

East Anton Resident Newsletter



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Housing occupations

Official figures obtained from Taylor Wimpey show that at the end of December 2014, 1025 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) has been busy working through a long list of tasks, many of which are critical items that are needed to get the Community centre open now the legal transfer from Taylor Wimpey to Test Valley Borough Council is complete. There is still lots more to do to get the doors open but we need help and we need more Trustees to share the load. Would you like to become a Trustee?

Take a look at our flyer and get in touch via contact@myaugustapark.org.uk.

If you don't think being a Trustee is for you but you still want to help, we would like to hear from you even if you can only spare a couple of hours a week. We have a number of grant funded projects that need volunteers, so take a look at our projects flyer and get in touch.

Recently we've had the opportunity to look around the new community centre. Check out the photos at <http://bit.do/APCACC>. Doesn't it look a great space, but look how empty it is inside. Just to open the doors we need to equip various areas such as the kitchen, office and meeting rooms, we will purchase more chairs and tables and set up procedures and processes to accept hall bookings, deal with cleaning and waste disposal etc. We would also like to host a grand opening so everyone can come and see the lovely new community building. We need your help for that too.

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 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

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Augusta Park Community Association

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

Community centre bookings - all of the current groups will move over from the temporary centre to the new one as soon as we can open the doors. We are currently working on a draft schedule for these groups as well as offering other bookings. We are also working on a rental rate card which will have different rates for community groups and clubs, residents' private events, non-residents' private events and commercial hires. We will be publishing this during the next few weeks. We have had enquiries regarding other potential uses such as fitness classes, theatre and dance groups, as well as private parties.

If anyone is interested in booking any of the three rooms (200 sqm main hall, two meeting rooms 30 sqm each, or one 60 sqm room) please email contact@myaugustapark.org.uk so we can get in touch to discuss your requirements.

Augusta Park Community Association



Good news from APCA

Dear Resident

Great news! APCA (Augusta Park Community Association) has been awarded funding from the MoD to support three community projects. These projects are based on feedback that you have given to us over the last couple of years about your wants and needs, and have been developed to provide an opportunity to improve the integration of families within the community living on the development. These projects are part of the larger APCA initiative to provide a community centre and associated activities for the development.

The projects are:

Green Spaces Project (£5,000)

This will support all environmental projects which are focussed on improving outdoor/green spaces on the development. The project includes the provision of equipment for the creation of a community allotment and Armed Forces memorial garden.

Soft-Play Project (£8,000)

This will provide a soft-play area (and associated health and safety procedures) for use by APCA groups, at APCA events and for private hire.

Pack-Away Sensory Room project (£6,500)

This will make equipment available for use by APCA groups, particularly local groups that support children/adults with additional needs.

These projects are focused on supporting the needs of APCA Families, and providing opportunities for them to engage and become part of the community. As such, we would like to set up three groups to take ownership of these projects and make them happen. Of course all of the groups will be supported by the Trustees.

What are we looking for?

Each group will have a Trustee on board to make sure that we meet the requirements of the grant award, keep track of spending and to provide support throughout. Each group will also need a *team of volunteers* to come up with ideas and to help out with getting these projects up and running. We would also like volunteers for two specific roles:

Chair: To organise and chair group meetings and to keep track of the list of actions that the group needs to do.

Note taker: To write down all of the actions and key decisions at each meeting and to keep a list of group members.

These projects will not happen without your support! If you are interested in getting involved or have any questions, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at by email: contact@myaugustapark.org.uk

Development update

Following a resident consultation on 4 November 2014, a planning application for a ten bed care home on the Northern Local Centre Site, East Anton Farm Road (currently where the temporary community centre is situated) has been submitted to Test Valley Borough Council. 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 15/00104/FULLN.

A planning application for 350 dwellings with access, parking, open space and landscaping including allotments on the surplus secondary school site was taken to the Northern Area Planning Committee in February where councillors resolved to grant planning permission, subject to the developer entering into a legal agreement to deliver a number of benefits to the local area. The benefits include improvements to the local highway infrastructure and leisure facilities. 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 12/02497/OUTN.

The planning application for the northern local centre (the area in between the temporary community centre and the new community centre) was refused in 2014. The developers, Daytona East Anton Ltd, have appealed against this

refusal. You can view the planning application and appeal documents on Test Valley Borough Council's website by using the "View Planning Applications" link on the homepage and searching for the reference number 14/01309/FULLN. In tandem with this appeal the developers ran a resident consultation in January 2015 regarding a possible future application and have subsequently submitted a new planning application for this site. You can view and comment upon this 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 play park behind the community centre is now open for use and has been very popular.

As you may have seen, the traffic management measures which were outlined and consulted upon in 2014 have now been implemented at East Anton. There are yellow lines on the roads near the school and the surrounding area. These measures should help ease the movement of vehicles and pedestrians along these well used roads. Regular patrols by the council's enforcement officers will be undertaken. Requests for additional targeted patrols can be made by telephoning **01264 368000** or emailing **carparks@testvalley.gov.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.



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Augusta Park youth clubs

Due to popular demand we are very pleased to say that we plan to re-establish a youth club at Augusta Park in the future. The youth drop-in sessions, which took place last year, were very popular so we are well aware of how many families would like to have a Club at Augusta Park.

We are busy making plans and we will keep you all informed as to when we are able to start the youth club which will depend on having a sufficient number of volunteers.

Would you like to volunteer at the youth club?

We hope to be able to run the youth club on a weekly basis. Depending on the level of interest and number of volunteers, we hope to eventually run a weekly group for 12 – 17 year olds and a bi-weekly group for 7 – 11 year olds. We also run a popular bi-weekly Kids Craft Group for 4- 11 year olds. Thank you to those parents who already help with this group, however we are still in need of more volunteers. Any amount of time you are able to offer would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer or ask any questions please contact Kristina on **01264 368622** or kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk

Big Tidy Up

We are planning a community big tidy up on Saturday 9th May from 10.30am. This will include dog poo flagging and litter picking in some of the communal areas of Augusta Park. All equipment will be provided and if you take part in the event a free lunch will be provided.



Community Litter Pickers



Would you like to become a community litter picker in Test Valley?

We will provide you with the equipment and important health and safety information.

You can choose where you litter pick, as long as it is safe to do so, and you can collect litter as often or as little as you like.

For more information, contact the Environmental Service on 01264 368000 or email environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk

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Safer neighbourhoods



PCSO Chloe Dunmall is our local PCSO for Augusta Park. She can be contacted by phoning 101 or by emailing chloe.dunmall@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Beat surgery

Chloe has been running regular Beat Surgeries at the temporary community centre where you have the chance to meet her. Chloe has also organised activities for children, opened up the police car for the children to sit in and has ran an immobilise session where she registered valuable items such as bikes, phones and laptops for residents. For more information about Beat Surgery, please contact Kristina or Chloe.

Scam Bulletin

Residents have the opportunity to receive information regarding the latest scams affecting Hampshire and the public in general through the scam bulletin provided by the Hampshire Trading Standards Service at Hampshire County Council. The bulletin is sent out to subscribers in email form. If you would like to subscribe to the service, you can add your name to the distribution list by sending your email address to doorstep.crime@hants.gov.uk. You can find out more information on Hampshire County Councils website on this link <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/tradingstandards>.

Would you like to be part of Neighbourhood Watch?

We are looking for more Neighbourhood Watch coordinators, especially on The Romans and The Chariots developments. As a registered volunteer you would find out how to report local issues, be invited to attend a meeting every 6-8 weeks with the other coordinators and receive information from the Beat Officer, Neighbourhood Warden and Neighbourhood Watch Area Co-ordinator. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact either Kristina or PCSO Chloe Dunmall.

Andover becomes a Dementia Friendly High Street

Following Hampshire County Council's Dementia Friendly Hampshire: The Story So Far pop-up exhibition at the beginning of February, Andover was formally recognised as having a Dementia Friendly High Street on Friday, 27 February. This occasion also marked the end of the Dementia Friendly Communities project run by Andover Mind.

