

East Anton Resident Newsletter



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Dear residents,



I am the new Community Development Worker for East Anton, Augusta Park. I have been in post for two months now. Thank you for all your support, encouragement and ideas that I have received so far. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting you. You have done a great job building a thriving community; I am blown away by the time, effort and energy that many of you put into this community. I am excited to get involved and relish the opportunity to continue the great work that Sharon started.

Please feel free to pop into the temporary Community Centre with any queries, questions or concerns or simply for a coffee and a chat. Alternately you can contact me at kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk.

I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months.

Kind regards,

Kristina

Housing Occupations

Official figures obtained from Taylor Wimpey show that at the end of March 814 properties were currently occupied at Augusta Park.

This figure includes private homes, MOD and Housing Association properties.



Work has now commenced on the Community Centre with the expectation that it will be ready for use at the end of summer.

Work has also commenced on the Sports Pavilion.



Residents on Ryland Way were overjoyed when they saw this picture, after two and a half years they now have street lighting.

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 breathing space at times of great need. For details of the work of Andover Foodbank and how to get involved contact them at:

St John the Baptist RC Church
Alexandra Road
Andover
SP10 3AD

01264 362111

office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk

Cycle Coding

Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council ran a free bike coding event on the 23rd January. Those who attended were able to register their valuables, receive safety information and meet their Accredited Community Safety Officer, Neighbourhood Warden and Police Community Support Officer. This event was a big success with many residents attending.

If you would like to find out more information about coding bikes and valuables contact PCSO Hayley Notley at **hayley.notley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk**.

Youth Drop-In

I am keen to see a regular drop-in session for the community's young people. I am starting a pilot youth drop in with staff from Test Valley Borough Council. This is running every other Thursday 4pm to 5.30pm and is for young people between the ages of 7-16. This will be an opportunity for young people to come, meet with friends, play games and get help with homework. The session dates are 22 May, 5 and 19 June and 3 July.

We do need your help if we are to make this a permanent and sustainable group. If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact Kristina Choules; email kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk or phone **01264 310921**

We are also starting a bi-weekly craft group for primary school children, which we are hoping to start over the May half term. If you are interested in volunteering for this group or would like further information please contact Kristina.

There is a youth group for 12-17 year olds held close by at St Pauls Church on Smannell Road which runs Saturday nights 7.30pm – 9pm. It is free to attend and I am happy to walk young people down to the group for a few weeks so they feel more comfortable if this is wanted. Email Kristina on kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk or pop into the Community Centre if this is something you or your children would be interested in. The young people will not be escorted home again after the group.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Our Beat Officers cover Augusta Park, Roman Way, Smannell, Enham and Little London. PC Rachel Noble can be contacted at rachel.noble@hampshire.pnn.police.uk and 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.

Beat Surgery

A new drop in session started in March, Beat Surgery is an opportunity for residents to come and meet their Beat Officer and PCSO and talk to them about any concerns they may have or any information they require. The next session is on the 4 June, feel free to drop in anytime between 6.15pm and 7.15pm.

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 Wardens email to wardens@testvalley.gov.uk.

Crime Stoppers **0800 555 111**
MOD Police Control Room (24 hours)
01371 854000

Augusta Park Community Association (APCA)

Mission Statement of APCA “To turn a housing estate into a community”



APCA in conjunction with Andover Trees United have held 2 tree planting sessions recently. The first, on the 15th February, saw 25 residents plant 200 trees replacing dead and damaged ones. The second, on the 1st March, saw

residents plant an orchard of apple and pear trees on the open space at Hedgerow Walk.

The Third Augusta Park Grand Quiz night was held on 14th March at the temporary community centre. Here is a message from Paul Blake, the Chairman of Augusta Park Community Association:

‘As on the two previous occasions our little centre was packed with enthusiastic quizzers keen to battle it out for last place. Indeed, the wooden spoon, engraved with the names of the previous least successful teams has become the real badge of honour for the AP quizzers. Because it really isn’t the winning, it’s the taking part that counts.

However, Team Quizzical Attraction were having none of that, beating, as they did, the Woolwich Way Wonders to first place by just the narrowest of margins. Chariots of Dire picked up an admirable third place by virtue of their winning the cryptic Quiz Bingo and Ian and the Angels acquitted themselves well with a score only 9 points behind the top spot. Indeed, the entire field was extremely close with 2 Non-Blondes achieving the highest single score of the evening with an uncanny knowledge of pop hits. The No-Brainers were close behind - just a whisker away from overtaking; leaving Team Whatever You Want, Dear! and the Hedgerow

Hotties to tussle it out over the coveted wooden spoon. At the end of play it was the Hotties who had their credentials emblazoned upon the prized cuillère en bois and with Quizzical Attraction generously donating their winnings to the community centre fund the whole evening was a huge success.

Thank you everyone for taking part and sharpen those wits for Quiz Night IV on Friday 9nd May!’

