just a small strand in the web of life.

Never the less, I try not to put out a black plastic bag until Tuesdays and soon I might be getting a green bin from the Council.....

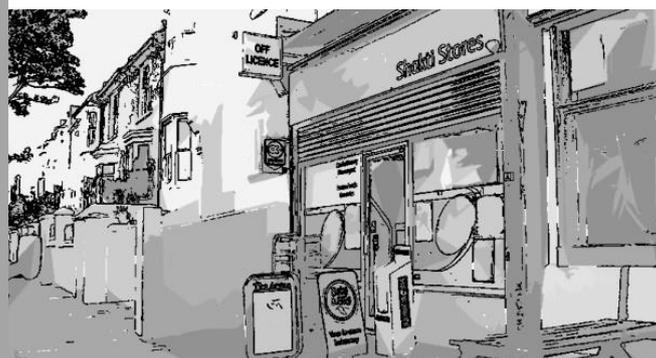
Jan Curry



A Herring gull hoping for part of this guy’s sandwich in the Pavilion Gardens July this year.



Abandoned mattress dumped on the street and the public purse.



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## A trail of flowers, food and all things fabulous \*

How about a wonderful sunny day next



summer where maybe a dozen or  
so residents open their gardens, while others  
set up jumble stalls outside their houses?

In the past some Round Hill gardeners  
opened their gardens to raise money for  
charity. I've been chatting to a few gardeners  
about doing this again, but I'd like to see just  
how much interest there is. You don't need a  
large or perfect garden – just a willingness to  
invite people into it. You may wish to sell tea  
and cakes too, or plants that you have to  
spare.

We also had a jumble trail earlier this year,  
with arts & crafts, home baking, plants, the  
contents of the attic etc. on sale.

How about combining the two to have a day  
of wandering around Round Hill, looking at  
gardens, eating cake and seeing what's on  
offer?

I'm open to ideas but I'd like to consider  
doing this to raise money for Emmaus – I  
think they're a great charity and they have a  
lovely gardening project.

If you're interested in opening your garden  
will you contact me via the Facebook  
community noticeboard, call me on 01273  
933018, or put a note through our door at 55  
Princes Road with your contact details? If  
there's sufficient interest I'll arrange a get-  
together to chat about it. Other plans will  
follow later – ideas and volunteer helpers  
welcome.

Jane Power

\*Thanks to Laura-Kate Roe for the tag-line!

# Crime and a Plan

## *Statistics and the Community Welfare Fund*

Since we lost our Police Community Support Officer in the recent round of Government instigated austerity cuts we have not received the crime statistics Bonnie used to provide. Now we have an alternative source of information – not as detailed as Bonnie’s, but based on a self-defined Round Hill area.

	May 2017	June 2017
<b>All crime</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>
Anti-social behaviour	6	7
Bicycle theft	1	1
Burglary	1	2
Criminal damage and arson	0	1
Drugs	1	0
Other crime	0	1
Other theft	9	4
Possession of weapons	1	0
Public order	2	3
Robbery	0	0
Shoplifting	7	4
Theft from the person	0	0
Vehicle crime	1	0
Violence and sexual offences	2	6

(The June figures in this table include the petrol station at the gyratory where 8 crimes were reported, Sainsbury’s where 2 were reported and Sylvan Hall Estate where 6 crimes were reported.)

If you visit <https://www.police.uk/shape/bP8qKz/> you will find a map showing the crimes and links to more details including outcomes. You can sign up to receive monthly updates for an area you can define on a map



The actual number of crimes seems bigger than we used to get, even allowing for the areas outside of Round hill in my self-defined area. It may be the rise in the “anti-social behaviour” category. Could it be that people are reporting flytipping to the police?

It has been suggested that we consider designing a programme of activity which might entitle us to claim a grant from the Community Welfare Fund. Grants are available up to £5000, and bids must fit the following constraints:

**The Community Fund welcomes applications for projects / initiatives that:**

**Seek a maximum of £5,000 per project and priority will be given to projects/organisations that have not been funded by the PCC before.**

**Directly and actively address the Policing and Crime Objective in the Police & Crime Plan 2017-21: “Work with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe” and its underpinning aims (please see further information in the Assessment Criteria section below).**

**Focus on activity, rather than equipment/capital expenditure (i.e. the Fund will not support bids for CCTV cameras).**

**Provide evidence of a real need for the project/initiative in the local area.**

**Belong to a local, not-for-profit community group.**

**Where possible, receive match-funding from other sources, so that the initiative is not solely dependent on the Community Safety Fund.**



Is this a crime?



