



This is my last resident newsletter as I start maternity leave on the 21st August 2015 and will not be returning. It has been a pleasure to work with you all in such a vibrant and friendly community. I am so pleased to have worked within your beautiful new Augusta Park Community Centre this last month and I am so excited as to what the future will bring for you with the amazing opportunities this centre will bring. I would like to thank you all, especially the different community groups and the wonderful Augusta Park Community Association for being so welcoming and working so hard to make sure this development is a community.

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## Housing occupations

Official figures obtained from Taylor Wimpey show that at the end of June 2015, 1163 properties were occupied at Augusta Park. This includes private homes, MOD and housing association properties.

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## Augusta Park Community Association

The Augusta Park Community Association (APCA) is an organisation run by a board of trustees who are all residents of Augusta Park. They are volunteers who believe that building a community will improve the lives of everyone here. Their mission is “to turn a housing estate into a community” and their slogan is “Get Involved!”.

### Interested in getting involved in our Community Association?



We are looking for trustees to join the committee of the community association. Whether you can spare 1 hour a week or 10, then we would like to hear from you.

Email [contact@myaugustapark.org.uk](mailto:contact@myaugustapark.org.uk) or drop a note into the temporary community centre (the new community centre will be open soon!) for an informal chat to find out more information and see how you can get involved.

Website: [www.myaugustapark.org.uk](http://www.myaugustapark.org.uk)

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### Augusta Park Community Association

The Community Centre, East Anton Farm Road, Augusta Park, Andover, Hampshire. SP11 6RD

## Augusta Park Community Centre (APCA)

On Sunday ,12 July 2015, the new Augusta Park Community Centre at East Anton Farm Road, Augusta Park, Andover, SP11 6RD opened.

The whole community was invited to come and have a look around and meet the clubs and groups who are going to be using the centre. Councillor Phil North cut the ribbon for us at 1pm to officially open it and a little glass of bubbly was raised to celebrate the occasion.

Events on the day included:

- A table top sale to kick things off
- A cake ‘Bake-off’ competition for cakes with the winner of the best decorated cake being an edible version of our new community centre
- Pop up coffee shop where you could sit down and catch up with neighbours or watch the events going on
- Information stands about Augusta Park Community Association and our journey so far and what’s to come
- ‘Name the green space’ and ‘how many balloons in the car’ competitions
- Chatty Crafters with lots of crafting activities and ideas
- Meet the Augustians, our over 50’s group, with details of their talks and days out
- Opportunities to meet potential hirers and fabulous displays from the baby sensory and judo clubs
- Plant swap /sale with a grow your own lettuce opportunity for the kids

- Organised games for the children
- Fake tattoos / transfers for the kids
- Augusta Park in Bloom judging results
- “Jump” photo shoot where your photo was taken jumping in the air to create an unusual and memorable picture
- Mini quiz
- Travel and waste management from TVBC and armed forces family support stalls.
- Finger printing and bike post coding from the police
- Mobile catering and teacup rides.

It seemed like the whole of the community came to visit as the centre was packed all day and it was great to see so many people supporting it. Even Bob the Minion and Minnie and Mickey Mouse paid a visit! For further information please email [contact@myaugustapark.org.uk](mailto:contact@myaugustapark.org.uk).

The community centre is going to become the central hub for our housing development and will become integral to many residents of Augusta Park, not only socially but to help us achieve our mission of turning a housing estate into a community.

If you would be interested in booking any of the three rooms (200 sqm main hall, two meeting rooms 30 sqm each, or one 60 sqm room) within the community centre please email [bookings@myaugustapark.org.uk](mailto:bookings@myaugustapark.org.uk) for more information.

APCA is looking to produce a programme of events at the new community centre. To keep updated with

APCA and the community centre you can follow them on Facebook or visit their [www.myaugustapark.org.uk](http://www.myaugustapark.org.uk).

If you would be interested in getting involved with APCA or would like further information you can contact them at [contact@myaugustapark.org.uk](mailto:contact@myaugustapark.org.uk).