On Saturday 26 April the Community Association organised a spring event. There was an egg hunt, raffle, crafts, face painting, hook a duck and cakes which were provided by the Augustians (Over 50’s group). The event was a success with a good turn out and a lot of fun was had by all.

APCA ‘Augusta Park in Bloom’ The Competition

Last year Augusta Park in Bloom was so successful we are doing it again! Our aim is to be inclusive to all residents regardless of age, size of garden or experience. As such, three categories are available:

- best front garden
- best hanging basket or container and
- tallest sunflower (for the younger people).



Entrance to one of these categories means automatic entry into the final competition for best street.



Keep a look out for the flyers coming through the door and we look forward to the results. Will Romney Road win again?

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 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. 50p for tuck shop sweets.	Contact Kristina Choules kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk
Every Other Thursday	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Kids Craft (Coming Soon) 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	10am-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 Babies 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

Love Where You Live



If you would like to become a Community Litter Picker email environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk or phone 01264 368000.

Community Litter Pick

On the 15 March there was a resident litter pick around Augusta Park. Only three residents turned up, however this small but enthusiastic force did a great job and collected 10 bin bags of litter helping keep communal areas tidy and clean.



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. It is absolutely fantastic that the recycling centre at the temporary Community Centre is being used so regularly, however, 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.



Local Recycling Centre (outside the Community Centre)

Mixed glass bank accepts all glass bottles and jars but no drinking glasses, glassware or glass panes.

Salvation Army clothes bank accepts 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

Carton Recycling

Food and drink cartons can be recycled at:

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


FREE sports sessions for 7–16 year olds




Community Sport

Free Community Football Sessions
Romsey Sports Centre

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&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk
Telephone: 01264 368000
Facebook: Active Test Valley
Twitter: @TestValleyBC #communitysport




ACTION SHOT PHOTOGRAPHY COMP

Reckon you've got a skateboard, BMX or scooter trick worth sharing? Catch it on camera and you could win loads of **great prizes**.

There will be a skateboard, BMX and scooter winner for each of the following age categories:

- 7 years to 12 years
- 13 year to 15 years
- 16 years to 19 years
- 20 years +

You can send your photos by post, email or mobile. Make sure you include your age and contact details. Please submit your entries by **30 June 2014**.

Email: spartner@testvalley.gov.uk
Mobile: 07734 044639

Community and Leisure Service
Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road
Andover, Hampshire
SP10 3AJ



Andover Farmers' and Crafts Market

Dates for 2014

- Sunday 16 March
- Sunday 18 May
- Sunday 15 June
- Sunday 17 August
- Sunday 21 September
- Sunday 19 October
- Sunday 16 November
- Sunday 21 December

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.

www.testvalley.gov.uk



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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. 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.



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.

Biking is a great way to exercise, improve health and save you money! Lots of businesses offer salary sacrifice arrangements for cycles and if you are worried about riding with traffic, there are lots of off road routes into the town centre. If you are interested in any cycle events or a course on cycle training for £5 run by 'My Journey' to help increase bike confidence then please contact Kristina on kchoules@testvalley.gov.uk or **01264 368622** and leave your name, email and contact number.

Parking

Please, please, please use your allocated parking spaces to park your vehicles. Cars parked on a pavement and road side make it difficult for pedestrians to walk and cross the road safely. This can be especially dangerous for children. 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.

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 one 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.

Toddler walks will also be starting in May. These help fitness, encourage toddlers to enjoy walking and meet new people. They will run bi-weekly on Thursday mornings leaving at 10.30 and last around an hour (not all of the

hour is walking; we will also play some games) leaving from the temporary Community Centre. Toddlers must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Please wear suitable and comfortable shoes and bring a waterproof coat.

Walk to Work and School Week

May is Living Streets' National Walking Month 2014. Between 12 and 16 May is Walk to Work Week and 19 to 23 of May is Walk to School Week. Will you be encouraged to stride out and feel the physical, mental and economic benefits that walking can bring?

Visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/national-walking-month to find out more, hear inspiring stories, expert tips and see the different ways you can get involved.

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.

Living Streets' National Walking Month MAY 2014

Family time Fatter wallet Hidden treasures

Discover where walking can take you

Better shape Clearer head Carbon buster

Get inspiration, podcasts and tips from experts. Sign up at www.livingstreets.org.uk

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- 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, 9am to 5pm)

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

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 on 01264 368000 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.

Encounters experience comes to Andover

The Encounters Arts project will be coming to Andover and taking over the pop-up shop at 91 High Street for five weeks from 13 May to 16 June.

The project aims to bring together local people and encourage them to think about Andover past, present and future and express these thoughts in a variety of creative and informal ways. The ideas, experiences and stories generated will then be brought together to help inform how the town is shaped for the future.

Look out for 'invitations to join in' which will be sent out in the next few weeks. All visitors to the shop will be welcomed and encouraged to take part in a range of activities relating to Andover and how people connect and engage with the town. The outcome of the individual activities will form a dynamic display of photography, visual art and text, which will change and evolve over the weeks. For more information please contact Alex Hoare at alexhoare@testvalley.gov.uk.

Education

Zara Colwell is the Parent Support Advisor covering Endeavour School. Zara runs the Triple P and Family Links Nurturing Courses. There are Positive Parenting Workshops for mums and dads, teaching techniques and strategies to manage everyday behavioural and emotional issues, starting on the 2 May 2014 at Endeavour School. If you are interested in attending the free parenting skills workshops at Endeavour School then please call Zara Colwell on **07903 500 229** or email zcolwell@wintoncommunityacademy.org to book yourself a space.

Adventure Pre School opens five mornings a week and also for afternoon sessions. Adventure pre school, which operates from Endeavour School, offers Early Education funded places for children of families in the community, from the term after they are three years old. If you would like more details please contact Dom or Fiona on **07557 903954** or email preschool@adventurechildcare.co.uk

For information about childcare please see www3.hants.gov.uk/childcare/cis

Or search for childcare, parenting courses etc by looking on the Family Information Directory www.fid.hants.gov.uk

Safe Journeys to School

Augusta Park is still developing and there are areas of limited visibility and uneven surfaces. As a community let's look out for each other, park sensibly and courteously, drive slowly past busy pedestrian routes, especially around the school area, keep a close eye on the movements of children and make children and pedestrians feel safe as they travel around our neighbourhood. Thank you.



Unleash your **digital** talents... and become a Digital Champion

Help family, friends and others in your community to get more out of life by introducing them to the many fantastic benefits of the internet.

Maybe you could teach someone to use Google, set up an email account, shop around for discounts or enter the world of Facebook!

You don't need to be an IT whizz, you just need to enjoy using the internet and like helping other people.

When you sign up as a digital champion you'll get

- free training and support to develop your own knowledge and skills
- support to apply for grants to help buy learning resources
- to learn from and share your experiences with other digital champions
- rewards and awards including a Certificate of Achievement
- to make a real difference to someone else and have fun along the way!

For more information or to join the Digital Champions Network please call Leo Galloway, CI Team Assistant on 0117 317 0704 or email leo.galloway@sovereign.org.uk

www.sovereign.org.uk
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East Anton Traffic Management Measures

A statutory consultation is proposed for a scheme to improve the setting for the movement of pedestrians and vehicles on the road in East Anton. This includes the roads near Endeavor School and Smannell Road in East Anton with similar measures on and near Roman Way and near King Arthurs's Way in Andover.

The number of cars parked in close proximity to each other and at road junctions has led to regular complaints about the difficulty in using the road. Particularly, the congestion affects vulnerable road users and large vehicles that serve the local community.

These roads area were designed for the safe movement of traffic with sufficient space for all types of vehicles to pass at an appropriate speed near houses and allow occasional parking. The scheme proposes to restore this function by introducing

- Parking restrictions on Smannell Road, East Anton Farm Road Cheviot Road, including its junctions to side roads and a short length on Sunflower Way.
- Only access for cyclists and pedestrians on Romney Road east of Herdwick Road.

The scheme in East Anton can be viewed with all the Alamein Ward traffic management proposals at the Council Offices, Andover Library, and the temporary East Anton Community Centre and online at www.testvalley.gov.uk/alameintrafficmeasures from 6 June 2014.

You can contact Mayur Patel on behalf of the traffic management team at the Council to discuss the scheme informally by telephone on **01264 368727** or email mpatel@testvalley.gov.uk. You can also meet the traffic management team at an exhibition of the proposals at St Pauls Church Hall, Smannell Road on the 28 May 2014 and at the temporary East Anton Community Centre on 11 June from 1pm to 7pm.

All formal representations on the proposals must be made in writing and state the grounds on which they are made and be received by Friday 27 June 2014. Formal representations need to be sent to:

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services,
Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover SP10 3BJ
or email jbacon@testvalley.gov.uk.

East Anton Survey

As a resident of this new neighbourhood you will have views about the needs of the community which can be used to help inform Test Valley Borough Council and other partners to improve our services to East Anton.

You will shortly be receiving a neighbourhood survey and we would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete and return this either by post or online.



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.

Resident newsletters

Residents are reminded that they can view the bi-monthly 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. If you would like to receive a newsletter by email or post then please contact Kristina to let her know your email or address.



Community Centre

Please feel free to pop into the centre when it is open. Specific pop in times are: Monday 3pm to 5pm, every other Tuesday 9am to 12noon, Wednesday 10am to 12noon and Friday 10am to 12 noon. However if ever you see the centre is open then please feel free to come in.

You can find information on the many groups which run at Augustus Park, information on the area, flyers for events and activities in and around Andover and useful information such as local health centres and dentists.



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

