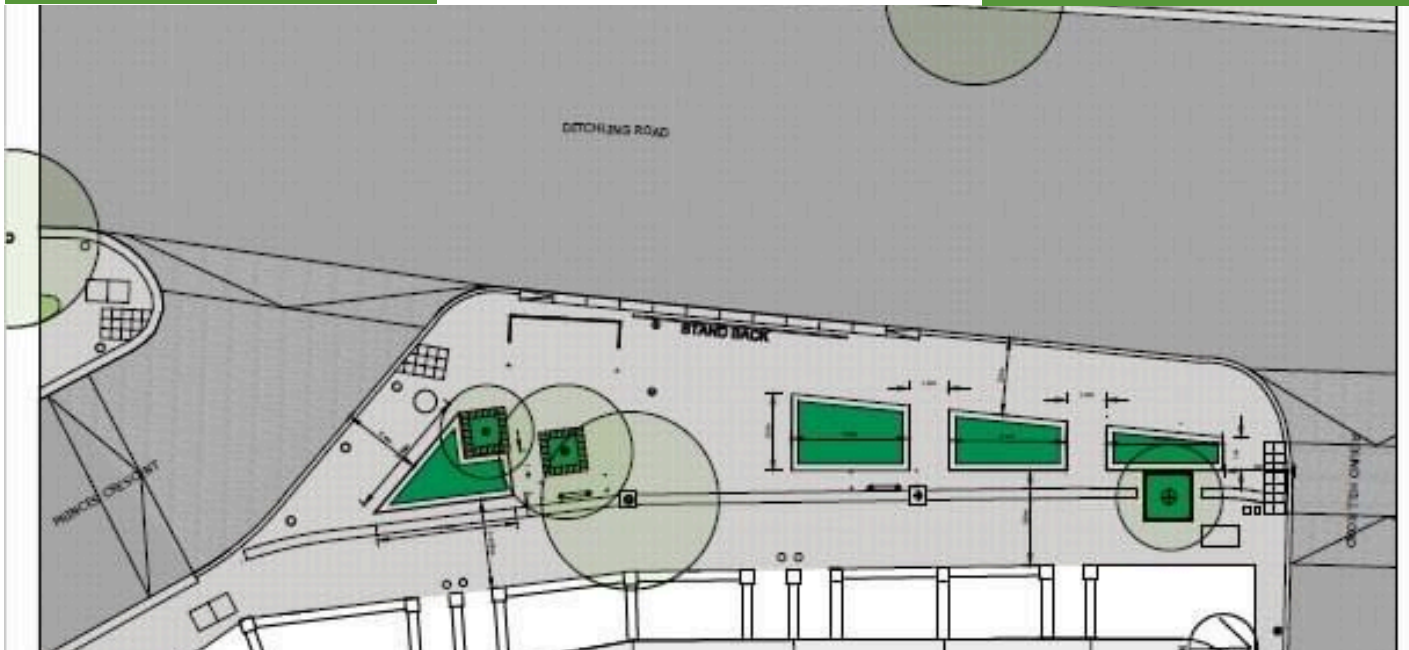




THE ROUND HILL REPORTER

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***ROUND HILL BUS STOP POCKET PARK GETS FUNDING ***



We are pleased to announce that funding has been secured for a pocket park on the tarmac alongside the Southbound bus stop at the junction of Ditchling Road and Prince's Crescent. Round Hill Green Spaces was successful in an application to the council-administered UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Planning permission was secured last summer, four wooden planters will be built and installed by the Wood Store. The design also includes a community noticeboard and a "Welcome to Round Hill" sign.

By Dominic Furlong

**THANK YOU TO JANE
POWER, MICHAEL DOYLE,
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DOMINIC FURLONG FOR
PUTTING IN THE EFFORT TO
ACHIEVE THIS.**

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CRIME UPDATE AND OTHER NEWS

ROUND HILL CRIME UPDATE

By Christopher Paul

The committee met the new Police community Support officer, Sophie Powell, she has been the Round Hill PCSO since February 2024, alongside Alex, the PSCO that currently supports the area.

The PSCO role is to support the community, PCSOs are not able to respond to sirens or emergencies, they support with patrolling drug reported areas, safeguarding, and creating relationships in the community getting to know the area, Sophie will patrol her ward a minimum of one day a week.

Community speed watch and neighbourhood watch

PCSOs can support this by issuing tickets when using speed guns.

Volunteers from Round Hill will need to register with the PCSO and have a brief cursory training session for speed monitoring.

More details on this opportunity will be provided in the coming months.

For any community concerns please email sophie.powell@sussex.police.uk, for any police related matters call 101, for emergencies please call 999.



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THE CATS CREEP WILL NOT BE SPRAYED WITH GLYPHOSATE

Councillor Raphael Hill, told The Reporter: "I took the opportunity to show our Council's new CEO Jess Gibbons around the Cat's Creep, and I was told shortly afterwards that it will be exempt from spraying. Well done to everyone who spoke up about this and for helping to protect our amphibian friends. All other hard surfaces like nearby streets will be sprayed".

Threat to Ditchling Beacon 79 Bus Route By Peter Meakin

In March the council announced it was ending a £58,000 annual subsidy, scrapping the Ditchling Beacon bus and reducing the Devil's Dyke service.



The Breeze up to the Downs routes are just a few of the bus services in the city which receive a subsidy because of their benefit to the community, and in England fares amount to less than half of running costs (2022). Providing residents and visitors car-free access to the South Downs National Park, the Breeze buses tick all the boxes for support, but low passenger numbers have made them a target for the cash-strapped local authority.