## Your Local Councillors

The local elections took place in May this year. East Anton is a part of the Alamein Ward and your elected Test Valley Borough Council Alamein Councillors are Cllr Alexander Brook, Councillor Phil North and Councillor Tracey Preston. You can contact your councillors via their email addresses. Please find a list of these below:

**Councillor Brook**  
[cllrabrook@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:cllrabrook@testvalley.gov.uk)

**Councillor North**  
[cllrpnorth@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:cllrpnorth@testvalley.gov.uk)

**Councillor Preston**  
[cllrtpreston@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:cllrtpreston@testvalley.gov.uk)

## Augusta Park Survey 2015

As a resident of this new neighbourhood, you will have views about the needs of the community which can be used to help Test Valley Borough Council and other agencies to plan services and help shape the future provision on Augusta Park. We would like to capture these by asking you to complete the Augusta Park survey. Those of you who have lived on the new development since last summer may recall completing a similar survey. Results from this year will be analysed to help build an ongoing picture of life on Augusta Park .

## The Mayor of Test Valley, Councillor Iris Andersen

At the annual Full Council meeting, Councillor Iris Anderson was appointed Mayor of Test Valley for 2015/16 and Councillor Karen Hamilton was appointed Deputy Mayor.



We would be grateful if you could spend a few moments of your time completing the questionnaire on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AugustaParkSurvey>

If you would prefer a paper version, you can contact Louisa Rice at [lrice@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:lrice@testvalley.gov.uk) who will provide this for you.

The results of the 2014 survey can be found on [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk) on the Augusta Park pages.

Thank you, we appreciate your time and ideas.

## Development Update:

A planning application for a ten bed care home on the Northern Area Centre Site, East Anton Farm Road was taken to the Northern Local Planning Committee in June where the committee granted permission subject to compliance with a number of conditions. You can view the planning application and subsequent reports on Test Valley Borough Council's website by using the "View Planning Applications" link on the homepage and searching for the reference number 15/00104/FULLN.

A planning application for the erection of a two and a half storey, mixed use building comprising of commercial floorspace, 20 dwellings, a local recycling centre, access, car and cycle parking, waste storage, and associated infrastructure and landscape on the Northern Local Centre Site was taken to the Northern Area Planning Committee in June where councillors resolved to grant planning permission subject to the developer entering into a legal agreement to deliver a number of conditions which would benefit the local area. You can view the planning application on Test Valley Borough Council's website by using the "View Planning Applications" link on the homepage and searching for the reference number 15/00729/FULLN.

If you wish to speak to an officer regarding any planning applications, contact Test Valley Borough Council on **01264 368000**.

The Sports Pavilion is nearing completion and it is anticipated that this will be handed over to Test Valley Borough Council for community use soon. The Sports Pavilion will include changing rooms, toilets and a community space. The football pitches are expected to be ready for use this football season. For more information about the Sports Pavilion or the Sports Pitches please contact Laura Jones, Sports and Recreation Officer, on [ljones@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:ljones@testvalley.gov.uk).

The play parks and MUGAs (Multi Use Games Area) at both the Sports Pavilion and Smannell Road will be open to the public to use as soon as they have been transferred to Test Valley Borough Council, which is expected to take place shortly.

## Joint Resident Surgery

Sovereign and Sentinel Housing Associations are organising a Joint Residents Surgery on 25 August 25, from 1pm to 3pm, at the Augusta Park Community Centre. This will be a drop-in with different agencies including representatives from Sovereign and Sentinel Housing Associations, the local PCSO Chloe Dunmall and Louisa Rice, a Community Engagement Officer at Test Valley Borough council, attending. This would be an opportunity for residents to drop-in between 1pm and 3pm to meet these practitioners, ask any questions they have or receive information.

## Childcare Places in Test Valley

The following letter has been received from Sheila Sahota.

Dear Families,

My name is Sheila Sahota and I work for Services for Young Children.

Services for Young Children (SfYC) are here to support parents, carers, families; and everyone working in childcare and early years education. Their aim is to ensure that Hampshire's young children have access to everything they need for the best start in life.

My work involves working closely with all Preschools, Child minders and Out Of School provision in the District.

