



The Round Hill Reporter

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Seasonal Singing

6pm on the 18th December

Hope for good weather and then turn up at the bottom of the Catcreep at the west end of Round Hill Crescent at 6pm on Wednesday 18th December with lanterns, warm clothing, children (if you've got them), and a loud singing voice. We will provide song sheets and musical support.

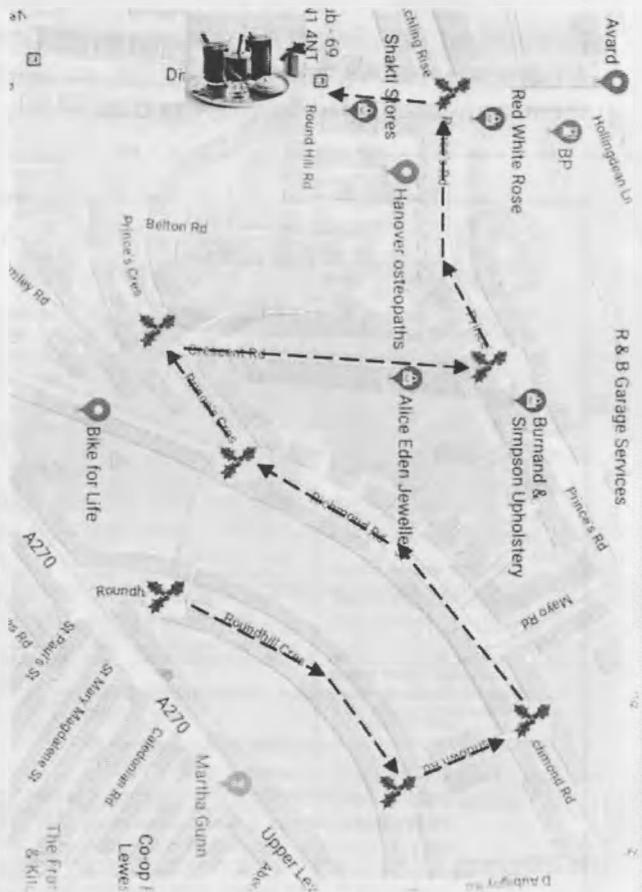
The whole thing takes a little over an hour, spent strolling along to a convenient lamppost where most folk sing. Others go door to door with a bucket and a 'Merry Christmas', collection cash for this year's good cause.

Fare Share is a national charity with a Brighton unit which collects food that is fit to eat but no longer saleable, perhaps it's too near a sell by date or has been wrongly labelled. Fare Share then distributes the produce to places which can use it to feed people in need – be they poor, elderly, homeless or otherwise in need.

Brighton has some wards with poverty levels amongst the poorest 5% in Britain. Communal eating also helps tackle social isolation, and the whole system offers many training and self-esteem raising opportunities.

So please come out and sing or come to your doors, listen and contribute to a worthy cause.

Sing and walk Roundhill Cres, Ashdown, Richmond, Crescent Rd, Princes Rd and the Roundhill pub.



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Advent Windows comes around Again
Get your design hat on and join in

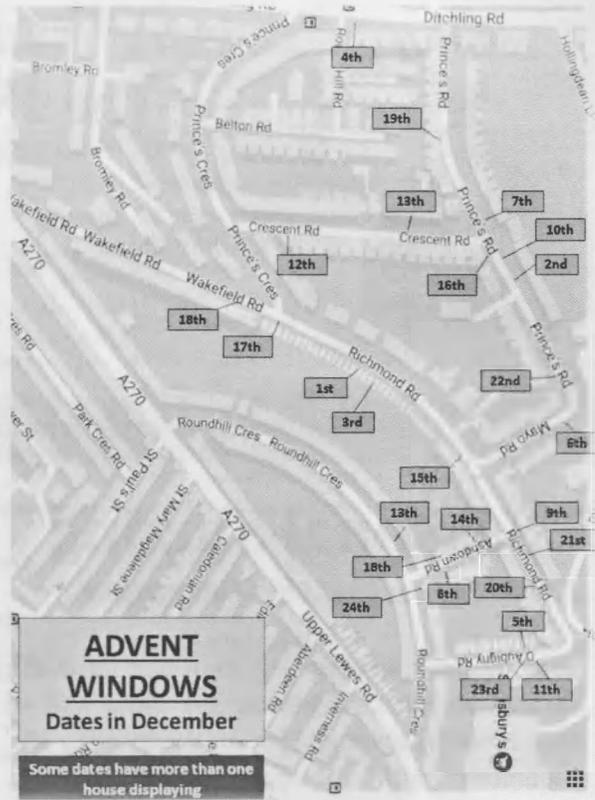
Nearly thirty homes have signed up so far, but, unlike a cardboard advent calendar we are not limited to twenty some days, we can have as many as we like.