Following protests, including a petition signed by over 1000 residents, the decision was reversed, however this is only a temporary reprieve. According to Trevor Muten, Transport and Sustainability Committee Chair: "We have one year more of funding these services and they can only continue beyond that if they're commercially viable. We will be monitoring the passenger numbers".



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Enjoy a Breeze and help secure the Ditchling Beacon route to the South Downs.

Summer Timetable

77 to Devil's Dyke DAILY every 45 minutes. From Palace Pier via Brighton Station.

78 to Stanmer Village DAILY every 60/70 minutes, from the Old Steine via Lewes Road.

79 to Ditchling Beacon WEEKENDS/BANK HOLS taking just 13 minutes to reach the Beacon from the stop opposite Princes Crescent.

GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

4TH JULY 2024



Sian Berry, Green Party: 'Brighton deserves a powerful Green voice in Parliament, holding the next government to high account and championing the concerns of constituents. Since moving here last year, I've been delighted to make my home here and work hard for your vote to keep Brighton green.'

Carl Buckfield, Social Democratic Party: 'left-of-centre economic policies and socially conservative values are my values. The SDP has long-term fixes for the most pressing issues facing ordinary citizen such as cost of living and housing.'



Tom Gray, Labour: 'is a renowned campaigner, a Mercury Prize-winning musician and the elected Chair of the British Association of Songwriters, Composers & Authors (The Ivors Academy). A high-profile advocate, his campaigning has led a global conversation around rights and equity in his industry.'

Mark Francis Mulvihill, Reform UK: 'If elected I will work hard to bring in Reform UK's policies, fighting to bring immigration under control, fight for better and more efficient healthcare and reduce crime within Brighton and the nation as a whole.'



Ashley Ridley, Liberal Democrats: 'Every vote for the Liberal Democrats is a vote to elect a strong local champion who will fight for a fair deal for you and your community.'

'Al Steve, Independent: 'was created to ensure that the people of Brighton and Hove had 24/7 access to leave opinions and create policies. Policies for the People by the People!'



Citizen Skwith, The Official Monster Raving Loony Party: 'will build 5 million new homes, fill up 5 million potholes, employ 80,00 teachers, policemen and NHS staff and reduce taxes to 5%.....yeah right...lol'

Sarah Webster, Conservative and Unionist Party: 'This diverse and inclusive city deserves a voice at Westminster which has a clear vision for the future for all ages and beliefs. I'm passionate about the environment, education, and a humane approach to drug issues'.



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COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE QUARTER



By Davy Jones

The Brighton Yoga Foundation, launched in 2016, is a registered charity that brings yoga to those who don't normally have access to it – either due to cost, thinking that yoga is “not for people like me”, or being unaware of the benefits. It has raised more than £120,000 in grants. Last year it delivered nearly 300 classes to over 2100 participants, including in Mill View mental health hospital and Lewes prison.

It has also delivered programmes for women recovering from domestic abuse and sexual violence, for people recovering from serious illness and addictions, for young people in schools, chair yoga for those with mobility issues and for homeless people (one of whom has now gone on to train to be a yoga teacher himself!).

The highly successful annual Brighton Yoga Festival was set up in 2014 by Roundhill residents – Davy Jones and Jane Platford. The 11 th festival was on Saturday 15 June at St Georges Church with more than 600 people attending.

Feedback from participants has been incredible – one woman recently wrote to say: “Your classes have literally saved my life.” In the last two years it has won two national awards for its work: <https://www.brightonyogafoundation.org>

Hopefully you've spotted that we've refreshed the design of the Round Hill Reporter, and over the next few issues we'll be adding new content and features - please do let us know what you'd like to see featured as we're keen the Reporter reflects the whole of the Round Hill population.

If you run or know of a community group or charity you would like the Round Hill community to know about, please email the roundhillsociety@gmail.com to be featured in the next issue.

EVENTS AND 'WHAT'S ON' SECTION

ROUNDHILL STREET PLAY EVENTS: BUILDING A COMMUNITY ONE PLAY DATE AT A TIME

By Laura-Kate Roe

The Round Hill Street Play events have become a cherished tradition, fostering a sense of community and joy among local families. The latest event, held on 2nd June, was a resounding success, bringing together Round Hillers for an afternoon of fun and connection. The plant sale which along with refreshments and Lola/Saskia's face painting stall raised £221.73 for the community planters.



These playdates are more than just a chance for children to play, they are a cornerstone for building relationships within our community. Watching new friendships form among the children and seeing parents connect over shared experiences is what makes these events truly special.

However, organizing these events is not without its challenges. We appreciate everyone who helped but we often struggle to secure enough volunteers to supervise activities and keep the children safe. The success of these events relies heavily on the support of our community members.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

10TH AUG WATER FIGHT SPECIAL

27TH OCT HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS
AND GAMES

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

We urge anyone who can spare some time to get involved. Your participation, no matter how small, makes a significant difference, and ensures that we can continue to provide these enriching experiences for our children.

We look forward to many more successful play events in the future, and hope to see even more of our neighbours joining in the fun and lending a helping hand.

Together we can keep the spirit of Round Hill alive and thriving.
Please contact laura-kate.roe@outlook.com to get involved.

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EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

4TH JULY - GENERAL ELECTION

9TH JULY - ROUND HILL CATS' CREEP COMMUNITY CLEAR-UP

[HTTPS://WWW.GOODGYM.ORG](https://www.goodgym.org)

AUGUST

3RD AND 4TH AUGUST - BRIGHTON PRIDE

[HTTPS://WWW.BRIGHTON-PRIDE.ORG/](https://www.brighton-pride.org/)



10TH AUGUST - ROUND HILL WATER FIGHT SPECIAL

SEPTEMBER

USEFUL CONTACTS AND COMMITTEE DETAILS

LOCAL CONTACTS

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

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