



THE ROUND HILL REPORTER

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HAVE YOUR SAY AT ROUND HILL SOCIETY AGM: 12 NOVEMBER

We heard you last year and changed the Round Hill Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) to November! If you want to have your say on local issues, or simply hear what's been going on in your area, join your neighbours on 12th November from 7-9pm at Change Grow Live, Richmond Road.

Buy some Round Hill Christmas cards to raise funds for projects such as the Round Hill Pocket Park or the mural on Wakefield Road. Bring along a cake or anything to nibble on to raise more funds for the Round Hill Society.

JOIN THE ROUND HILL SOCIAL! 26 OCTOBER

From 2 - 4pm, join your neighbours by the Richmond Road planters to the top of Ashdown Road for the last community social of the year. Look forward to...

Fancy Dress Parade: Dress up in your spookiest, funniest, or most creative Halloween outfits.

Annual Doughnut-Eating Competition: A messy tradition where everyone's a winner if they manage to eat their doughnut without it falling on the ground.

Bake Sale: Indulge in delicious baked goods while soaking in the festive atmosphere.

We're always looking for safety marshals and help with organising. Contact Laura-Kate Roe at laura-kate.roe@outlook.com to offer your support.



VEOLIA WASTE TRANSFER STATION LOCAL CONCERNS PERSIST

By Dominic Furlong

Residents in Round Hill and Hollingdean continue to raise concerns about odours, noise, and the overall suitability of the Veolia Waste Transfer Station on Hollingdean Lane. These are long-standing issues that have now resurfaced as Brighton & Hove City Council rolls out its new food waste collection service.

Neighbours have reported unpleasant smells from the Veolia-run site since it began operating in 2008, particularly during hot weather. Green ward councillor Raphael Hill recently questioned the council about the ongoing odour problems and why a long-promised independent review of the site has still not been produced.

That review was first requested in November 2019 by the council's former Environment, Transport and Sustainability (ETS) Committee, following fires, noise complaints, and ongoing worries about the site's location in a densely populated residential area. Despite repeated follow-ups by Round Hill residents and ward councillors, the council confirmed in July 2025 that no such report has ever been completed.

Residents have expressed frustration with the council's failure to produce the report.

In July, formal complaints were issued to both the council and the Local Government Ombudsman. We are yet to hear back.

Councillor Tim Rowkins, the council's Cabinet Member for Net Zero and Environmental Services, said Veolia continues to operate within its environmental permit and has made several improvements. This includes faster-closing doors, additional odour-suppression units, and twice-yearly deep cleans.

The upcoming food waste collection service has added to local unease. Initially, food waste was expected to be brought to the Hollingdean site before transport to Veolia's composting facility near Uckfield. However, Cllr Rowkins has since clarified that food waste will now bypass Hollingdean where possible and go directly to the composting site; a change that could reduce local odours if the trial proves successful.

The Round Hill Society committee met with Cllr Rowkins in February 2025 to discuss ongoing concerns about Veolia's operations at the Hollingdean site. MP Siân Berry also met with us to find out more and understand the situation.

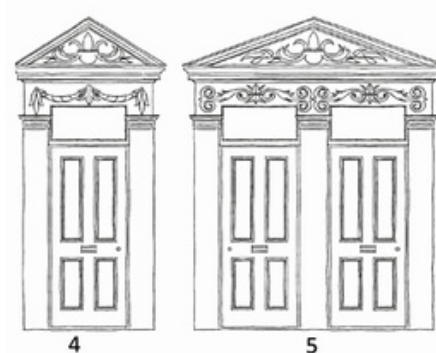
SPOT YOUR FRONT DOOR! HISTORIC DOORWAYS OF ROUND HILL

By Michael Doyle

The doorways of Round Hill are more than just entrances; they're portals into the area's rich architectural heritage. As highlighted in the Round Hill Conservation Area Appraisal, these features play a vital role in defining the character of our unique neighbourhood.

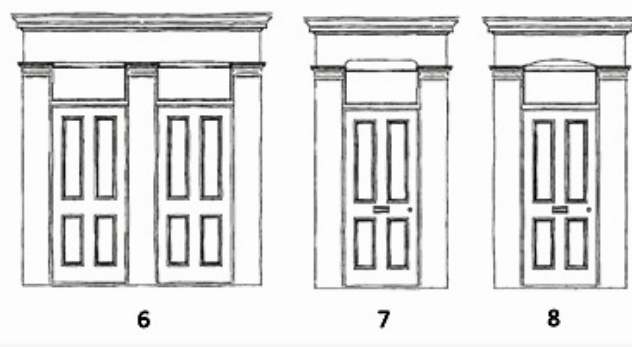
Rooted in Regency and Italianate styles, many of Round Hill's buildings were designed to make a statement. Original doors, with their carefully crafted classical details, set the tone for the homes they guard. Whether it's a solid timber panelled door or a decorative surround inspired by Greek and Roman motifs, these features are proudly expressive.

Take a look at the illustrations on this page and the next to see if you can spot your front door - or your neighbours'!



4. Pedimented doorways with plaster mouldings, Richmond Road

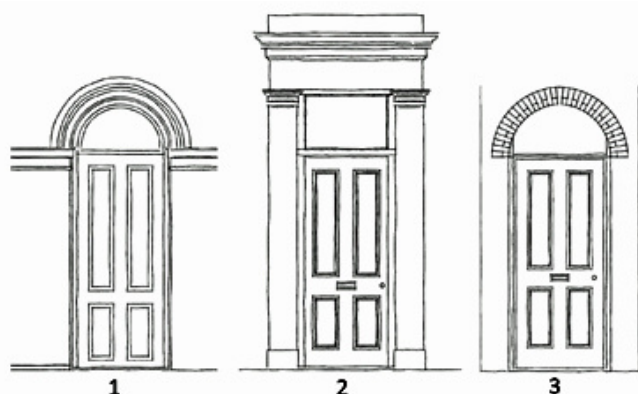
5. Double pedimented doorways with plaster mouldings, Richmond Road



6. Tuscan doorway, Crescent Road

7. Tuscan doorway with radius cornered arch

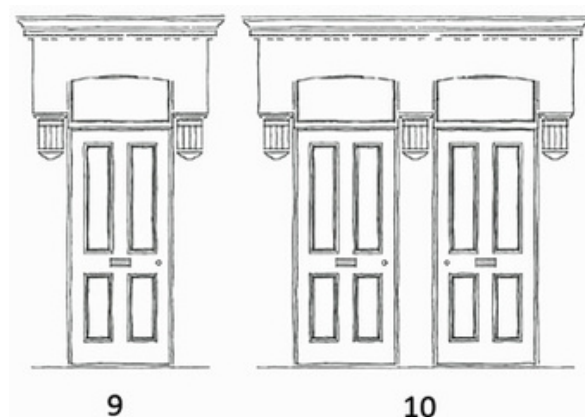
8. Tuscan doorway with cambered arch



1. Arched doorway and archivolt, Round Hill Crescent

2. Tuscan doorway, Ditchling Road

3. Tuscan doorway, Ditchling Road

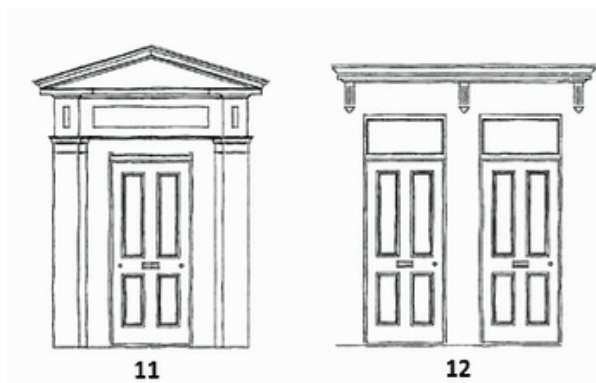


9. Doorway with scroll brackets in Wakefield Road

10. Double doorway in Wakefield Road

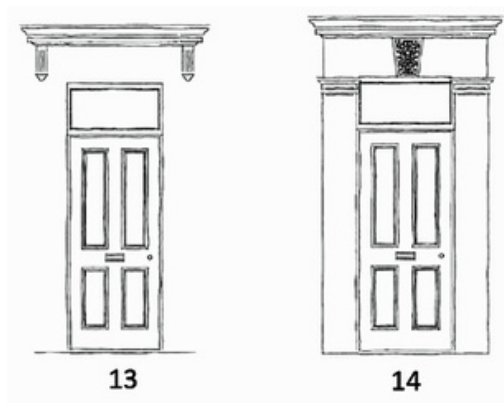
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11. Pedimented doorway in D'Aubigny Road

12. Double doorway with bracketed cornice and acanthus leaf detail.



13. Single doorway with bracketed cornice and acanthus leaf detail

14. Tuscan doorway with vemiculated key stone.

You'll often find shallow porches framing the entrance: elegant, open structures that include recessed doorways, pilasters, and bracketed cornices or Tuscan-style entablatures. These subtle touches not only add grandeur but help elevate otherwise modest façades.

However, the appraisal warns of a growing threat: unsympathetic alterations and low-quality modern replacements are slowly eroding this distinctive charm. Retaining and repairing original doors and architectural elements wherever possible is crucial to protecting the area's historic fabric.

Next time you walk the streets of Round Hill, take a moment to notice the doors and their details. They form part of the unique character of our historic neighbourhood.



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LOCAL PROJECT SEEKS VINTAGE WALLPAPER FROM COMMUNITY HOMES

By Stefan Missen

A fascinating restoration and art project is underway in our area, and it's calling on local residents to take a look behind their walls - literally.

Stefan Missen, a specialist technician and artist based locally, is embarking on a unique mission to collect and conserve vintage wallpaper found in local homes. The project aims to explore the design history hidden in the interiors of everyday domestic spaces, capturing how styles, tastes, and stories have evolved through wallpaper over the decades.

"Wallpaper is one of those things that quietly carries memory," Stefan says. "It reflects not just design trends, but the personal lives and identities of the people who lived in the space."

"Sometimes you'll find three or four layers hidden behind modern plaster, each one telling a story."

The project combines elements of conservation, research, and visual art, with plans to document, catalogue, and even creatively re-use samples in a larger exhibition. Stefan is especially interested in wallpaper dating from the 1800s to the 1980s, whether it's still on the wall, tucked away in a cupboard, or found during renovations.

Local homeowners are warmly invited to get involved. "If you're redecorating, clearing out old storage, or just curious about what might be under your current wallpaper, I'd love to hear from you," says Stefan. "Even the smallest scraps can be significant."

Those wishing to contribute can contact Stefan directly at Stef@Belta-brighton.co.uk. As homes change and memories fade, this project offers a chance to preserve a small but meaningful part of our local heritage, one floral border and geometric pattern at a time.



An example of some antique wallpaper found underneath a white wall.

WHERE DID ALL THE WEEDS GO?

In September, a dedicated team GoodGym volunteers joined forces with the Round Hill Society to clear our neighbourhood streets of weeds and overgrowth.

Using secateurs, shovels and brooms, they tackled bindweed, trimmed back hedges and cleared pavement edges, filling 14 bags of waste.

If you'd like to help, the GoodGym team regularly holds weeding sessions in Round Hill that anyone can join - just contact Stefania Rosso at stefania.rosso@gmail.com.

If you'd like to weed in your own time but don't have equipment, you can also email Stefania about borrowing communal tools kindly stored at Change Grow Live.



This work is especially important for Round Hill because we have formally opted out of glyphosate-based weed treatment. As such, keeping our pavements and kerbs clear of weeds is now a shared community task. While the local council provides some support, the long term success of our glyphosate-free policy depends on everyone doing their bit to remove weeds themselves.

GoodGym is a community of people who get fit by doing good. They run, walk, and cycle to help local community organisations and isolated older people by doing practical tasks. The team of GoodGym volunteers share that this activity not only helps their physical health, but their mental health too. Go to the [GoodGym website](#) or email [Stefania](mailto:stefania.rosso@gmail.com) to learn more.

NEWS FROM YOUR COUNCILLORS

By Cllr Raphael Hill

Food waste collections will be starting in Round Hill ward from Monday 27th October. Look up collection days for your bin, box or caddy on the [council website](#).

If you get a kerbside collection, you will receive a caddy for your kitchen, a supply of caddy liners and a larger caddy to leave on the kerbside. If you are in a flat, the Council will provide a wheelie bin for food waste. To avoid any outside bins blowing away, they have said they will be providing a special mounting post.



Please keep your councillors Raphael Hill (raphael.hill@brighton-hove.gov.uk) and Pete West (pete.west@brighton-hove.gov.uk) in the loop about any issues.

healthwatch Brighton and Hove

At the most recent Full Council meeting, your Green Councillors brought a motion to oppose the abolition of Healthwatch.

We don't believe Councils and the NHS should be marking their own homework by scrutinising themselves, as the Health Secretary Wes Streeting is proposing in the 10-year NHS plan.

Healthwatch will continue to operate until next April. There is a petition to parliament which we would encourage residents to sign here:

petition.parliament.uk/petitions/732993

You can find out more about Healthwatch and the work that it does here:

healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk/

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS!

By Rachel Griffith-Boyes

Get ready to spread some festive cheer! The next Round Hill Society Carol Singing evening is scheduled for **Thursday, December 18th.**

Starting at 6 PM from the bottom of the Cat's Creep, this annual gathering is a special festive experience and something of a Round Hill tradition.

Children and dogs are welcome and encouraged! It's not just a lovely way to get to know your neighbours and sing some lovely carols, but you'll also be raising money for Brighton Food Bank (brightonfoodbank.org.uk).

If you'd like to join in, just show up! No singing experience or talent necessary (and if you'd prefer not to sing, come along and shake a collection bucket)!



POCKET PARK GETS NEW ADDITION

By Dominic Furlong



The bus stop pocket park now has a new mosaic sign. Many thanks to Round Hill carpenter Nigel Coombs for making the frame and sign installation.

USEFUL CONTACTS AND COMMITTEE DETAILS



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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)

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