Every year people get more adventurous, but it can be whatever you like – religious, comic, pagan, historic, natural world, sustainability or mass consumption. Just create your window and light it up every evening.

Register a start date with Miriam, either by finding advent windows on our Facebook Noticeboard, or by email to her direct (see back page for details).

Below right is a bold window from last year to get you thinking.

Don't forget that Belton Road often do their own windows separately from this scheme, so include them in any evening walks you may plan.



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Saving the planet

one step at a time

Did You Know that the Green Centre at the Open Market collect **pet food pouches** for recycling? Pet food pouches need to be washed and dried out - and with all the cats and dogs in the area this is a really easy way for you to contribute towards our planet's plastic problem.

My other favourite things to recycle at the Green Centre are:

- Biscuit and cracker wrappers**
- Crisp packets** - get rid of all that Monster Munch evidence
- Toothbrushes**
- Printer cartridges** - no more posting them

The Green Centre collect all sorts of stuff for recycling that can't be taken by the Council or the Magpie scheme. They are at the Open Market most Thursdays and some Sundays - look here to find out what you can recycle and when they are open: <http://www.thegreencentre.co.uk>

Miriam Stephens



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A revised 'Recycle Right' leaflet appears below. Feel free to copy it, enlarge it if you want, and deliver to folk who still put out the wrong things. You can have an A4 (2 x A5 leaflets) jpeg of it sent direct if you contact Stefania to get registered on the Friends of Round Hill e-mail group.



It's great you recycle, but do you **Recycle Right?**



If you put wrong (or dirty) items in your recycling box you are **NOT** recycling them. You may also find City Clean does not empty your box. Even if they do take your waste, too many wrong or dirty items (just 10%) and it all gets burnt. We want to avoid this.

Please check what BHCC recycles in the list below and let's all ensure we **recycle right**

	Right	Wrong
Plastic	PLASTIC BOTTLES ONLY! Ask yourself, is it plastic, is it a bottle? If your answer is yes and yes - wash it and squash it - put the lid on/in	IF IT'S NOT A BOTTLE DO NOT PUT IT IN YOUR RECYCLING! Even if it has a recycling symbol. No tubs, no trays, NOTHING.
Paper	Any paper. Envelopes including windows, flyers, newspapers, directories.	No paper and greeting cards with foil or glitter
Cardboard	Boxes - remove self-adhesive tape Check for recycling symbol on packaging Collapse boxes and cut to roughly magazine size (A4)	NO CARTONS (tetra pack) OR COFFEE CUPS - they look like cardboard but contain plastic. Some other cardboard looking packaging has plastic. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE - CHECK FOR A RECYCLING SYMBOL No greasy items - such as pizza boxes No tubes of puree or toothpaste No metal bottle lids
Metal	Food and drinks cans - rinsed Empty aerosols Lids - from glass jars only	
Glass	Bottles and jars Wash and put out in a SEPARATE BOX	No random bits of glass No broken glass
Batteries	In a clear bag on top of or near your box or bin	

Remember: Squash your recycling and place glass in a separate box or bin
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Bakers and gingerbread house makers
soon our little ones will want festive activities

Most likely some kind of baking/making will be on the list this advent.

Boiled hard sweets make a great stained glass effect in biscuits and look fab on the tree as edible decoration. Just place one into cut out shaped biscuit dough/gingerbread house windows ensuring baking paper is underneath. The sweets will melt to fill the shape during cooking. In gingerbread houses this creates a cosy light when a LED light is placed inside. Enjoy and send some pics of your creations.

