

Test Valley Borough Council

# East Anton Resident Newsletter



## Housing Occupations

Figures obtained from Taylor Wimpey show that over 650 properties are now occupied at Augusta Park. This figure includes private homes, MOD and Sentinel Housing Association properties.

### *County Council Elections*

The Hampshire County Council elections are due to take place on **Thursday 2 May 2013**. Candidate nominations are due by noon on **Friday 5 April 2013**.

Augusta Park electors will go to St. Paul's Church Centre (formerly called St. Michael's) on Smannell Road, Andover, SP11 6JP. Hours of poll will be between 7am and 10pm

For anyone currently not on the Register of Electors, the last date for registration is Wednesday, 17th April.

If electors are unable to get to the polling station to vote then postal votes are available, and completed applications to vote by post must be received at Beech Hurst by 5.00pm on Wednesday, 17th April.

Postal Vote and Voter Registration applications can be obtained from Electoral Services at Beech Hurst, or by ringing **01264 368000**.

## Community

### *Augusta Park Community Association (APCA)*

The APCA website has been updated with information about recent and forthcoming events. An APCA Facebook page now has a number of followers and a Twitter account has been started to tweet about events and activities. Both of these social media sites are linked into the full website.



Why not take a look [www.myaugustapark.org.uk](http://www.myaugustapark.org.uk)

Please email: [contact@myaugustapark.org.uk](mailto:contact@myaugustapark.org.uk) or Sharon, if you have any queries, are interested in joining APCA or feel able to volunteer.

APCA would like to enter a float in this year's Andover Carnival on Sunday July 7th. If you would like to get involved please get in touch.

### *Family Games Session – April 2013*

**Adults and children are welcome to join in an outdoor games session on...**

**Wednesday 10 April, 11 - Noon**

at the open space near the play park at Hedgerow Walk

This is a free event but unfortunately it can only take place if the weather is dry. Suitable for children up to age 11 years. For further information please contact Sharon Goodridge [sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk) **01264 368622**

### *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
- **Parent and Toddler Group**  
Monday 1.30 – 2.30pm at Spring Meadow Children's Centre, Smannell Road
- **Health Walks**  
Thursday 10 – 11am, alternate weeks
- **Over 50's Group**  
Wednesday 10.30 – Noon, alternate weeks
- **Family Forces Group**  
Friday's 10.30 - Noon
- **Reading Group**
- **Parents Coffee Group**  
Explorer Toddlers, Monday 9 - 10am in the Tardis Room at Endeavour School (term time only).
- **Community Litter Pick** - monthly

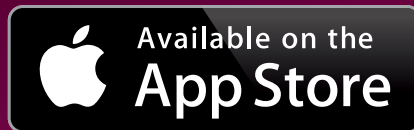
There is a Book Sharing Library at the community centre for residents to access reading books.

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:

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### *Test Valley Big Local App'*

**The Test Valley Big Local App' has been launched!** It provides quick and easy access to a range of information about the borough on smartphones and tablets. It's completely free to download and provides information about council services in addition to schools and colleges, sport and leisure, a business directory and BBC news feed. This App' is one way the Council plans to communicate with residents using social media.

There are also sections for tourist information, discount vouchers for local businesses and cinema and arts, which includes details about The Lights theatre in Andover and The Plaza in Romsey.

To view the content, users need to search for Big Local App on the app store, then once downloaded select Test Valley from the list.

Also under the council section, residents can check which day their bin is collected, search for planning applications, apply for a parking permit, check what they can and can't recycle and much more.

### *Enham Shop and Post Office*

Our local shop in Enham has won The Post Office Award which is one of only 15 presented throughout England for recognition of 'making a valuable contribution and a difference to the community'. Owners Leslie & Tim extend a warm welcome to all and say they are very pleased to receive this award as they always provide more than just shopping – the shop is the hub of the village, open 7 days a week and until 7.00pm weekdays we offer a friendly and personal service for groceries, fresh produce including local products, dry cleaning, Post Office services and more.