Andover Mind has been working with Test Valley Borough Council, Andover Town Council and other local organisations to encourage them to commit to ensuring the service they offer is dementia friendly. This involves training staff to be aware of the condition and putting simple measures in place to ensure their services are accessible and inclusive.

Kristina is able to provide 'Dementia Friends Information Sessions' at Augusta Park. These are hour long interactive sessions, aiming to increase the understanding of Dementia and allow you to become a Dementia Friend. Dementia Friends is a social action movement, organised by the Alzheimer's Society aiming to turn this understanding into action. It has recently been in the news that one million people have now become Dementia Friends. If you would be interested in attending one of these sessions or would like to find out more, contact Kristina at kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk. Find out more information about Dementia Friends at www.dementiafriends.org.uk



Augusta Park - Open Space

A public art project by artist Laurence Dube-Rushby commissioned by Test Valley Borough Council.

You are invited to join an exciting programme of art activities developed across the estate during the next few months; from a special Augustian Geo-Cache Hunt to art workshops, walks, runs and storytelling. The project will create new connections with the history of the site and the people on the estate.

Come and discover how art could enhance your lives and make Augusta Park a vibrant place to live.

Be part of the project and decide what your next piece of public art will do for you!

All ages and abilities welcome! No experience in art required. Just a wish to live a great life at Augusta Park!

All activities will be posted on our website at

www.augustaopenspace.co.uk

Email: info@augustaopenspace.co.uk

Community: <https://www.facebook.com/Augustaopenspace>

Our Facebook page will invite your comments and posts.

Travel plan



Bus route

There has been a change in bus operators and route at Augusta Park. 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 is a route plan and timetable on the lamp post where you are picked up and dropped off. 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 timetable of bus times on the Wheelers website. There are also paper copies at the community centre.

Buss Pass Scheme

As Augusta Park is now being serviced by the Wheelers Bus Company, the Stagecoach bus pass scheme for residents is no longer available. A Wheelers bus pass scheme will soon be available. 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 instead.

The road between The Chariots and the Community Centre and Endeavour School is not open to general use. It is currently a developer's only route and the road outside of the school will be

a bus only route, with a rising bollard. Cars are not and will be permitted to use this route.



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. For more details contact Kristina on kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk or **01264 368622**.

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.



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 Hants Car Share by visiting liftshare.com. More than 370,000 members are registered with the national liftshare network and on average they each save £786.38 per year. For assistance with registering, call **08700 11 11 99** (Monday - Friday, 9am – 5pm)

For more information regarding the Community Travel Plan, please contact Kristina.

P Parking

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 Services such as fire engines would also find it difficult to access some roads and houses where residents have parked inconsiderately. Vehicles parked on pavements which are causing an obstruction should be reported to the police using the **101** number.

Health Walks

Health Walks continue to run every two weeks on Thursday mornings at 10.30am leaving from the temporary 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.

Recycling quiz

There is a free children's recycling quiz and pencil which you can pick up from the community centre. If you complete this quiz and return it to Kristina at the centre you will receive a small Recycling Stars prize.

Disposing of rubbish

If you would like to report any litter or environmental issues please text 'love' to 60060 explaining what you've seen and where. Alternatively, you can visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/love. For information on waste and recycling in East Anton visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/eastanton

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 back onto your property as soon as possible once emptied to help keep the neighbourhood looking tidy.

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.

Christmas lantern making workshop and lantern parade



We started Christmas festivities with a free lantern making workshop in December 2014. With the help of their parents, the young people made some beautiful lanterns.

Augusta Park residents also took part in the Alamein lantern parade and Christmas Service at St Paul's Church. Residents carried lovely lanterns of all different shapes and sizes and met along the walk from the temporary centre to Roman Way School. From there we joined residents from King Arthurs Way and Roman Way and followed a brass band playing Christmas carols to St Paul's Church. The Reverends led an interactive outdoor service with Christmas carols played by the brass band followed by refreshments. The parade was quite a spectacle and festive fun was had by everyone. Thank you to St Paul's Church for organising the wonderful event.

