

East Anton Resident Newsletter



Included with this edition of your residents' newsletter, you will find a Neighbourhood Questionnaire. 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 (TVBC) and other agencies to plan services and help shape the future provision on Augusta Park.

We would be grateful if you could spend a few moments of your time to complete this questionnaire either in the paper version or online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Neighbourhood_Questionnaire

Entries submitted will be entered into a free prize draw to win a three day Leisure pass for Andover Leisure Centre or The Rapids of Romsey.

Thank you, we appreciate your time and ideas.

Housing Occupations

Official figures obtained from Taylor Wimpey show that at the end of June 2014, 896 properties were occupied at Augusta Park. This includes private homes, MOD and housing association properties.

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Augusta Park Community Association



What is APCA?

The Augusta Park Community Association is an organisation run by a board of trustees who are all residents of Augusta Park.

Our mission is “to turn a housing estate into a community” and our slogan is “Get Involved!”

We are a group of volunteers who believe that building a community here will improve the lives of all of us and our primary focus is to set-up and manage the facilities that will enable you to get the best out of living here. So if there is something you would like to be involved in then we’re here to help.

The New Community Centre at Augusta Park

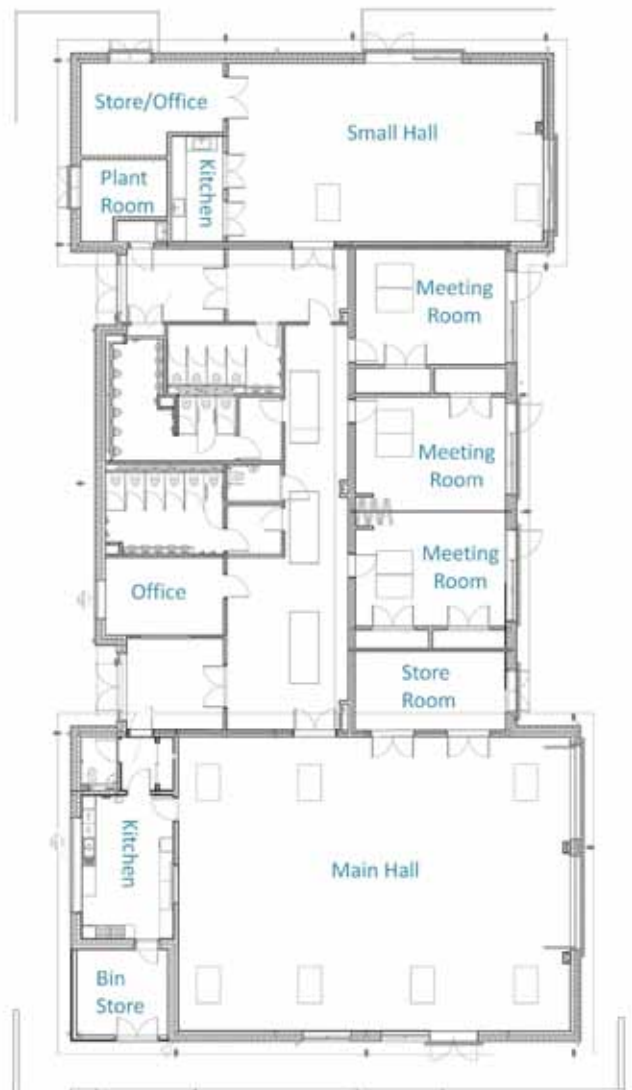


Many of you will have noticed the new community centre for Augusta Park is nearing completion, on the outside at least. With several more weeks of work left to completion we do hope to take delivery of the keys in time for (this) Christmas.

The centre is going to be a huge asset to this community and APCA are developing plans for how we can make the most of it. We are already receiving enquiries for room bookings and from groups who are interested in using the space.

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook group for more news.

www.myaugustapark.org.uk



Augusta Park in Bloom 2014



After last year's brilliant first Augusta Park in Bloom we're pleased to see many of you signing up for this year's competition. Whether it's your whole front garden or just a single container this is open to everyone to get involved.

To register visit our website or email us.

Other events on Augusta Park

We are planning a summer party and barbecue, a bingo night (or two) and, of course, a grand opening event for the new community centre.

To keep in touch and find out what is going on, visit the APCA website at

www.myaugustapark.org.uk

and register for our mailing list and join the APCA Facebook group.

