

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.

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 the social media sites are linked into the full website.

Why not take a look www.myaugustapark.org.uk

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



Christmas Event from APCA

A resident Get Together Christmas event was held at the Community Centre, back in December 2012! Residents came along to meet the APCA committee and neighbours. Children's activities, a quiz and a raffle were held while mulled wine and mince pies were served.


The Festive Door Wreath competition was won jointly by two residents in Cowslip Way. Thank you to all residents who entered the competition and to Sentinel Housing for providing a lovely Christmas Hamper as the prize.

FREE sports sessions for 7-16 year olds

Community Sport

Tuesdays, 2 - 4pm on the following dates:

19 February, 2 April, 9 April, 28 May, 30 July, 6 August,
13 August, 20 August, 27 August, 29 October



Community Sport aims to bring sport directly to you! We will deliver 10 weeks of sport during school breaks, held at both Romsey Sports Centre (Romsey) and Pilgrims Way (Andover).

Activities include football, rounders, kwik cricket and more...

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





February Half Term

Parent and Children's 'I spy' Walk on Monday 18th February.

Meet at the Community Centre at 10.30 am for an hour's local walk. Please wear suitable shoes and bring a rain coat! All welcome. For details contact Sharon.

East Anton, Augusta Park Community Centre

Call in for a chat and to find out information about the development, local facilities, services and community activities in and around Andover.

The Community Centre is situated on East Anton Farm Road at the corner of Sunflower Way.

Regular Activities

- Drop in session, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am - Noon
- Parent and Toddler Group
- Health Walks
- Family Forces Group
- Reading Group.
- Parents Coffee Group.
- Community Litter Pick

We would like to set up a group for the 'Over 50's' at Augusta Park. If you would be interested in attending please contact Sharon.

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

Explorer Toddlers

Explorer Toddlers is held every Monday 9 -10am in the Tardis Room at Endeavour School (term time only). Set up by local mums, the group is aimed at parents living in East Anton and parents of children attending Endeavour School and Adventure Pre-School. It is an informal group welcoming parents with small children to come and meet new people. To cover costs, there is a charge of £1 per family, in return tea, coffee, juice and biscuits are provided, toys, arts and crafts.

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 11th February, 11th March and 15th April from 12.30pm to 1pm.

There will also be a Saturday morning Litter Pick on 23rd February, leaving from the community centre at 10.30am.



Message from Smannell Parish Council

"In December, Smannell Parish Council asked for roads in Augusta Park to be gritted in the event of snow and frosts. Clearly the amount of gritting was insufficient for the recent snowfall and we have asked for more roads to be well gritted, particularly those on slopes, and for more salt bins to be installed."

Rod Bowker, Chairman Smannell Parish Council.



02164 359062

Longmeadow Centre, Cricketer's Way

If you are an adult and are interested in brushing up your English, maths and/or IT skills, please contact us for more details. These courses are free and on some of the courses there are crèche facilities for pre-school children.

We run courses for parents/carers and their pre-school children, such as Bounce and Rhyme, Safe and Healthy Baby, Learning Through Play, etc. These courses are free.

We also run First Aid and Food Safety courses, for which there is a small charge to cover the cost of the books and certificate.

If you would like to find out more about any of these courses, please either telephone us or call into the Longmeadow Centre or e-mail: **enquiries@andoverafllcentre.co.uk**

An Update from TVBC Councillor Phil North

Due to the recent bad weather, I have had a number of enquiries about the provision of grit bins across the development. As the large majority of Augusta Park is currently unadopted, the County Council will not provide the blue grit bins that have been supplied in most areas across Hampshire. After all it is not their land.

On the plus side I have been pressing the developers of both Taylor Wimpey and Bellway to install grit bins for residents to use. In the last few months I have persuaded Bellway to install a grit bin on the slope at Jacob Close. If you feel that more grit bins are needed then do please let me know and I will liaise with County Councillor, Pam Mutton, and the developers.

Please see my website: www.cllrphilnorth.co.uk/news/grit-bins-in-alamein--your-feedback/183

asking for feedback from residents in Alamein ward and particularly Augusta Park about the grit bin situation.

On another note, I have been campaigning for further competition for broadband suppliers for some time now and have held meetings with Taylor Wimpey and the company that put in the fibre line, Independent Fibre Networks Ltd. 'Beaming' are now also providing services but it seems in practice they are as uncompetitive as 'See the Light'. I am assured that a deal is very close with one of the big six suppliers and that the key senior executives have already agreed in principle. All I can do is keep pushing and I will keep you informed of progress.

If there is anything you want me to follow up for you then please drop me a line:

cllrpnorth@testvalley.gov.uk / 07732 423023.

Cllr Phil North



Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

A resident meeting to find out about NW was held in January at Augusta Park Community Centre. It is hoped more residents will get involved and support NW schemes throughout Augusta Park. Please contact Rebecca Williams (PCSO) if you have questions or would like to offer your support as a NW co-ordinator:

rebecca.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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 TVBC Community Wardens or email to wardens@testvalley.gov.uk

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

MOD Police Control Room (24 hours) 01371 854000

Dog Owners

Thank you for cleaning 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.



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



Clean up after your dog...

...or risk an £80 fine

The Borough of Test Valley is a designated no fouling area under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (2005).

To report any issues call
01264 368000
www.testvalley.gov.uk



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

For further details on Tetra Pak's carton recycling see: www.tetrapakrecycling.co.uk/recyclable.asp



In Case of emergency – ICE

The ICE campaign was launched in April 2005 and is to help paramedics know who you would want them to contact in the case of an emergency.

Store your emergency contact details under ICE in your mobile phone address book so emergency personnel know who to contact. If you have more than one emergency contact, list them as ICE1, ICE2 etc.

StreetLink

The Government have launched a national helpline focused on helping people who sleep rough.

By telephoning the 24/7 StreetLink phone line - **0300 500 0914**

or using the StreetLink website - **www.streetlink.org.uk**

members of the public will be able to report rough sleepers. Streetlink will then refer cases to the relevant local authority so that assistance can be provided.

The aim is to prevent and reduce rough sleeping and homelessness, by identifying those affected and holding local authorities to account to ensure they take appropriate action. The new system will also enable data to be gathered and feedback given to members of the public who make a referral.

TEST VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES
ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



Get Involved In Your Local Community And Have Fun!

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, share your skills and help others.

Tessa Makepeace, Test Valley Community Services' Volunteer Development Officer, is inviting anyone who would like to support the local community by putting their spare time to good use, to get in touch to find out what volunteering opportunities there are in the local area. Volunteering roles range from help with administration to after schools clubs; befrienders to food team volunteers; drivers and conservation helpers to radio station assistants, there is something for everyone. *"But above all, volunteering is fun!"* says Tessa. *"Just a few hours a week can give you experience working with a team; maybe some free training and certainly looks good on your CV if you're looking for work."*

TVCS, a part of the Council for Voluntary Services' network, is committed to promoting volunteering and to supporting voluntary organisations in many ways, be it helping with recruitment and management of volunteers or providing low-cost training and giving governance advice. Like many other charities, the Volunteer Centre is itself looking for volunteers for a variety of administrative roles and Tessa would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in supporting her work.

All volunteer roles promoted by the Volunteer Centre can be viewed by appointment at the TVCS office in Wessex Chambers, South Street, Andover. They are also available on www.do-it.org.uk – just register your selection through the website and the Volunteer Centre will be in touch.

If you would like more information or to have an informal chat with Tessa, please telephone **01264 362600** or email volunteers@tvcs.org.uk



Community Travel

Community Travel Plan Resident Survey

Thank you to all residents who completed and returned the Community Travel Plan survey in November. The feedback will help Test Valley Borough Council determine the effectiveness of local infrastructure and how sustainable travel can be encouraged in the future.

Resident feedback highlighted a keenness to see the Star 1 bus route expanded. Once the northern spine road and bus arch beneath the railway line have been completed a designated bus service for Augusta Park can commence.

A resident on Rake Way won £30 of cycle vouchers in the completed survey prize draw.

Re routing of Smannell Road

We have been advised that the legal work is underway for the adoption by Deed of Dedication for the Smannell Road through the Bellway homes site. A list of remedial works, including lighting, has been agreed.

Upon completion of the remedial work and the legal documentation, adoption can be completed. This is likely to be in the next month or so.

Children's Competition

Living Streets are looking for children to send in design ideas for a new badge for 2013's Walk Once

A Week campaign, encouraging families to walk to school one day in each week to promote healthy living, save money and help cut down on damage to the environment. Great prizes are up for grabs so enter at www.myjourneyhampshire.com

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 7 and 28 February, 14 and 28 March.

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



Cycle Ride

Are you interested in cycling with other residents of Augusta Park? A group of local residents enjoy cycling together and would welcome other residents to join them. If you would like to find out more please contact Sharon.

Improvements to Andover Rail Station Complete

Works to improve Andover Rail Station have now finished. Sir George Young marked the completion of the project at a small ceremony on Friday 7 Dec.

Improvements include a new ticket hall, internal alterations to allow disabled access, a new retail unit, provision of a drop off / collection area, a new taxi rank and the introduction of a secure cycle storage area.

Since work began nine months ago, the station has also been re-painted and new lighting, fencing and signage installed.

The works have been funded by the Department for Transport, Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council. South West Trains managed the project, delivered by contractor Hollywell.

The station will now be monitored to evaluate the success of the changes. Further work to provide additional car parking and pedestrian access is being investigated.

Road Closure info 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

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.

For any information regarding the Community Travel Plan please contact Sharon.

Education

Endeavour School

Art Project For Local Children

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 Theatre.

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

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

Adventure Pre School

Adventure Pre School is open 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

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

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**