Eva Wendler



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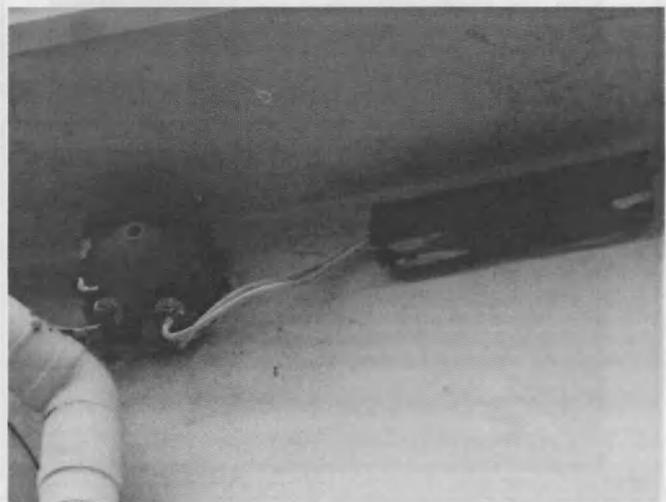
On the Trail of England's Oldest Cable Network
Not underground but overhead

Earlier this month I heard from a woman who has recently moved to Round Hill and had spotted something unexplained attached to her chimneystack – a heavy cable that crossed the road to a block of flats in Sylvan Hall Estate.

If I had not spent nearly a decade decorating local houses I might not have known, but you can learn a lot working at gutter and eaves height. The cable certainly once belonged to a now long gone company called Rediffusion. They started in a time when getting a good radio signal could be difficult. They would erect a very good mast and then run cables around the town, with booster stations to keep the signal strong. When TV became popular most people rented a set so Rediffusion went into that market, providing a TV set and a weekly, monthly or even slot-machine 'pay as you go' TV and radio signal by cable.

Much of the kit has gone today, but there is still some on houses in and around Round Hill. The oldest junction boxes (where the main cable could be split to give separate lines for each house or flat) were made of Bakelite, a very early brittle, synthetic plastic. Later boxes are made of a modern thermoplastic.

Below: A Bakelite box on the left connected to a thermoplastic one on the right (at south end of Crescent Road).



Last Playsafe of the Year

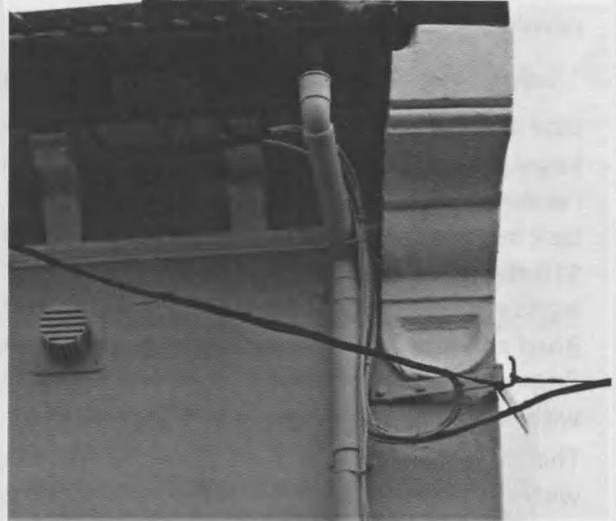
zombies, mummies, ghouls and doughnuts

Tea and coffee were available as usual during the Halloween Playsafe, but appeared to be less attractive than doughnuts on string!



Rediffusion continued

There are a few cables crossing streets and the longest is the one from Belton Road into Sylvan Hall Estate. Even more exciting is it also crosses Belton Road from the same house corner (where the steel bracket seems to be slowly leaving the house wall – see below).



The east end of Richmond Road is crossed by another Rediffusion cable, and there is a different, square connection box at one end of it. A similar box (evidence of another but extinct road crossing?) can be found at the top of Ashdown Road.

But the best group is on the Upper Lewes Road. I know someone who lives there, and I've got a ladder!

Rob Stephenson



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Enjoying a Community Clean-up

Back in September a number of volunteers set out to cut back overhanging vegetation on the Catcreep. Committee member Stefania arranged for a group of runners called Goodgym to run to Round Hill, help us for an hour, then depart. Below is what they said about the event in their newsletter:

So tonight we learnt what a Catcreep is!

One of the great things about Goodgym is getting to know the nooks and crannies of the place you live and I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one who, before this task had never been to the Round Hill Catcreep. The 116 steps (we counted them!) lead steeply from the bottom of Roundhill Crescent to the top of Wakefield Road and it has to be one of the steepest alleyways in Brighton. So a Catcreep is a local term for an alleyway with steps.

Thanks to regular Goodgymer Stefania for linking us up with the Round Hill Society, a neighbourhood group who had organised a community clean up to tackle the vegetation growing over and up the Cat Creep. With plenty to do they were delighted to have 15 extra pairs of hands to scrape, sweep, lop, cut and bag up all the greenery overhanging the alleyway and nearby Wakefield Road.