Services for Young Children also work closely with Children's Centres across Hampshire. Children's Centres aim to give every child the best possible start in life. They are places where families with children under the age of five can easily access a range of different services to support them, including:

- Information and advice on family support services
- Drop-in sessions for parents, carers and childminders
- Access to early education and childcare for children under five
- Access to child and family health services
- Links with Jobcentre Plus, further education and training opportunities

If any Parent is searching for childcare and cannot find what you are looking for, or have a question about your childcare search, please contact the Family Information Service on **0300 555 1384** or email **[childrens.services@hants.gov.uk](mailto:childrens.services@hants.gov.uk)**

If you would like any further information please contact me on the details below:

Test Valley - Services for Young Children, The Wedge, London Road, Andover, Hants, SP10 2PS. Tel. 01264 387443 Email **[sfyc.tv@hants.gov.uk](mailto:sfyc.tv@hants.gov.uk)**

regards

Sheila

## **P** Traffic Management

Please, please, please use your allocated parking spaces to park your vehicles! There have been reports of cars parked close to junctions and roundabouts, which causes restricted vision. Cars parked on pavements and roadsides make it difficult for pedestrians to move around safely. This can be especially dangerous for children. Wheelchair users and residents with buggies have often been forced to walk on the road which is unsafe. Bin collection has also not been possible on certain roads due to bad parking. Emergency Service vehicles such as fire engines would also find it difficult to access some roads and houses where residents have parked inconsiderately.

We have also sought clarification from the police regarding the reporting of parked cars on the 101 number. Reports on 101 should be made if:

- a vehicle is causing an obstruction and is preventing access to a driveway where there is a dropped curb
- a vehicle are parked within 10 metres of a junction
- a vehicle is parked which would prevent emergency vehicles getting through
- a vehicle is causing an obstruction by parking on the pavement not allowing for pedestrians with pushchairs/ wheelchairs to walk past

The police can not respond to concerns regarding inconsiderate or general bad parking.

Test Valley Borough Council's enforcement officers have begun patrols of the yellow lines installed at East Anton. Early evening patrols are not carried out routinely, however you can request additional targeted patrols by contacting 01264 368000 or by emailing [carparks@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:carparks@testvalley.gov.uk).

The parking spaces between the yellow lines are positioned to restrict forward visibility. This is intended to slow cars down so that they manoeuvre past the parked cars at the appropriate speed to see the road ahead is clear. If you have any concerns regarding these parking spaces, please contact [engineering@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:engineering@testvalley.gov.uk)

### Youth Group and Kids Craft Group

It is hoped that a regular youth and Kids Craft Group will re-start in the community centre, however this is dependant on having enough volunteers to set up and run these groups. Thank you to those who have already agreed to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer please contact APCA on [contact@myaugustpark.org.uk](mailto:contact@myaugustpark.org.uk).



## Join in. Recycle. Be a Recycling Star

In Test Valley we collect paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, food tins, drinks cans and empty aerosols in your brown recycling bin every fortnight. But, did you know that there are even more items that you can recycle by taking them to your local recycling centre?



There are more than 80 local recycling centres in the borough where you can recycle a wide range of materials. The local recycling centre in East Anton has recently been moved to the community centre car park. This new location makes it even easier to recycle items that are not collected in your brown bin.

Collection banks include:

- Aluminium Foil
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Textiles

Your nearest collection bank for food and drinks cartons is by the Tesco on Cricketers Way.



Please remember to only put clean recycling into the collection banks. Please put textiles in a bag, tied securely at the top. Unfortunately the Council cannot take foil and glass items in plastic bags, so please empty them into the bank and put the plastic bag in the litter bin provided. Alternatively, why not find a sturdy box or shopping bag that you can use over and over again?

Want to find out more? Like the Recycling Stars Facebook page [www.facebook.com/recyclingstars](https://www.facebook.com/recyclingstars), for recycling news, helpful tips and exciting competitions!

Test Valley Borough Council collects kerbside rubbish from Augusta Park properties on Fridays, alternating between household waste (black bin) and recycling waste (brown bin). Please leave your bin at the edge of your property by 7am and bring it back onto your property as soon as possible once emptied, to help keep the neighbourhood looking tidy.



## Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. The idea behind it is simple: 'Getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime.'

