

Test Valley Borough Council

East Anton Resident Newsletter



Housing Occupations

Figures obtained from Taylor Wimpey show that over 690 properties are now occupied at Augusta Park. This figure includes private homes, MOD and Sentinel Housing Association properties.

Augusta Park Community Association (APCA)

Updates from the Trustees of Augusta Park Community Association.....

Waitrose Community Grant Scheme

The month of June sees Andover Waitrose feature APCA as one of their chosen charities for their community grant scheme. Waitrose select three local charities / projects / groups each month to receive a donation of up to £1000. The amount donated is based on their green token drop boxes. Customers are given a green token on checkout and select which of the three charities to give their token to. The percentage of tokens received from customers determines the amount each charity receives.



Please ask your friends and family to support APCA at Waitrose throughout June – thank you.

Community Float

The Augusta Park Community Association would like to enter a community float in this year's carnival on July 7th. They need volunteers in the following areas:

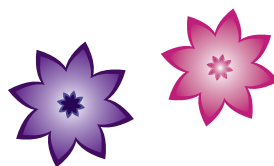
- Adults and children to be on the float
- Scenery designers and makers

If you would like to be involved, please contact APCA.

Augusta Park in Bloom

In case you missed it, the Augusta Park in Bloom event is now under way. Do let APCA know if you'd like to include your front garden, a hanging basket, pot or other container or even just a single sunflower for the competition. Simply drop us an email and we will register your entry. Entries close on 30th June and Homebase will give you 20% off plants until then if you present the APCA 'Bloom' flyer. There are even some sunflower seeds remaining if you want to get planting.

All the best and happy gardening!



Trip to Bournemouth

Fancy a day trip to Bournemouth with its lovely beach and Aquarium during the summer holidays, travelling by minibus? APCA are getting numbers together so if you're interested please email or drop in to the community centre and put your name down on the list. We will be in touch by the end of June to let people know that we have sufficient numbers for the trip.

Keep Up-To-Date

You can keep up to date with APCA events and activities on the Augusta Park community website, by following on Twitter or by joining the group on Facebook. If you have any queries, are interested in joining APCA or feel able to volunteer please email contact@myaugustapark.org.uk



www.myaugustapark.org.uk



Find APCA on Facebook
"Augusta Park Community Association"



Follow on Twitter
@myaugustapark

East Anton, Augusta Park Community Centre

The Community Centre is situated on East Anton Farm Road at the corner of Sunflower Way. Call in for a chat and to find out information about the development, local facilities, services and community activities in and around Andover.

Regular Activities

- Drop in session, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am - Noon
- Sentinel 'Drop In' session, first Thursday in month, 2 – 4pm from July
- Parent and Toddler Group
- Health Walks
- Family Forces Group
- Reading Group
- Parents Coffee Group.
- Community Litter Pick
- Over 50's Group

There is a Book Sharing Library at the community centre for residents to access reading books.

All residents at Augusta Park are invited to join in community activities. For information about any events/ activities or if you have any suggestions for community activities please contact:

Sharon Goodridge, Community Development Worker,

01264 368622 / 07990 755104 / 01264 310921 sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk



Reading Group

The Augusta Park Reading group meets monthly on a Wednesday afternoon, 1 - 2.30pm, to discuss a book and its characters that we have read the previous month. The group is friendly and the books are provided by Andover Library. If you like to read and are interested in joining us you would be most welcome. We are also hoping to establish an evening reading group for local residents, time and date to be decided. Please contact Sharon if you are interested.



Toddler Trail

Tuesday 11 June 2013 @ 10.30am, Leaving from the temporary community centre. The walk will be about 1 hour long, suitable for pushchairs and give you a chance to meet other parents while getting some fresh air and exercise. Please wear suitable & comfortable shoes, boots or trainers, bring a waterproof coat and a drink of water. Contact Sharon for details.



Running For Fitness

Are you interested in running? A local resident is looking for like minded people to run with during evenings and/or weekends. Please contact Sharon to get in touch.

Summer Holiday Play Scheme

A Monday morning play scheme will be on offer at the Augusta Park Community Centre throughout the Summer School holidays. Hosted by Romsey Community School, children aged 5 – 12 years will be able to enjoy art, craft, games and sport from 10am – 11.55am for £1 per child per session. Siblings and children under 5 are welcome providing a parent/ carer stays for the session to supervise their child.

For further details please contact Sharon.

Young people “Look what’s happening”

and there is more to come.....watch this space



New youth groups in an area close to you:-

- Starting Saturday 8th June 2013, St Pauls Church Centre, Roman Way – **Youth Group**
- Every Monday, King Arthurs Hall, Andover Test Valley Community Services run:
Youth Club (Arts & Crafts) 4:00pm – 5:30pm 7-11yrs old
District Youth Club 6:00pm – 7:00pm “Life Matters” and 7:00pm – 9:00pm “Open Access”
- Friday nights, Town Centre location TBC – “Youth Drop In” 7:00pm – 9:00pm

If you want any further information, or have any ideas of what Andover young people would like to see in their communities, please contact:-

Sarah Jane Partner – Community Development Officer (Young People)

spartner@testvalley.gov.uk 01264 368069

Hampshire Youth tube: www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childrenandyoungpeople/youthtube

Community Litter Pick

As local residents, please spare a few moments of your time to help keep the development and parkland litter free. Meet Sharon at the open space area at Hedgerow Walk, Augusta Park, on 17 June and 15 July from 12.30pm to 1pm.

There will also be a Saturday morning Litter Pick on 29 June, leaving from the community centre at 10.30am to tidy up the hedgerow behind Endeavour School and the Cowslip Way open space.



Community Litter Pickers

Test Valley Borough Council work in partnership with individuals who want to improve their local environment by becoming a Community Litter Picker. There are currently 55 Community Litter Pickers throughout the Borough and, if you would like to join up, TVBC will provide you with a litter picker, gloves and a roll of sacks. TVBC will also provide you with a Health and Safety Checklist and support as necessary.

To become a Community Litter Picker email the Environmental Service at environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk or contact Customer Services on **01264 368000**.

*****We have been informed that Test Valley Borough Council should be taking on the open spaces on phase 1 from 1st June*****

Public Art

Bellway have given the go ahead for TVBC to commission an artist to work on a feature for the centre of Texel Green. Woodcarver Nicola Henshaw has been commissioned to create a special bench. As part of the project Nicola is going to hold workshops with local residents and children at Endeavour School along the themes of agriculture and animals being driven across the fields to market.

The first workshop will be at the open space Texel Green on Wednesday June 12th from 10.30 – noon. Please pop along to meet Nicola.

Her website is www.nicolahenshaw.co.uk

The Public Art project is part of the ongoing landscaping improvements (as set out within the housing development programme) and is funded by the developers. For further information please contact Sharon or Alex Hoare, TVBC Arts Officer, on **01264 368844** or alexhoare@testvalley.gov.uk

Petition

A local resident at Augusta Park has asked me to include the following information:

"I recently came across a petition proposing reduced rents to attract more interest from the retail trade and attract new businesses for the Chantry Centre. This seems a most worthwhile aim and I'm sure would likely receive the support of many. I would like neighbours at Augusta Park to know of this initiative and provide them with a means of having their say!"

www.change.org/petitions/axa-reduce-rents-and-new-contract-periods-in-the-chantry-centre-andover-to-fit-the-town

Carnival Day 2013

Sunday 7th July is Andover Carnival Day 2013. The parade for both Floats & Walkers will move through the streets of Andover starting at 4pm.

At Vigo Recreation Grounds there will be a Family Fun Day, noon - 9pm, featuring local and national artists performing a wide variety of music. There will be children's and adult fairground rides, 7 stalls, a table top circus, craft and charity stalls, the Railway Tavern beer tent and numerous food and beverage outlets.

With this year's theme of "Open Theme" over 20 Floats and groups of Walkers are anticipated to show off their creative skills in a bid to win 1st prize.

Census 2011, Key facts and Figures

Test Valley is a mainly rural borough covering 62,758 hectares on the western-side of Hampshire. Test Valley contains 24 different ward areas and though largely rural in character, a large proportion of the borough's residents live in towns and urban areas

with a significant amount living in towns and villages scattered across the Borough.