Quiz Night at Augusta Park



On the 5 September we will be running AP's 5th quiz night. Started in May of last year the quiz nights are always popular, fun and just a little bit taxing on the old grey matter! Find out more by emailing us to register your team:

contact@myaugustapark.org.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
Every Monday	7.30pm	Beginners Running Group Meet outside the Community Centre. All welcome.	Facebook: Augusta Park Runners
Every Other Tuesday	9am - 12 noon	Resident Coffee Morning (TBC) At the Community Centre. Drop in for a coffee, cake and chat. All residents welcome.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Second Tuesday Of the Month	1.30pm- 3pm	Parent Support Group At the Community Centre. For parents of Children with additional needs to meet, chat, with occasional speakers and activities. Supported by Adventure Preschool.	Contact kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk or preschool@adventurechildcare.co.uk
Every Wednesday	10am-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	Crafty Chatters 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@testvalley.gov.uk
Wednesday Every 4 Weeks	6.15pm-7.15pm	Beat Surgery At the Community Centre. Pop in to meet and speak to your local beat offices about any questions or concerns.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Thursday	7.30pm	Beginners Running Group Meet outside the Community Centre. All welcome.	Facebook: Augusta Park Runners
Every Thursday	7.30pm	Augusta Park Runners Meet outside the Community Centre, all runners welcome.	Facebook: Augusta Park Runners
Every Other Thursday	10.30am-11.30am	Health Walks Meet at the Community Centre, lasts approximately 1 hour.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Other Thursday	4pm - 5.30pm	Youth Drop-In At the Community Centre. For 7-16 year olds to meet, chat and play some games.	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
Thursday Every 4-6 Weeks	7.30pm-9.30pm	Reading Group (TBC) At the Community Centre. Meet for an evening of books, chat and wine. Books are provided to read inbetween meetings. £1 weekly.	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.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Friday	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
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 At the Community Centre. For expectant mothers and those with Children under 1 year of age	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Occasional Weekends	Various	Augusta Park Community Association (APCA) Events & Litterpicks	Facebook: Augusta Park Community Association kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Sunday	7.30am	Augusta Park Runners Meet outside the Temporary Community Centre, all runners welcome.	Facebook: Augusta Park Runners

Youth Drop – In and Kids’ Craft Group

We have recently started a **Youth Drop-In** for 7-16 year olds which meets alternate Thursdays 4pm to 5.30pm. This will continue over the summer; however we cannot continue to run this group from September without volunteers. These volunteers can be DBS checked and trained and will not be working alone. Due to the current timings clashing with afterschool clubs we expect to be moving the youth group timing to 6pm to 7.30pm in September. Please contact me if you think you might be able to help. Please note that you would not need to help every week. We aim to have a rota of volunteers to run the sessions. Please contact Kristina if you think you would be able to help.

We have also recently started a **Kids’ Craft Group** for 4-11 year old which meets 3.30pm to 5pm alternate Thursdays to the Youth Group. There is a high demand for this group and we are already at full capacity with the child to

adult ratio. We have very kindly had a number of volunteers come forward to be on a rota for this group, however if we are going to be able to expand we need more volunteers. We would not expect you to help every session as we aim to run a rota of volunteers. Please contact Kristina if you think you would be able to help.

The beautiful bench made by artist Nicola Henshaw with help from the pupils at Endeavour School and the Over 50s group has been installed at Texel Green. The developer, Bellway, currently has the bench protected with fencing. Once TVBC are able to take over the maintenance of the Green, hopefully in the next month, the bench will be properly unveiled with an event for residents.

Watch this space for more information or contact TVBC Arts Officer, Alex Hoare: alexhoare@testvalley.gov.uk

Message from Taylor Wimpey

As a local housebuilder, the communities in which we build our new homes are very important to us at Taylor Wimpey. We are committed to supporting these communities, including the local community in Andover, where we are building new homes at The Romans in Augusta Park.

Earlier this year we gave our support to the children at Endeavour Primary School in Andover by making a donation of 260 fluorescent slap bands. The bands are designed to increase safety by helping the children to be seen when walking to and from school. We look forward to supporting the community of Andover further in the future.

Information on Taylor Wimpey is available by calling **01256 745203** or by visiting www.taylorwimpey.co.uk



Development Update

Test Valley Borough Council's Traffic Management team recently held a resident consultation for the proposed traffic management scheme. There was a resident consultation at the temporary Community Centre at Augusta Park on the 11th June which many residents attended, the consultation period ended on the 27th June 2014. The traffic management team are currently reviewing the comments and will be in contact with all those who commented with a decision at a later date. The implementation date is likely to be deferred from the advertised date of 1 September, 2014, pending the availability of the car park for the permanent Community Centre.