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.

Kristina can email or post you a newsletter on request or they can be collected from the community centre. If you would like to receive an electronic copy, please let Kristina know your email address. This information will only be used for sending you the newsletter and updates on information on activities happening in the area.

How to get in contact

Residents can contact the Planning Policy Team with any planning queries regarding the new neighbourhoods in Andover. **01264 368000 / planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk**

Please contact Kristina Choules for local information and queries about any community activities or for local information. **01264 368622 / kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk**

What's on at Augusta Park?

Every Monday (Term Time)	9am - 10.30am	Explorer Toddlers The Tardis Room, Endeavour School. For parents and toddlers. £1 weekly, refreshments served.	Contact Adventure Preschool, preschool@adventurechildcare.co.uk
Every Monday	3pm - 5pm	Community Centre Drop In Temporary centre on East Anton Farm Road. Pop in for a coffee and a chat, to ask any questions or queries or receive information	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Second Tuesday Of the Month	1.30pm-3pm	Parent Support Group For parents of Children with additional needs to meet, chat, with occasional speakers and activities. Supported by Adventure Preschool. At the temporary Community Centre.	Contact preschool@adventurechildcare.co.uk or kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Tuesday Every 4-6 Weeks	7pm-8.30pm	Neighbourhood Watch Neighbours meet together with the police and local partners to try to create a safe and friendly community. Currently looking for new Neighbourhood Watch coordinators. Contact Kristina if you are interested.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Wednesday	10.30am-12noon	Augustians At The Community Centre. Group for Over 50 year olds for coffee, chat, craft, talks and trips. £1 weekly.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Wednesday	10am-12noon	Community Centre Drop In Temporary building on East Anton Farm Road. Pop in for a coffee and a chat, to ask any questions or queries or receive information	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Wednesday	7.30pm-9.30pm	Chatty Crafters At the Community Centre. Meet with other crafters to share ideas and learn new things. Age 18+ £2 fortnightly membership	Facebook: Augusta Park Community Association (APCA) or kchoules@tesvalley.gov.uk
Every 4-6 Weeks	2.30pm-3.15pm	Beat Surgery At the Community Centre. Pop in to meet and speak to your local beat offices about any questions or concerns.	Contact PCSO Chloe Dunmall chloe.dunmall@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Other Thursday	10.30am-11.30am	Health Walks Free to attend. Meet at the Community Centre, walks lasts approximately 1 hour, usually in the countryside. All welcome.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Other Thursday	4pm - 5.30pm	Youth Drop-in (Relaunching ASAP) For young people to meet, chat and play games. The group will re-launch when a sufficient number of volunteers have been recruited.	If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Other Thursday	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Kids Craft At the Community Centre. For primary school children to come and make and create. Light refreshments provided. £1 per child.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Other Thursday	1.30pm-3pm	Community Centre Drop In Temporary building on East Anton Farm Road. Pop in for a coffee and a chat, to ask any questions or queries or receive information.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Other Thursday	10.30-11.30	Toddler Walks (Coming Soon) Meet at the Community Centre; all children must be accompanied by an adult, lasts approximately 45 minutes.	If interested contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Friday	10am-12noon	Community Centre Drop In Temporary building on East Anton Farm Road. Pop in for a coffee and a chat, to ask any questions or queries or receive information.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Friday	2pm-3.30pm	Bumps and Beyond (Relaunching Soon) For pregnant mums and those with young children. Meet at the temporary community centre.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Friday (Term Time)	10.30am -12noon	Family Forces Coffee Morning At the Community Centre. Meet for a coffee, cake and chat. £1 for refreshments.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Various	Various	Augusta Park Runners Meet outside the Temporary Community Centre, all runners welcome.	Facebook: Augusta Park Runners to find days and times
Occasional Weekends	Various	Augusta Park Community Association (APCA) Events & Litterpicks	Facebook: Augusta Park Community Association kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk