



# THE ROUND HILL REPORTER

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## ROUND HILL CONSERVATION AREA WILL NOT BE SPRAYED WITH GLYPHOSATE



The outer line marks the boundaries of Round Hill ward. The thin black lines on the map indicate where is being sprayed with glyphosate.

Please see page 3 for more information on how Round Hill residents can support in the weeding of Round Hill.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us for the Round Hill Society's AGM on November 13th at Richmond House from 7-9pm! Hear about exciting new committee roles, including Fundraiser and Town Planning Liaison. Meet your neighbours, help out the community and say what you'd like to see in the area. Don't miss out!



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## CRIME UPDATE AND OTHER NEWS

### ROUND HILL CRIME UPDATE

By Christopher Paul

The Viaduct area, which encompasses Round Hill, is virtually crime free!

So far this year, there have been 29 crimes reported on London Road in the Open Market area, 15 in St Peter's church area, 16 at Preston Circus near the Duke of York cinema. There were 12 near Sainsbury's on Lewes Road and 5 in the Prince's Crescent area.

**THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 77  
CRIMES REPORTED IN ROUND  
HILL UP TO JUNE 2024.**

The crimes reported consisted of:  
Violence and sexual offenses:23  
Anti-social behaviour:12  
Public order:12  
Criminal damage and arson:7

See p.8 for how to report a crime.

### FLY TIPPING

We have had reports of an increase in fly-tipping. Brighton and Hove Council states that common examples of fly-tipping are:

- leaving household items, appliances and furniture by communal bins.
- leaving items on the pavement for others to take away or reuse.
- dumping rubbish or building materials in the countryside or green spaces.

To report incidences go to:

[www.brightonhove.gov.uk/report/problem-and-request-clean](http://www.brightonhove.gov.uk/report/problem-and-request-clean)



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New Slow down signs have been added to Princes Crescent (thanks to Dominic Furlong), after someone had taken them down a few months ago.

Please all be mindful when driving along this road and Slow Down.

## GOOD GYM COMMUNITY GREEN CLEARANCE

The GoodGym team took part in a community clearance at the Cat's creep in July.

Despite the rain on the day of the clearance we had four Round Hill ward volunteers, Aurelie (from Sylvan Hall Residents Association), Rob and Josh and a good number of brave GoodGymers.



By Stefania Rosso

If you want to get involved with any future Good Gym events go to the website [www.goodgym.org](http://www.goodgym.org).

Please look out for other community events on the Facebook Round Hill Notice Board.

We managed to clear lots of weeds.

The Brighton and Hove Council Tidy Up Team were so impressed with the work, they are now considering procuring us a tool box for future community clearance, pending some funding, and our (Green) councillors' support.

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## WEED-FREE ROUND HILL

By Cllr Raphael Hill

Thank you to Cllrs Ellen McLeay and Kerry Pickett for joining myself and Pete West for our weeding and litter picking session on the Cat's Creep and Round Hill Crescent.

Next time we want to co-ordinate the timing with Goodgym and the Tidy Up Team activists to make sure it is not just a Green Councillor meet up! After three hours we filled 15 bags full of weeds with a bag for rubbish as well.

One nasty discovery was a lot of dog poo under the weeds, despite the signage on the streets. Please be mindful when dog walking to clear up mess. And please help by clearing obstructive weeds in front of your properties.

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## THE OTHER BRIGHTON PRIDE

By Emmanuel Valentine

As a new Round Hiller, getting the bus to Pride preparations at 8:30 am felt early. I march every year with the local LGBT rugby club, the Brighton & Hove Sea Serpents, and true to tradition, we start the day with breakfast at our president's apartment on Brunswick Square. Before moving to Crescent Road I lived in Hove, so I could walk there in minutes.

This year's weather was pretty good so we marched and celebrated with huge crowds around us. Highlights included seeing our trans players lifted on the shoulders of their cisgender teammates, handing the ball to small kids so they could throw it back (to rapturous applause), and my sister Julia breaking through the crowd to give me a hug.



The procession ended at Preston Park and my next destination was **DIY Pride**. I stopped off at home to change from my rugby kit to my glad rags, and sauntered down the hill to Saunders Park. Sadly, at this point the weather had turned on us and it began to rain quite heavily.

Undeterred, a few hundred queer folks from around the city and beyond stuck around and made the most together. DIY Pride focuses on protest, solidarity with other movements and accessibility - things that are in many ways forgotten by the mainstream Pride events, with their high-profile guests and acceptance of corporate sponsorship. The celebration grows every year, with workshops, speeches and an accepting vibe.

After succumbing to the weather, I was relieved to be able to walk the five minutes home to my new neighbourhood, full of happiness and knowing that, however you celebrate, the city has you covered for Pride.

Please give DIY Pride a follow if you are on social media and make sure to stop by next Pride!

[www.instagram.com/diypridebrighton](http://www.instagram.com/diypridebrighton)



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FOR SETTING UP AND  
MANAGING THE FACEBOOK  
NOTICE BOARD FOR YEARS.**

**WELCOME TO PAUL GRIFFITHS,  
THANK YOU FOR TAKING IT ON.**

## COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE QUARTER

Brighton and Hove Wildlife Advice & Rescue Service (WARS)

Brighton and Hove Wildlife Advice & Rescue Service is run by a group of volunteers on Facebook that have been rescuing wildlife in Brighton & Hove and the surrounding areas since 2018.

They rescue all kinds of birds, foxes, badgers, hedgehogs and rodents.

Once you join the group and you request support with rescuing an animal, the post will get added to the volunteers WhatsApp group.

Whoever is in the area will respond on Facebook confirming whether they can help, and take the animal to either a wildlife-friendly vet or a professional wildlife rescue centre.

If you would like to volunteer please join the Facebook group. There is a Justgiving page set up to support the group for equipment such as animal carriers, nets etc. Please donate to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lisa-barrow-369>

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: REPRESENT ROUND HILL ON THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

By Julia Valentine

The Round Hill Society is looking for a resident to step up and represent our community on the Brighton & Hove Conservation Advisory Group (CAG). This is a volunteer role where you can make a real impact on local planning decisions.

CAG brings together conservation groups to review and advise on planning applications that affect our area's historic buildings, parks, and more. Meetings are held every four weeks on Tuesdays at 10 am, lasting about three hours.

We need a new CAG representative to continue this work, shaping recommendations on key developments as they arise.

Our community has a strong history of standing up for what matters - like when we successfully fought to save Richmond House from demolition.

If this sounds up your street but you can't make that timing work, a good alternative option would be to join the RHS committee as the CAG liaison.

Interested? Contact [roundhillsociety@gmail.com](mailto:roundhillsociety@gmail.com)  
Let's keep Round Hill's voice strong and active!

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## EVENTS AND 'WHAT'S ON'

### ROUNDHILL COMMUNITY STREET PLAY: ANNUAL WATER FIGHT AND FUNDRAISER

On August 10th, the Round Hill community came alive with laughter and excitement during the much-anticipated Street Play Splash Day. The event brought together residents of all ages for an afternoon of spirited fun and neighbourly bonding.

As usual, the water fight was a great success, with participants eagerly preparing their water pistols, buckets, and other creative water contraptions.

After a bit of friendly intervention to reign in some overly enthusiastic grown-ups, and with water supplies fully topped up, the games began. The streets were soon filled with the sounds of splashing water and joyful shrieks as everyone joined in the playful chaos.



Written by Laura-Kate Roe, pictures courtesy of Dominic Furlong



In addition to the water fight, the event featured delicious baked goods and refreshing punch, courtesy of Jane, Dom, and Chris. Their contributions not only added to the enjoyment of the day but also helped raise £45, which will go towards funding future community events.

The Round Hill Street Play was a resounding success, embodying the spirit of togetherness and fun that defines the community.

### A MESSAGE FOR UNDER-18 YEAR OLDS!

If you would like to write an article, a poem, draw/create a picture, or have any other ideas you want to send to the Reporter for us to publish for the next edition, please send to the [rounhillsociety@gmail.com](mailto:rounhillsociety@gmail.com)

Please do get permission from someone over the age of 18 prior to sending.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NEXT ROUND HILL EVENT HALLOWEEN 27TH OCTOBER

Residents are already looking forward to the next gathering which will be the Halloween fancy dress special on Sunday 27th Oct, eager to continue the tradition of shared joy and support. As always volunteer marshals are welcomed and if you or your family would like to host a fun game please do let me know. Email [laura-kate.roe@outlook.com](mailto:laura-kate.roe@outlook.com)



### DATE FOR COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING - 19th DECEMBER

By Steve Bustin

It might seem like a long way away but Christmas will be with us once again in the blink of an eye, so mark your calendar for one of our most popular neighbourhood events: carol singing around the streets of Round Hill to raise money for a local charity.

We'll gather at 6pm on Thursday 19th December at the bottom of The Cats Creep on Round

Hill Crescent and sing our way around as many of our streets as our voices (and the temperature) allow!

We'll be raising money for a local food bank by singing festive favourites (traditional carols and some of the popular Christmas songs) and everyone is welcome to join us for as long or as little as they like - families and children very welcome

Bring a torch and bells to jingle and we'll provide songbooks and the all-important buckets for collecting donations - we'll even have a card machine for those that no longer carry cash. Don't worry if you usually only sing in the shower - we welcome all voices!

If you can't join us to sing, listen out for us singing under a lamp post near your house and give us a wave (and a donation).

We'll publish our intended route (and any necessary weather updates) nearer the time on the Round Hill Community Facebook Group.

## USEFUL CONTACTS AND COMMITTEE DETAILS

### LOCAL CONTACTS

VEOLIA WASTE PLANT SMELL, NOISE, DUST  
ENVIRONMENT AGENCY- [0800 807060](tel:0800807060)

ILLEGAL PARKING IN THE CPZ  
REPORT IT ON - [0345 603 5469](tel:03456035469)

ROUND HILL PCSO  
[SOPHIE.POWELL@SUSSEX.POLICE.UK](mailto:SOPHIE.POWELL@SUSSEX.POLICE.UK)

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