The Augusta Park Neighbourhood Watch scheme is part of the Andover scheme, chaired by volunteer, Marion Kerley. The scheme works by having coordinators who become the point of contact for a street or area. These coordinators meet together every 6 to 8 weeks with organisations such as the police, Neighbourhood Warden and housing associations. The Augusta Park Neighbourhood Watch scheme has already had lots of successes and is a fun, interesting and social initiative to be involved with that could even lower your house insurance.

If you would like to become involved in the Augusta Park Neighbourhood Watch scheme, please contact PCSO Chloe Dunmall on the details to the right or Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Lesley Eastwood on [ryelandnhw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ryelandnhw@yahoo.co.uk)

## Safer neighbourhoods



Chloe Dunmall is our local police community support officer for Augusta Park. She can be contacted by phoning 101 or by emailing [chloe.dunmall@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:chloe.dunmall@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Andover Farmers' and Crafts Market

### Dates for 2015

Sunday 15 March  
 Sunday 19 April  
 Sunday 17 May  
 Sunday 21 June  
 Sunday 19 July  
 Sunday 16 August  
 Sunday 20 September  
 Sunday 18 October  
 Sunday 15 November  
 Sunday 20 December

The Andover Farmers' and Crafts Markets will run throughout 2015, and are part of a broader programme of events planned to encourage people to visit Andover High Street and support the town.

These markets are an important part of the calendar of events in Andover High Street. They involve local farmers and traders within our community and encourage people to keep things local.



## Travel Plan

Augusta Park is now being serviced by Wheelers Bus Company with a new route entering Augusta Park along Smannell Road. You can hail the bus by simply popping your hand out on the Smannell Road roundabout leading up to Endeavour School. There are buses into town and occasional buses to Tesco and the hospital. As the development continues to grow and the roads are completed, there will be more bus stops within Augusta Park. You can find a bus timetable on the Wheelers website.

### Buss Pass Scheme

As Augusta Park is now serviced by the Wheelers Bus Company, the Stagecoach bus pass scheme for residents is no longer available and a Wheelers bus pass scheme for Augusta Park residents is available instead. This scheme allows residents to apply for up to one years worth of subsidised bus travel. The bus pass costs £10 for three months and can be used for unlimited travel on Andover town bus services provided by Wheelers. The passes are limited to one per household (on first occupation) on a first-come first-served basis, until funds are depleted. The bus pass is transferable between members of the same household. Anyone who hasn't had their full quota of Stagecoach passes or is the first occupant of the house and has not applied for a pass will be able to apply for a Wheelers pass.

You can download an application form for the bus pass scheme on Test Valley Borough Council's website at this link

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/workingwithcommunities/mylocalarea/alamein/augusta-park/east-anton-augusta-park-community-travel-plan/>

### Car sharing

Car sharing is when two or more people share a car and travel together. Car sharing is a simple way to cut the costs of fuel and parking, cut congestion and pollution, and cut the stress of driving. You can obtain a free account with Hampshire Car Share by visiting [liftshare.com](http://liftshare.com). More than 370,000 members are registered with the national liftshare network and on average they each save more than £780 per year. For assistance with registering, call **08700 11 11 99** (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm).

### Cycle vouchers

New homeowners are eligible for a £50 cycle voucher from the developers to spend on cycling accessories at Halfords. One voucher is available per home. You can pick up an application form for the voucher from the community centre. You simply fill in this application and then send it back to Taylor Wimpey through the address on the form. For more information please contact Annie Tomlinson at Test Valley Borough Council on **01264 368000** or email [atomlinson@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:atomlinson@testvalley.gov.uk).

## My Journey

My Journey offers you travel information, advice and top tips on travel choices in your area. You can find cycle routes, walking maps, public transport links and information, inspirational real life stories, local events and information about courses at [www.myjourneyhampshire.com](http://www.myjourneyhampshire.com).

## Health Walks

Health Walks continue to run every two weeks on Thursday mornings at 10.30am leaving from the Augusta Park community centre. The walks take approximately one hour and are accompanied by a trained Health Walk leader. There is no charge to attend the walks. Please wear comfortable footwear and bring a waterproof coat and a bottle of water. Other Health Walks around Andover and the surrounding area can be found at [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk).