Apparently the Catcreep provides a crossing point for toads between gardens and to prove this was the case we saw one!

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Kindness and compassion neighbours! *you ain't going nowhere*

Although we admire skillful parking we also feel the upcoming frustration of the driver wedged in-between. Or do you think the central car parked last, judging from the curb-wheel distance? Either way imagine your wife goes into labour at night or you need to attend A&E with non-life threatening injuries, not requiring ambulance transfer which would put further strain on public budgets. Or simply just be late for commute whilst no attempt can yield success here to free the car. Just ponder a second of how this would make you feel if it was you wedged in. Would you make a desperate attempt to escape irrespective of potentially bumping into the other two cars? Maybe the considerate driver left his mobile number in windscreen volunteering to be rung anytime, and offering to move as required. Let's just remind ourselves that parking is precious and leaving too much of a gap loses spaces, whilst desperately trying to fit in creates all sorts of negative emotions for others.

Eva Wendler



Concerned about Tagging and Graffiti? *respond to the Council's consultation*

You have until 15th December to log in and address the questions in the Brighton and Hove tagging and graffiti consultation. Find it at: <https://consultations.brighton-hove.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-streets/graffiti-removal-enforcement-consultation/>

A New Set of Greetings Cards

eight Round Hill cards for £2.50

You can now buy a set of 8 of these full-colour A6 cards complete with envelopes, for just £2.50 (2 of each design). Why not buy more than one set? No message and just 2 have a snowy scene, so you can use them for any occasion.

All money received will be used to support Round Hill community activities – once we have covered the £300 cost of having them made.



Send an e-mail or phone one of the following committee members:
Rob Stephenson
Miriam Stephens
Jane Davey
to place your order.



Collect or ask for delivery, but make sure we know when and where. And please have the cash.



Sheep grazing at the top of Bear Road and the curved streets of Round Hill clearly seen beyond.

Two herring gulls making the most of a snowy day on Round Hill chimney pots

The Catcreep filled with flowers

Snow on listed buildings, phone box and Cordyline.



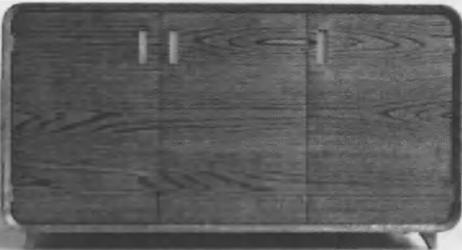


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Our website is not being updated just now. If you want to keep current check the Facebook page or register with the **Friends of Round Hill** group email for updates. Send a request to Stefania (see details on right).

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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- 01273 678220 or on-line form at : www.sussex.ac.uk/about/community/talk-to-us

Brighton- Andrew Keeffe 01273 641894 a.w.b.keeffe@brighton.ac.uk

Non-emergency police reporting: call 101 if your issue is not urgent or you have a question, alternatively report a crime or incident on www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline.

Annual Community Meeting Report

It was held on 16th October at Richmond House and was a positive and well-attended event, with 38 neighbours turning up for tea, cakes and discussion. The year's activities were reviewed, including the Playsafe days, community clean-up, the Fringe Festival play 'Clean', coffee mornings at The Roundhill and the up-coming seasonal singing and Advent windows activities.

There was a lively discussion about the Council's plans to install electric car charging points and the fact that, at present, there are none allocated to the Round Hill area. On another green theme, Jane Power and Dominic Furlong gave a thought-provoking presentation on their ideas for increasing the number of green areas in Round Hill, such as adding to existing planting at the Richmond Rd closure, using plants to make the Crescent Road opening onto Princes Crescent safer by narrowing it, and giving the bus shelter at the Ditchling Road stop a green roof.

The meeting also agreed to continue to support Rob Stephenson's quest to obtain a Blue Plaque for 101 Roundhill Crescent, the site of Britain's first hospital for poorer women suffering from mental health issues.

The fire at the Veolia refuse transfer station was discussed, with much concern shown at the lack of adequate information and feedback from both Veolia and the Council and the relaxed attitude of the Fire Brigade. It was agreed that the present site is unsuitably located and too small, and Veolia have not taken proper security and safety measures. The Society will be sending representatives to the Council's Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee to speak on behalf of local residents.

Three new members joined the RHS Committee and two with specific roles stepped down. The chair, Annie McCabe, was thanked for her hard work and commitment with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Miriam Stephens is the new Chair and Andrew Partington became Treasurer.

Jo Alexander

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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