Test Valley Borough Council have recently received a planning application for the

development of the Northern Local Centre which includes provision for retail uses, financial and professional services (office space), restaurant and hot food takeaway, together with 20 flats and a local recycling centre. The application can be viewed via the Council's website under the reference number 14/01309/FULLN. Many residents have commented on the plans during the consultation period and residents' views will be taken into account during the planning process. The application is currently being considered.

Road adoption

Hampshire County Council have started to adopt roads on Augusta Park. There is a database of adopted roads on Hampshire County Councils website which can be found by this link: <http://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaymanagement/AdoptedRoads.aspx?/>

Summer Holiday Activities:

Summer Youth Group – The Youth Drop In will continue over the summer 4pm-5.30pm alternate Thursdays. Volunteer dependent it will then continue into the next School term starting on the 11th September. The Youth Group is for 7-16 year olds. Over the summer we plan to run some outside activities. For more information please contact Kristina.

Summer Kids' Craft – The Kid's craft group will continue over the summer 3.30pm-4.30pm alternate Thursdays. The group is for 4 -11 year olds and currently limited to 12 children per session. If you'd like your child to come please book a place with me. If there are more than 12 children and you'd like your child to have a place you will need to stay to supervise. To cover the cost of materials each session costs £1 per child. For more information please contact Kristina.

Health Walks – Free to attend and last approximately an hour long walk. Run by a trained Health Walk Leader on the 7 and 21 August and the 4 September. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a wet weather coat and a bottle of water. Meet at the temporary Community Centre at 10.30am.

Tart Up the Town has been postponed due to weather conditions, a new date will be coming soon – Litter pick, weeding and tidying up of the area. Equipment will be provided. Children welcome. Barbeque on the green after the litter pick.

APCA Summer Party and Barbeque
- 30 August

APCA Quiz Night – 5 September

Mums in the know - Andover

Created by mums to help parents in Andover and the surrounding area to keep in touch with local events and activities for them and their children. The group are keen to become the first point of contact for parents looking for daily inspiration for entertainment for their children, The group enables busy parents to receive regular updates about what's on and where, as well as lots of fun, advice and discussions! 'Mums in the know' would like to know of any future family events or activities that are planned so that they can add them to their website so followers can be in the know about them. Their site is full of activities to do this summer with kids of all ages. If you are running an activity and wish to advertise it email:

andover@mumsintheknow.co.uk

www.mumsintheknow.co.uk/andover

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Travel Plan

East Anton subsidised bus pass scheme

Developers at East Anton have funded 'Andover Area Mega Rider' subsidised bus passes for new households, which cover the Andover town area. The bus passes cost £10 and last for 3 months, contact Kristina for details about the scheme and an application form.

Cycle vouchers

New homeowners are eligible for a £50 cycle voucher from the developers to spend on cycling accessories at Halfords (one voucher available per home). For details contact Kristina.

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, causing restricted vision and cars parked on pavements and road sides which make it difficult for pedestrians to walk and cross the road safely. This can be especially dangerous for children. Residents with buggies or wheelchair users who have been forced to move onto the road. Bin collection has also not been possible on certain roads recently due to inconsiderate parking. Emergency services such as fire engines could also find it difficult to access some roads/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.

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.

Why not obtain your free account today, connecting you to like-minded individuals, wishing to see a reduction in traffic in Hampshire as well as reducing travel costs.

Hants.liftshare.com have 379,233 members registered with the national liftshare network and on average they each save £786.38 per year. What could you do with an extra £786.38?

Visit hants.liftshare.com.

- FREE to use
- Find drivers and passengers on-line instantly
- Find information on travel and public transport
- Reduce the congestion and pollution on our roads
- For assistance with registering call 08700 11 11 99 (Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 5:00)

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

Health Walks

Health walks continue to run bi-weekly on Thursday mornings at 10.30am leaving from the temporary Community Centre. The walks take approximately 1 hour and are accompanied by a trained Health Walk Leader. There is no charge to come on 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.

My Journey



My Journey offers you travel information, advice, top tips and more on travel choices in your area. You can find cycle routes, walking maps, public transport links and information, inspirational real life stories and local events and courses information at

www.myjourneyhampshire.com.