## Resident newsletters

You can view the quarterly resident newsletters and access local information on the East Anton page of the Council's website by visiting [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk).

## Information for residents

### Community notice board

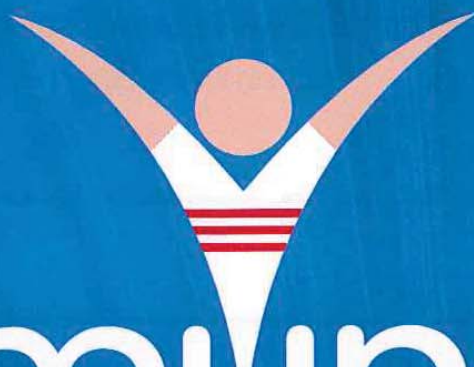
Information about local activities and events is displayed on the notice board situated at the children's play park at Hedgerow Walk.

### How to get in contact

The Community Development Worker role which has been funded for the last five years by the developers through their 106 contributions has now come to an end. Therefore if you would like information on the Augusta Park Community Centre or activities, please contact the Augusta Park Community Association through [contact@myaugustapark.org.uk](mailto:contact@myaugustapark.org.uk). If you would like information from Test Valley Borough Council you can contact them on **01264 368000** or visit their website at [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk).



**FREE sports sessions for 7-16 year olds**



# Community Sport

**Free Community Sports Sessions**  
Pilgrims Way Open Space, Andover

10 Free sports sessions, from 2-4pm taking place every Tuesday in the school holidays, running from February to October half term.

For further information contact Community and Leisure Online:

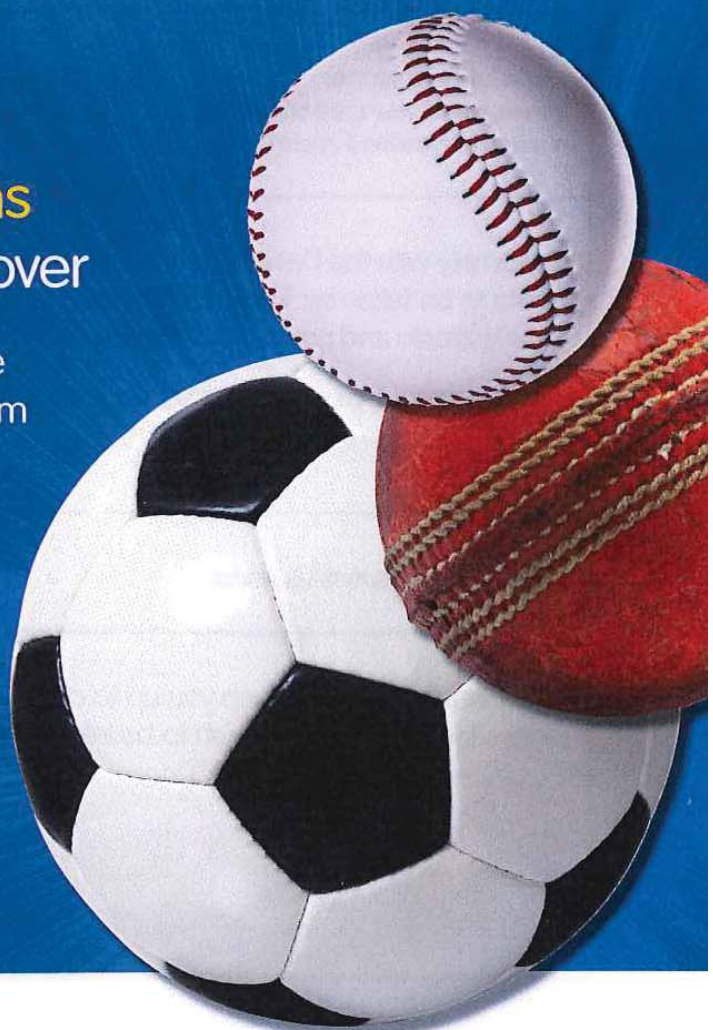
[www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)

Email: [community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk)

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