*Adult Learners Week – May 2013*



To mark Adult Learners Week there will be a First Aid Workshop on Tuesday 21st May,

7.30 - 9.30pm at the community centre run by Andover, Adult and Family Learning Centre. This is a free session to learn some basic first aid skills including CPR. Please book a place by contacting Sharon. [enquiries@andoverafcentre.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@andoverafcentre.co.uk)



*Neighbourhood Watch (NW)*

Neighbourhood Watch schemes have been set up around Augusta Park in Romney Road, Ryeland Way, Yarrow Close and Cowslip Way.

A big thank you to residents who are volunteering their time to become NW coordinators. Please contact Sharon to find out if there is a NW scheme on your road.

*Community Litter Pick*

**On 15th April from 12.30pm to 1pm.**

Obviously we appeal to all residents not to drop litter in the first place, however please spare a few moments of your time to help keep the development and parkland litter free of discarded rubbish. Meet Sharon at the open space area at Hedgerow Walk, Augusta Park.



*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 contact: PCSO Hayley Notley [hayley.notley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hayley.notley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) Or TVBC Community Wardens [wardens@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:wardens@testvalley.gov.uk)

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

*Dog Owners*

Please clean up after your Dog around Augusta Park. This will help keep the neighbourhood clean and tidy and reduce the potential health risk especially for children.

It is actually an offence not to clear up after your dog and you can be fined. To report any issues call **01264 368000**, [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)

**You can dispose of bagged dog waste in this bin**



**Clean up after your dog...**

**...or risk an £80 fine**



## Disposing of Rubbish

### *Changes to bin collections 2013*

The Environmental Service recently undertook a review of its waste collection rounds to streamline the service and avoid additional costs. As a result, some changes are planned to some residents' bin collections. These changes will be undertaken in two stages:

**Stage one** – The Council currently collects half the borough's black and brown bins one week and the remaining black and brown bins the following week. From the week commencing 15 April, they will collect all black bins one week and all brown bins the following week. Households affected by stage one are all those that currently use a yellow bin collection calendar. A letter confirming the changes will be sent to these households next week, along with a new blue bin collection calendar.

From 15 April all households will be using the blue bin collection calendar and the yellow bin collection calendar will be void.

If a household already uses a blue bin collection calendar, then stage one will not affect them. The day residents' bins are collected will not change at this point.

**Stage two** – In Autumn 2013, the Environmental Service will review the waste collection rounds across the borough which will mean some residents' bin collection day will change. We will contact all affected householders nearer the time.

To check when your next bin collection is, you can use the bin collection look-up on the homepage of the Council's website.

For more information on the bin collection changes, see: [www.testvalley.gov.uk/bincollectionchanges](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/bincollectionchanges)

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.

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

For information on waste and recycling in East Anton visit [www.testvalley.gov.uk/eastanton](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/eastanton)

### *Carton recycling*

Food and drink cartons can be recycled at:

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

### *Battery recycling at the community centre*

For some time, used household batteries have been collected by shops and supermarkets for recycling. To make battery recycling easier for residents there is a battery collection point at the community centre. We can collect all household batteries including alkaline and zinc-carbon batteries used in laptops and other electrical equipment. The only exception is car batteries.

### *Why bother to recycle batteries?*

Batteries contain various hazardous metals such as lead, mercury, cadmium, zinc, manganese and lithium. It can be damaging to the environment to dispose of them through landfill and burning batteries also causes atmospheric pollution. In addition, the natural resources contained in batteries are being mined - at great cost - in other parts of the world. By helping to recycle batteries not only are you helping the environment but also helping to keep down the cost of new batteries.



## **East Anton Community Travel Plan**

### *Carplus*

Carplus supports the development of affordable, accessible and low-carbon car-sharing clubs and ride-sharing services.

Car clubs are about providing a car when you need it. Ideal for those require a car on an infrequent basis for longer journeys. Instead of buying a car or considering the need for a second car, join a car club and 'hire' from someone in your local community. Hire

charges include insurance. Cars can be hired for an hour, a day or a week. If you have a car, but don't fully utilise it, you can offer your car to others.

Car clubs are a local solution to individuals or families who don't need a car for all their regular journeys; share with someone else. The benefits are financial and reduce the number of cars in use, reducing emissions and congestion. For full details, terms and conditions, please see the web site.

**[www.carplus.org.uk](http://www.carplus.org.uk)**

### **Bus Patronage at East Anton**

The numbers of residents using the Star1 bus service to get to and from the new neighbourhood at East Anton to the town centre is growing. The Star1 service operated by Stagecoach stops near the junction of Ickneild Way/Augusta Way West and currently serves the site. The numbers of passengers using the service has been steadily increasing since its commencement in 2011. The frequent Star1 service has a journey time of 11 minutes into the town centre. The service is frequent, departing every 10 minutes.

A total of 143 households, representing 22% of those living at East Anton have applied for a bus pass, allowing residents to benefit from subsidised bus travel anywhere in the town.

Households are entitled to an annual single Stagecoach Mega-Rider pass on first occupation. The pass is applied for quarterly on proof of residency and payment of a £10 administration fee.

A further bus service is planned for the new neighbourhood at East Anton upon the completion of a northern route into the site from a new roundabout opposite Viking Way.

### **Andover Bus Station**

Osborne Construction has been appointed as the main contractor to upgrade Andover Bus Station and work begins on Tuesday 2nd April. The bus station will close after the last bus on Saturday 30 March in order for work to commence and construction will take approximately 52 weeks. During the construction period buses will use West Street, Western Avenue and Bridge Street. Passenger information is displayed on site and temporary shelters will follow.

The project will deliver a variety of improvements including: additional bays for buses and coaches; a new internal waiting area; covered bus boarding area for passengers, a new café and electronic passenger information screens. New CCTV will also be installed. It is hoped that the work, which has been funded by developer contributions, will help boost trade for local businesses.

### **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. Join us on 11 & 25 April / 9 & 23 May / 6 & 20 June / 4 & 18 July 2013

### **Cycle Ride**

If you would like to find out more about local cycle rides please contact Sharon.

### **Reminders.....**

**Road Closure information is now available on-line.**

Information about road closures in Test Valley is now available to view on Test Valley's website:

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

### **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*

**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*

There are currently over 200 students on roll at Endeavour School.

### *Adventure Pre School*

Adventure Pre School opens five mornings a week and also for afternoon sessions. Adventure, which operates from Endeavour School, Augusta Park, offers Early Education funded places, for children of families in the community, from the term after they are 3 years old.

If you would like more details please contact Dom or Fiona on **07557 903954** or email [preschool@adventurechildcare.co.uk](mailto:preschool@adventurechildcare.co.uk)

### *IS YOUR CHERUB CHALLENGING?*

**Don't worry you're not alone, young people can be a real handful sometimes.** Come along and join our Positive Parenting Workshops for Mums & Dads. Positive Parenting workshops help teach parents techniques and strategies to manage everyday behavioural and emotional issues.

**FREE workshops** are being offered which begin on Friday 26th April 2013 at Endeavour School, Augusta Park, from 10.00–12.00. Parents will meet for 2 hours every Friday for 4 weeks. For 2 weeks parents get the chance to implement the parenting strategies at home with telephone support from the group facilitator. The group will meet for the final session on Friday 7th June 2013 to review and close the programme.

Parents need to attend the full programme; it is not possible to attend just one or two sessions.

If you are interested in attending the free parenting skills workshops at Endeavour School then please call Zara Colwell on **07903 500 229** or e-mail [zcolwell@wintoncommunityacademy.org](mailto:zcolwell@wintoncommunityacademy.org) to book yourself a space.





## 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 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](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)** 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](mailto: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.

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