

Test Valley Borough Council

# East Anton Resident Newsletter



## Housing Occupations

Figures obtained from Taylor Wimpey show that over 600 properties of the overall plan of 2500 homes, are now occupied at Augusta Park.

## Halloween Event

A blustery and rather wet Halloween saw the first community event hosted by the newly formed Augusta Park Community Association (APCA). Based at the temporary community centre at the heart of the major new development, APCA, has been set up by a group of residents to provide a focus for community activity.


Over 150 residents of Augusta Park braved the wind and rain to join in with pumpkin carving and fancy dress competitions, apple bobbing, a lucky dip and raffle all accompanied by spooky music and fuelled by plenty of char-grilled burgers, steaming hot dogs and warming soup. The festivities certainly saw off the worst of Wednesday's wild weather.

Stuart Armstrong, Chairman of APCA said *"It has been great to see so many of our neighbours attend the event. This has been an excellent opportunity to start the community association off with a bang, and for us to find out what fellow residents want to get involved in."*

Fellow APCA Trustee, Paul Blake, in charge of the barbecue added, *"We're just ordinary residents who'd love to see an active and friendly community grow out of this huge development. We've got an opportunity to do something special at Augusta Park and our message to our neighbours, it's your Augusta Park, get involved!"*

## Community

### Augusta Park Community Association (APCA)



The Augusta Park Community Association (APCA) would like to thank residents for their contributions to the **logo competition**. Logos designed by Kimberley Mctiernan (Oat Road) and Mrs Dunlop (Cowslip Way) were shortlisted from all the entries. The APCA would like to congratulate a resident from Rye Way for their winning design. Keep a lookout for the APCA logo for news of up and coming events.

APCA – GET INVOLVED!

[info@myaugustapark.org.uk](mailto:info@myaugustapark.org.uk)

The APCA Halloween party was possible due to the generous support of Sentinel Housing Association and support of Taylor Wimpey who provided most of the funding. Sainsbury's at Enham Arch were kind enough to offer help towards the evening's catering.

Sainsbury's Store Manager, Andy Meechan and HR Manager, Coral Courtnell selected their favourite scary pumpkin from over sixty entries. The standard was extremely high with carving ranging from the traditional to the highly artistic, from the terrifying to the hilarious. In the end the judges' choice was a carving that blended the traditional and the modern and the comedic with the creepy.

All the pumpkins were provided free to the residents by APCA thanks to the generous support of Test Valley Borough Council and Kenyon's Farm Shop. Stuart Armstrong went on to say, *"We wanted to make our first event free to our fellow residents to show them how great it is to be part of a community. As more people get involved we can turn our attention to fund raising."*

The fancy dress competition for Augusta Park's trick-or-treaters was judged by Councillor Alex Brooks and Louisa Rice from Test Valley Borough Council. With over 50 entrants their judging was not easy but they eventually chose the winner whose choice of traditional apparel, contemporarily accessorised with old-school broomstick and hat worn "just-so" seemed to capture the mood of the event.



*The winner of the pumpkin competition designed by Marie Dyer.*



*Zahara Dunlop (age 2), winner of the fancy dress competition. Lisa Niven won first prize in the free raffle.*



*From left: Katie Blake (APCA); Lyndsey Murphy (APCA); Andy Meechan (Sainsbury's) and Coral Courtnell (Sainsbury's).*



*Apple Bobbing with Jordan Cooper (APCA) and Lucy Whitmore (Resident).*



### *Christmas Event from APCA*

Friday 7th December at the Community Centre, 6 – 7.30pm

Meet the APCA committee and your neighbours. Refreshments served.



### *Augusta Park Community Centre*

The Community Centre is situated on East Anton Farm Road at the corner of Sunflower Way. We provide information to residents about the development, local facilities, services and community activities in and around Andover.

Regular Activities at Augusta Park.

- Parent and Toddler Group.
- Health Walks
- Family Forces Group
- Reading Group.
- Parents Coffee Group.
- Community Litter Pick
- Explorer Toddlers @ Endeavour School

Would you be interested in attending a group for the 'Over 50's' at Augusta Park? Contact Sharon for details.

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](mailto:sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk)



### *Diamond Jubilee Woodland*

Hampshire's Diamond Jubilee Woodlands received the regal seal of approval in October, when Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal officially christened the Andover site.

In celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, woodlands have been created across the country, in a project coordinated by the Woodland Trust. Hampshire County Council, has made the largest contribution to the scheme, creating three woodland sites in Andover, Basingstoke and Hedge End, totaling approximately 100 acres.

Joined by local organisations contributing to the scheme and pupils from schools across Andover, Princess Anne officially inaugurated the 'Queen Elizabeth Woods Andover' and planted the first tree. The ceremony was hosted by the County Council, to mark Hampshire's involvement in the project.

The Andover site, covering 44 acres, will be created in the next ten years through partnership working between the County Council, the Woodland Trust, the Forestry Commission, Test Valley Borough Council, and Andover Trees United, a schools-initiated community group.

Andover Trees United will manage a section of the woodland in Andover, bringing together the local community to develop the site. The local organisation provides school children in the area with the opportunity to take part in the woodland's creation, by planting saplings raised in their own school tree nurseries.

The Princess Royal started her visit at the Endeavour Primary School, where she was welcomed by the County Council Chairman, Cllr Andrew Joy and leader of Hampshire County Council, Cllr Ken Thornber before she met with teachers and pupils.

For more details visit

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/jubilee-woods](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/jubilee-woods)



### *Me and My Dad's Club*

Meet fortnightly on Saturday mornings, at Spring Meadow Children's Centre, Smannell Road, 9.30 – 11.30. Activities for Dad's and children up to 8 year's old.

For details contact 01264 336718.



A Family Bike Ride is being planned for Sunday 27th January 2013.

For details and to register your interest please contact Sharon.



### *Well Baby Clinics in Andover*

Spring Meadow Children's Centre Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am.

The Lights Studio Theatre Wednesday 1:00pm to 3:00pm

If you have any queries please contact Nicola Robinson: 01264 353855

### *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 10 December, 12.30pm to 1pm. Thank you to all the residents who already give their time to support this activity.



### Garden Share

This is a new scheme initiated by Transition Town Andover, a group that is involved in various sustainability projects around the town.

Andover Garden Share is working at bringing together people with gardens which aren't being cultivated with keen gardeners who want to grow vegetables, herbs, fruit or flowers. People are matched up according to their likes and dislikes and needs.

Garden sharing can be seen as an alternative to having an allotment. It can also be more of a hobby for a semi-retired person or anyone with time on their hands who likes the idea of being helpful to someone else in the community.

The aim is to increase the opportunities for growing fresh produce locally and to get communities more joined up in order to work together to solve problems.



For information contact [gardenshare@transitiontownandover.org.uk](mailto:gardenshare@transitiontownandover.org.uk)

### Reminder

**We have been asked by a local resident to remind everyone that.....**

*“The boiler warranties that come with boilers, when moving in to a new build, are only valid after a year if the boiler has been serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer, otherwise, the boiler company will void the warranty. So, if a boiler has a 2-year warranty for example, and it is not serviced at the one year point, the 2nd year of warranty won't be valid if something goes wrong with it”.*

### Public Art

A series of consultations have been held to gather people's thoughts, ideas and insights into public art both in the Test Valley and further afield, with a view to developing a Public Art Strategy for Test Valley. The East Anton 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 Alex Hoare, TVBC Arts Officer: **01264 368844** or [alexhoare@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:alexhoare@testvalley.gov.uk)



### *Neighbourhood Watch (NW)*

We would like more residents to take an active role in NW at Augusta Park. If you are interested in supporting a NW scheme at Augusta Park please contact us or meet us at the community centre on **Tuesday 8th January, 2013 at 7pm**

Sharon or Rebecca Williams (PCSO) [rebecca.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rebecca.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

### *Reporting Crimes & Incidents*

Residents are encouraged to report any incidents of Anti Social Behaviour or non emergency incidents using the 101, non emergency, telephone number. For any community safety matters residents can contact TVBC Community Wardens at [wardens@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:wardens@testvalley.gov.uk)

**Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111 MOD Police Control Room 01371 854000**



### *Dog Owners*

Please help to keep Augusta Park clean by clearing up after your Dog.

*Thank you.*

### *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, call 01264 368000 or email [environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk).

Information available online at [www.testvalley.gov.uk/love](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/love)

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.

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







## The Lights Theatre, Andover

The contemporary Lights Theatre in Andover, features a 242 seat auditorium, a large Arena Hall with an outside canopied decking area, a suite of business rooms, a dance studio and function rooms, all complemented by a stylish cafe area and wine bar.

Offering a full professional programme of music, theatre, comedy and dance together with an arts related education and training programme, community group performances, exhibitions and gigs, The Lights is the hub of creative activity for the Andover area.

## December will be a busy time at Andover's Lights Theatre.....

### Wednesday 5 to Saturday 8 December

'How to Catch a Star' a family Christmas show. Blunderbus Theatre Company have taken Oliver Jeffers bewitching story and turned it into a show with music, puppetry and storytelling, just perfect for the season.

If you are looking for a great party night out with friends or colleagues then the Christmas Party Night Disco, the AC/DC tribute band Dirty DC, or Magic A kind of Queen would be a great choice, and if you book 10 tickets you get the 11th ticket free with our group booking discount.

### Saturday 15 December

Ballet Theatre UK presents 'A Christmas Carol'.

### Friday 21 December

CK Gospel Choir. This Christmas show includes gospel, soul and jazz, all accompanied by their live band.

If you'd like to know more about what's happening at The Lights have a look at [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk) to see the full autumn season.

The Lights, West Street, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1AH

Update from Seethelight [www.seethelight.co.uk](http://www.seethelight.co.uk)

Seethelight has now published an alternative contact number for support for Seethelight calls, which is **02920 028710**. This means customers who have inclusive minutes on their mobiles to 02 numbers can call Seethelight and these calls can be included as part of their mobile call package for help and advice. This number also applies for seethelight customers with free evening and/or weekend call packages.

Seethelight has also extended the customer support lines working hours, which is now: Monday to Friday: 8am to 8pm and Saturday: 9am to 1pm

Seethelight are also looking to introduce an 'Anytime Call Pack' which is a fixed monthly charge for UK landline calls. Any customers who are interested in this service are asked to register their interest by emailing the following email address with their details enquiries@seethelight.co.uk with subject line "Anytime Call Pack Request". Once this product is available, the customers who have registered their interest will then be contacted by our team and asked if they would like to subscribe to this new service.



## Community Travel

### *East Anton Community Travel Plan*

#### **Travel Plan meeting**

An update meeting was held in November 2012. Timescales for the Augusta Park designated bus service were discussed as was the possibility of a community transport bus to offer residents weekly trips to Andover town.

If you would like any information regarding Community Travel at East Anton please contact Sharon or the Community Association.

#### **Travel survey**

A travel survey to establish the travel habits of local residents is currently underway. This will help establish if the local infrastructure at East Anton is effective. We appreciate a few moments of your time in completing this survey. For further details please contact Sharon

#### **Andover Rail Station**

Refurbishment at Andover Rail Station is now complete. The car park has been re-lined and re-marked. Painting and lighting, together with the last sections of new railings have all been installed. There is a new, extended forecourt area and pedestrian crossing point.

It is hoped that passengers will now get used to the new layouts both for pedestrians and for vehicles using the site.

#### **Health Walks**

All residents are welcome for an hour long walk, lead by a Health Walk Leader, 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 December 2012





### Cycle Ride

**Are you interested in cycling with other residents of Augusta Park?**

Please contact Sharon.

**Diary date...** A Family Cycle Ride is planned for the morning of **Sunday 27th January, 2013**

### Car Sharing

Car sharing is a simple way to cut the costs of fuel and parking, cut congestion and pollution, and cut the stress of driving. Register at [hantscarshare.com](http://hantscarshare.com)

### Bus Service at East Anton

Once the northern spine road at Augusta Park is operational and / or the bus arch linking Cricketers Way and River Way is accessible to buses, there will be an improved, designated bus service for Augusta Park. This service will evolve as the development grows. The aspiration is that no home will be more than 400 meters from a bus stop situated on the spine roads throughout the development.



### 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.

### 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 vehicles 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.



### 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.

## Education

### *Adventure Pre School*

Adventure pre school is on site at Endeavour School and opens five mornings a week offering Early Education funded places, for children of families in the community. From January 2013, Adventure will also be opening for afternoon sessions.

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)



## Information for residents

### *Community Notice Board*

A notice board displaying local information can be found near 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 about the development, local activities and events 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 at [planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk) or call 01264 368000 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](mailto:sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk)**