As part of the Council's work to support Councillors and communities to get things done in their local area, a headline document has been produced summarising key facts and figures from the 2011 Census. The Borough Profile has also been updated to provide a more in depth view of Test Valley combining the recent census information with other national data sources.

The Council also produces Ward Profiles for each of the areas in Test Valley. These documents contain facts, figures and information specifically about each of the local areas. East Anton is part of the Alamein Ward. During the coming months the Council plans to refresh each of the ward profiles to reflect the updated information, ensuring that the profiles continue to be relevant and up-to-date.

For information visit:

Borough Profile 2013: www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/about-test-valley-the-facts-and-figures/boroughprofile

Key 2011 Census Facts: www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/about-test-valley-the-facts-and-figures/2011-census-facts-amp-figures

Ward Profiles: www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/mylocalarea/Alamein

A New Mayor for Test Valley

At the recent Annual Full Council meeting, Councillor Janet Whiteley was appointed Mayor of Test Valley for 2013/14 and Councillor Jan Lovell was appointed Deputy Mayor of Test Valley.

Andover Town Twinning Association (ATTA)

Andover Town Twinning Association exists to promote friendship between the residents of Andover and the surrounding area with other overseas towns. We are currently twinned with Redon in France, Goch in Germany and Andover, Massachusetts in the USA. Our first formal link was with Redon in 1977, followed by Goch in 1980. In 2000 we signed an agreement with Andover, Massachusetts and this event is commemorated with a stunning statue of the Pennacook tribal Chief Cutshamache, (from whom the early settlers bought the land) in the open space behind Cricklade House, Andover.

Each year we visit one of our sister towns or receive their representatives into our homes in Andover. There is normally an annual exchange between us, Redon and Goch, and we visit Andover, Massachusetts (or they come to us) once every two years. These exchanges give our members an excellent opportunity to meet and make friends with like-minded people in Europe and America by staying with their families and without incurring high costs. It is then expected that whenever possible, those who receive hospitality abroad will be prepared to offer it in return. We also visit local places of interest as a group and there is always a lively dinner during one of the evenings. These visits are an ideal way of meeting new friends and gaining an understanding of life in a foreign country.

You don't need to speak a foreign language to join in. Being in a large group means there is always someone to help out if needed and the majority of our hosts speak some English. We all regard it as an adventure and many of us have forged lasting friendships over the years.

The ATTA holds monthly social events in Andover throughout the year that will appeal to all ages. Please look at our website for more information or email the chairman Margaret Henstock:

margaret.henstock@btinternet.com

www.andovertowntwinningassociation.hampshire.org.uk



Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

Augusta Park NW coordinators have been making contact with residents in their road / area. If you would like to show your support for NW, find out if your road/ street has a NW coordinator and join a scheme please contact Sharon.

Date for your diary: A Neighbourhood Watch fun day event is being planned for Saturday 14 September

Reporting Crimes & 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 email:

PCSO Hayley Notley hayley.notley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

or TVBC Community Wardens wardens@testvalley.gov.uk

Crime Stoppers – **0800 555 111**



Dog Owners

Please help keep your Augusta Park clean and tidy by cleaning up after your Dog and reduce the potential health risk especially for children - thank you.

Stray Dogs Found Out Of Office Hours

As from 1st April 2013 Test Valley Borough Council no longer provides an Out of Hours Stray Dog Collection Service. Instead there are Stray Dog Reception Centres in Andover and Southampton which are open:

- Monday to Thursday 17:00 to 20:00, Fridays 16:00 to 20:00
- Weekends/Bank Holidays/Public Holidays 10:00 to 16:00

In order to arrange for a dog to be received at a Centre please call **01264 368000** and follow the instructions for emergencies.

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 Thursdays, alternating between household waste (black bin) and recycling (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

Recycle your household batteries at the community centre



There will be a meeting for residents on **Tuesday 18 June at 7.30pm** at the community centre. This is an opportunity to discuss the East Anton Community Travel Plan and find out about future plans for bus routes and infrastructure at Augusta Park. All residents are invited. For further details please contact Sharon.

June is National Bike Month

Why not enjoy a bike ride with friends or family, routes can be as long or short as you want. For a map highlighting cycling and walking in Andover please contact Sharon.