There is a recently launched Andover lakes cycle route. The circular route is mainly off road and flat with plenty of interesting places to stop along the way. You can spot wildlife, plan a picnic, take a break in the park or even make time for an ice cream. So bring out your bikes and enjoy the fresh air.

Volunteers wanted! We are hoping to hold more led rides and are looking for volunteers interested in becoming trained volunteers. Interested? Contact info@myjourneyhampshire.com for more information.

If you fancy cycling but don't own a bike perhaps you would like to try before you buy? You can borrow a bike for five weeks free of charge (subject to terms and conditions) without obligation to buy.

Check out www.cycleexperience.com/try and register now.



Bike Dr

If the bikes stuck in the shed or garage why not bring it along to get a free check up and basic repair (parts not included) from the Bike Doctor. He will be in in the marketplace between 10am and 2pm on 13 September.

If you would like to learn to mend a puncture, adjust brakes and gears we run evening bike maintenance sessions in Andover they cost £5 residents from Augusta Park can bring along a friend for free.

Why walk to school?



It'll save you money.

Walking to school instead of driving saves, on average, £400 per year. It's educational. Walking to school can help your child build independence, road safety and social skills. In a study by Living Streets, 84 per cent of the children who walked to school often meet up with classmates on the way to school.

It's healthy.

Children need at least 60 minutes (1 hour) of physical activity every day. The journey to and from school is an ideal time for children to be active.

It's better for the environment.

One person switching five journeys of less than 2km a week from the car to walking would reduce their carbon footprint by 86kg a year. If you live a long distance away from your children's school or you need to drive as you have an onward journey, you could consider 'park and stride' by parking away from school and walking the remainder of your journey.

Travel Plan Meeting

There will be a travel plan meeting for residents on 18 September 2014 at 12.30pm at the Community Centre. This is an opportunity to discuss the East Anton Travel Plan. All residents are invited. Please contact Kristina for more information.

Copies of the updated travel plan are available at the Community Centre or contact Kristina if you would like to have one emailed or sent to you.

Safer Neighbourhoods

Our Beat Officers cover Augusta Park, Roman Way, Smannell, Enham and Little London. PCSO Hayley Notley can be contacted at:

hayley.notley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



Neighbourhood Watch



For any information about Neighbourhood Watch at Augusta Park please contact our PCSO Hayley Notley Hayley.

Reporting Crimes and Incidents

Residents are encouraged to report any incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour using the **101**, non-emergency, telephone number. For any safety matters residents can contact PCSO Hayley Notley, Or TVBC Community Warden email to wardens@testvalley.gov.uk Crime Stoppers **0800 555 111** MOD Police Control Room (24 hours) **01371 854000**

Recycling

Dear Sir/Madam,

Hampshire County Council is carrying out a consultation on its household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) and wants your views on the future of the service.

We have been looking at different and innovative options for running the HWRC service, partly as a response to financial pressures. This is your opportunity to shape the HWRC service and to give your views on how any changes can be made to work best for you. The outcomes of this consultation will inform recommendations for the new HWRC management contract from April 2015.

You can respond to the consultation online at www.hants.gov.uk/recycling from 2 June to 22 August 2014.

To request a paper copy, email: hwrc.consultation@hants.gov.uk or call Hantsdirect on: 0845 603 5634. Paper copies can also be collected from Hampshire libraries and local district and borough council offices.

If you don't currently use the sites, we'd still like to hear your views. We welcome any feedback from local businesses, charitable or community organisations and anyone else with an interest in the service. Please do take this opportunity to respond to the consultation and to share this information with any other interested parties you may be aware of.

Kind regards,

*Sam Horne
Waste and Resource Management
Hampshire County Council*

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. Or go online at www.testvalley.gov.uk/love. For information on waste and recycling in East Anton visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/eastanton

TVBC collect 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.

Carton recycling

Food and drink cartons can be recycled at:

- George Yard Car Park, Andover Town Centre
- Tesco Express, Cricketers Way, Andover

Salvation Army clothes bank

Now situated at the Community Centre. They accept the following:

- Clothes, shoes and accessories e.g. belts (including coat hangers)
- Textiles and bedding (including pillows and duvets)
- Spectacles
- Glass and crockery
- Electrical Items
- Metal items – saucepans, pots
- Books
- Music and film DVDs, video and music cassettes (including ones recorded at home)
- Toys and games
- Bric-a-brac

The mixed glass, foil and Salvation Army textile bank at the centre are very well used, however please do not dump other recycling such as cardboard packaging or household rubbish at the centre. Dumping rubbish is an offence and if the culprit is identified, TVBC may take action against them with a maximum fine liable of £50,000.

Please put rubbish used to transport the recycling in the bins provided. Recycling waste in the brown bin by the recycling centre and household waste in the black bin next to the Community Centre. Thank you.

Please take any excess rubbish to the Hampshire Waste Recycling Centre:

Andover Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC), Scott Close, Walworth Industrial Estate Andover, SP10 5NU

Opening times

8am-7pm from 1 April to 30 September
8am-4pm from 1 October to 28 February
8am-5pm from 1 March to 31 March

Recycling centres are open seven days a week all year round, excluding 25 and 26 December and 1 January. **01264 351421**

More details on what can be recycled can be found at www3.hants.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling



Dog Owners

Despite the vast majority of dog owners being responsible and clearing up after their dogs diligently, there is still a small minority who occasionally are not. I would urge all responsible dog owners and non-dog owning residents to call Test Valley Borough Council if they see any person not cleaning up after their dog.

Information such as a description of the dog, the person in charge of it and the time of day will help us to tackle this unsightly problem.

Also please ensure that if your children are going to be walking your dog during the summer holidays they take bags with them and clean up too.

Early Years Provision Update:

Message from Friends of Endeavour:

Thank you so much for making the Endeavour Primary School Summer Fete such a fantastic day this year! The Friends of Endeavour were very proud to be supported by our partners APCA and Crafty Chatters for this event and the total raised for our school and our children stands at £1,456 (going towards long awaited playground markings and stage equipment). This year we had 32 different stalls and activities including Mr Whoo and the Birds of Prey, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Get into Sport, Andover Leisure Centre Climbing Tower and Defense Medical Welfare Charity (whom we hope to work with again next term!). The BBQ, cakes, strawberries and chocolate fountain were enjoyed by all, the music from Test Valley Brass

and displays from Suzanne School of Dance and Scorpion Judo were amazing and so much work went into preparing for them.

We are so grateful to all of you who helped to make the day the success it was - behind the scenes and in preparation, donating lanyards, tombola and raffle prizes and most of all your care and your time - from the army dads who came off camp to deliver and set up the tents and tables to the grandparents, older children and family relatives who all took turns running side shows and on stalls, we couldn't have done it without you, it wouldn't have been the community event like it was if you hadn't have been involved- and it really was a lovely, fun day.

To get in touch or join in with our activities and events next year, come to our meetings in September, or volunteer to help at the school, please feel free to contact us via the Reception at School. You will be made to feel very welcome - come and join the party!

With thanks for your continued support.



Minion costume courtesy of Paul's Party Pals



2 Year Old Offer

Free Early Years Education

What is FREE Early Years Education?

Good Early Years Education from a young age can help to boost your child's development, giving him/her the opportunity to learn, thrive and play. Early Years Education takes place **at nurseries, pre-schools and with childminders**.

From September 2014, more two year old children will become entitled to receive 15 hours of **free** Early Years Education per week. This may be "stretched" so your child can attend during school holidays (a total of 570 hours per year)

If entitled, your child will be able to attend from **the funding period after he/she is two**, up until the end of the funding period that he/she reaches three. At this point, your child will be part of the Early Years Education entitlement for all three year olds.

The table below shows the earliest eligibility start dates:

Child's birthday	When funding can start
1 January to 31 March	1 April
1 April to 31 August	1 September
1 September to 31 December	1 January

Is my child eligible?

You will need to meet at least one of the criteria listed below to be eligible for 2 Year Old Early Years Education from September 2014:

- Children whose parent / guardian is in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit, provided you are **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross household income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

2. Children whose parent / guardian are receiving Working Tax Credits and has an annual household gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
3. Children in Care of the local authority or children who have left care through special guardianship, adoption or residence order.
4. Children with a Special Educational Need (SEN) or disability as defined by the two year old being in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or having a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Can a child take up the offer with any childcare provider?

A list of local providers delivering the 2 Year Old Early Years Education will be made available to each family accepted. Providers used for placements will need to have an Ofsted rating of 'good' or 'outstanding' and/or have been assessed by our local development team as meeting the standards required. Should a family want to take up a placement with a provider not on the 2 Year Old Offer list, our local development team would need to discuss with the provider entry to the scheme.

What support will there be for my family?

As part of the 2 Year Old Offer, you will be contacted by your local children's centre to provide you with more information on the support available to you and your family. You can choose whether or not to accept this help. Support offered may include family support with a Family Support Outreach Worker who may visit families at home to share ideas and activities that will help with child development, encourage play and support learning at home or by sharing information about other services available within the community such as health services and other advice that may be of help to you.

What happens if the family circumstances change?

Once a child has been accepted onto the 2 Year Old Early Years Education scheme and has started attending an early years provider, this will continue until the child moves into the usual early education entitlement the funding period following his/her third birthday. Should the family circumstances change, for example, if the parent/guardian stops receiving benefits, the offer will not be removed.

Contact information

Please call 0845 6035620 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/eye for more information.

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The Andover Foodbank

There is now a Foodbank collection point at the Community Centre. Help feed local people in a crisis by donating food.

www.andover.foodbank.org.uk

The Trussell Trust, Andover Foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies. Local professional care-workers in Test Valley give families a food voucher which they take to distribution centres where they are given their food supplies and receive ongoing support to help them out of their crisis. The Foodbank also supports existing agencies working with the distressed and destitute by donating food in bulk. The Foodbank allows the general public to contribute to and support local well-being in a simple practical way.

Emergency food supplies are a short term measure allowing a breathing space at times of great need. For details of the work of Andover Foodbank and how to get involved contact the Andover Foodbank at:

St John the Baptist RC Church
Alexandra Road
Andover
SP10 3AD
01264 362111
office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk

Stop The Loan Sharks Project

Take a 10 minute online challenge and win £100 of shopping vouchers!

Loan sharks are people who lend money without the necessary permissions. This is a criminal offence. They frequently charge high rates of interest and can harass, intimidate and beat up their victims to ensure re-payments. The Stop Loan Sharks project is run by Trading Standards and has been working across England for a number of years, raising awareness of the perils of using loan sharks, prosecuting them and supporting their victims.

The Stop Loan Sharks project have launched an online quiz, to give one lucky person the chance to win £100 of shopping vouchers. Two runners up will each receive a goody bag. It will take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. To have a chance of winning the prize please click on the link or go to

www.surveymonkey.com/s/IMLTchallenge

Thank you in advance for your help!

Also... we have just short listed the projects that put in for the Stop Loan Sharks Awards 2014. To vote for your favourite project idea go to:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/SLSChampions



New To Your Property?

Make Sure That You Register To Vote!

You need to register in order to be able to vote in elections and referendums. If you aren't registered to vote, you won't have the chance to have a say on who represents you.

Some people also register to vote because they want to apply for credit. This is because credit reference agencies use the register to confirm where someone lives when they apply for credit in order to counteract fraud.

The way you register to vote has changed in 2014. Under the old system the 'head of the household' could register everyone who lived at their address. The new system means everyone has become responsible for registering themselves.

From the middle of July 2014, Test Valley Borough Council will be writing to all electors, advising them of the new system. You may need to take action to join the new register, even if you are currently registered. We are writing to people to tell them if they need to re-register. Look out for a letter that will tell you what to do. Please respond to the letter if it asks you to do so.

If you are new to your property, you can now register online:

- 1 Go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
- 2 Fill in your name, address, date of birth and a few other details. You'll also need your National Insurance number, which can be found on your National Insurance card, or in official paperwork such as payslips, or letters about benefits or tax credits.
- 3 Look out for confirmation from Test Valley Borough Council to say you're registered.

If you don't have access to the internet or can't use it, please contact us on 01264 368000 and we will be able to help you to register. We can also be contacted on elecereg@testvalley.gov.uk

This will be the last time the newsletter will be sent to households. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email then please contact me with your email address. If you would like to receive the newsletter by post then please contact me with your name and address. Alternatively you can pick up the latest newsletter at the Community Centre.



Test Valley Borough Council brings you:

Andover Farmers' and Crafts Market



The all new Andover Farmers' and Crafts Markets will run throughout 2014, 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.

Next market:

Sunday 16 March, 10am to 2pm, High Street

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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
Email: community@leisuretestvalley.gov.uk
Telephone: 01264 368000
Facebook: Active Test Valley
Twitter: @TestValleyBC #communitysport

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Resident newsletters

Resident newsletters will no longer be sent to every household. Residents are reminded that they can view the quarterly resident newsletters and access local information on the East Anton page of the Council's website by accessing www.testvalley.gov.uk.

Kristina can email or post you a newsletter on request or they can be collected from the Community Centre. Please contact Kristina if you wish to receive newsletters by post or email.



Information for residents

Community Notice Board

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



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