# How to Recycle in Brighton

## *The Nuts and Bolts of using the Council Recycling Facilities*

It's all about Black Boxes. You should have one, if you are lucky it will have a lid, or you may have a net which might keep paper in the box but will do nothing to keep it dry whilst it's on the pavement awaiting collection. You may have two or more boxes. You need two if you plan to put out clean glass bottles and jars (without lids) – they need a box of their own, and must not be mixed with paper, card, plastic bottles, cans or anything else.

If you have just the one box you can take your clean glass bottles and jars (without lids) to the glass bank outside the Co-op store on the Lewes Road. This will leave you an empty box for the other recyclables.

In Brighton and Hove the recycling contract we have means we can recycle clean plastic bottles but no other plastic items – so please, no plastic trays, wrapping or tubs. Just plastic bottles without tops. Step on the bottles a few times to flatten them – you can get more in the box that way, and perhaps fewer rolling down the road.

Newspapers, magazines, directories, envelopes (even window envelopes) can all be recycled. Other papers can go in too – but keep it clean and flat, not space wasting scrunched up balls of greasy chip paper!

Cardboard is OK too. Just be sure it fits in the black box. Flatten boxes. Spend a few moments cutting up big ones so that each piece fits into the box easily. That way the pieces will be carried easily along the sorting conveyor belts at the Hollingdean sorting plant.

Food and drink cans (clean) are good, as are empty aerosol cans (no lids thanks). You can squash the food and drink cans if you are tight for space.

Those cartons for food and drink which are mainly cardboard but include plastic and sometimes aluminium layers are not collected in our black boxes. But there is a big bin for them outside the Co-op on Lewes Road – no tops, clean and flat please.

If you have dead batteries – the sort that go in watches, clocks, radios, toys, torches and more -

You can put them in a clear plastic bag on top of the box, for the recycling staff to put into a separate collection point on the vehicle.

When to put the box outside?

If you live on Round Hill and get this newsletter the answer is alternate Tuesdays. Specifically, the next four are the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of June and the 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July.

In an ideal world you will take the box in after collection.

**In summary:**

### **BLACK BOX 1**

**Newspapers, magazines, directories, envelopes, advertising flyers and all clean paper.**

**Cardboard – clean and cut to fit in the box**

**Clean food and drink cans and empty aerosols (no lids)**

**Clean plastic BOTTLES, flattened and without lids (no other plastic)**

### **BLACK BOX 2**

**Clean glass bottles and jars, no lids**

You can find more stuff at:

[www.facebook.com/recyclingandrefuse](http://www.facebook.com/recyclingandrefuse)  
and

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/cityclean](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/cityclean)

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### Veolia Waste Plant issues :

Smell, noise and dust problems – Environment Agency 0800 807060

### Illegal parking in the CPZ

Report it on 0845 603 5469 and select option 3 for a traffic warden.

### Student liaison officers:

Sussex-Mark Woolford 01273 678219 M.A.Woolford@sussex.ac.uk.

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**Non-emergency police reporting:** call 101 if your issue is not urgent or you have a question, alternatively report a crime or incident on [contact.centre@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:contact.centre@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

### Snippets:

The land behind Belton and Crescent Roads was going for auction in early September but was withdrawn after insufficient interest was shown before the event. The guideline price was between £650,000 and £700,000.

Report flytipping on the Council website at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk). Click on Recycling and Rubbish, then Street cleaning, then flytipping, and finally Report a flytip. The forms are here, you can put a picture in as well.

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## Remaining Playsafe dates

As 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.

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

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

### More snippets:

An illegal HMO at 64 Upper Lewes Road has recently been prosecuted for failing to follow an HMO planning enforcement notice. The landlord has been fined £3000 plus costs.

The Jolly Poacher gastro-pub on the Ditchling Road seems to have closed down.

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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