A colorful poster for 'Cycle Rides' in Andover. The background is green with a winding grey path. Various cartoon birds are riding bicycles. At the top left, a white circle contains the text: 'To book a space contact Valley Leisure on 01264 347100'. The main title 'Cycle Rides' is in large white letters. Below it, text reads: 'Discover Andover on your bike with a FREE led cycle ride. Perfect for building cycling confidence, discovering new cycle routes in Andover, or getting fit and healthy in the sunshine!'. At the bottom left, a red circle lists the schedule: '10am at Charlton Lakeside Café on Sundays', '2 June (family friendly ride*)', '9 June 16 June', '23 June 30 June', '7 July 14 July', and '*All other rides suitable for over 16s only'. At the bottom right, contact information is provided: '@MyJourneyHants', 'facebook.com/myjourneyhants', and 'www.myjourneysouthampton.com'. The footer features logos for Hampshire County Council, Valley Leisure, and my Journey (with the tagline 'HELPING ANDOVER GET AROUND').

Smannell Road Diversion

Residents will be aware the new route for the closed section of Smannell Road is now being used by through traffic. The principle of this alteration was originally agreed as part of the allocation of the East Anton Site for housing. Since then it has been agreed in the outline planning permission and at a Public Inquiry for the extinguishment of highway rights for the superseded length of Smannell Road by an independent Inspector.

It has been noticed that there is a considerable amount of on street parking on the new Smannell Road some of which could be residents and their visitors. Whilst this has not been a big issue to date, now that through traffic is using the route and this could include large vehicles going to and from farms, it is recommended for safety reasons and the wish to minimise damage to property that residents park their vehicles in their allocated parking spaces to the rear of their homes rather than on the new Smannell Road

Health Walks

All residents are welcome for an hour long walk to help fitness and meet new people. Please wear suitable footwear and bring a waterproof coat (if necessary) and a drink. We leave from outside the Community Centre at 10am on alternate Thursday mornings. Dates for walks are 6 & 20 June 4 & 18 July.

A longer route Health Walk will take place on Thursday 25 July, leaving from outside the community centre at 10am, please contact Sharon for details.

Car Sharing

Drivers in Hampshire are being encouraged to save money and beat the recent rise in fuel prices by sharing their journeys rather than driving alone, as well as reducing stress levels and cutting carbon footprint's.

To join HantsCarShare for free, just go to www.hantscarshare.com, register your journey and search for someone going your way.

Reminders...

East Anton Subsidised Bus Pass Scheme

Residents are reminded that the developers at East Anton have funded 'Andover Area Mega Rider' subsidised bus passes for new households, which cover the Andover town area.

Contact Sharon for an application form and details about the scheme.

Cycle Vouchers

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

Parking

A plea to all residents - 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.



Education

Endeavour School

An exciting arts project, facilitated by Hampshire County Council in association with Test Valley Borough Council, is now well underway at Endeavour School. It aims to encourage pupils to take an interest in the new Queen Elizabeth Woods near the East Anton development - one of 60 new Jubilee Woodlands.

Year three pupils are working with artist and musician Duncan McAfee. As part of the project there will be a performance of their original poetry and songs at The Lights in June next year.

The project is intended to develop the children's understanding of the woodland and to inspire them to create their own stories about it.

For more information please contact Alex Hoare, Arts Officer at TVBC.

Endeavour School Fete - July 6th, 11am – 2pm.

Games and crafts, raffle and stalls. Displays by local groups.

BBQ and refreshments.

All welcome

Adventure Pre School

For details of Adventure pre School contact Dom or Fiona on

07557 903954 / preschool@adventurechildcare.co.uk

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. Please walk by to find out what is going on locally in the neighbourhood.

Resident Newsletters

Residents can view the bi-monthly resident newsletters and access local information on the Augusta Park page of the Council's website www.testvalley.gov.uk

(Resident ----> Community & Leisure ----> My Local Area ----> Alamein ----> Augusta Park)

Sharon can email or post you a newsletter on request or they can be collected from the Community Centre.

Contact Us



Residents can contact the Planning Policy Team on:

01264 368000 / planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk

with any planning queries regarding the New Neighbourhoods in Andover.

Please continue to contact Sharon (Community Development Worker) for local information and queries about any community activities or for local information

01264 368622 / 01264 310921 / sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk