



Augusta Park (East Anton)

Housing Occupations

Figures obtained from Taylor Wimpey show that nearly **600 properties** are now occupied at Augusta Park. This figure includes private homes, MOD and Sentinel Housing Association properties.

Community

Augusta Park Community Association (APCA)

APCA now has a full committee made up of local residents. The first community event hosted by APCA is planned for 31st October. Information about this event will be delivered to your household soon. Please come along and support APCA.

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



*Open Afternoon at the Augusta Park Community Centre
On Saturday 27th October, 2 – 5pm.*

Drop in for a 'cuppa' and information about the Augusta Park development



Family Games

Adults and children joined Sharon and community warden, Sam Knight, at an outdoor games session in August. Children enjoyed playing croquet, skittles, giant frisbee, ball and skipping games

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.

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

Weekly Centre Opening Times from 3rd September to 21st December 2012

(Please note the community centre will not be open 29 October – 4 November 2012)

Monday	10am - 12	Informal drop in
Tuesday	5 - 7pm (1st Tuesday of the month)	Police Beat Surgery
Wednesday	10am – 12	Informal drop in
Thursday	2 – 4.30 pm (fortnightly)	Sentinel Housing Drop in
Friday	12.30 - 2.30pm	Informal drop in

Regular Activities

- Parent and Toddler Group
- Family Forces Group
- Parents Coffee Group
- Health Walks
- Reading Group
- Community Litter Pick

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

Please let Sharon know if you would like to make use of the centre but find the opening times inconvenient.

**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 along with toys, arts and crafts, are provided.

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 15 October, 12 November and 10 December from 12.30pm to 1pm.

Thank you to all the residents who already give their time to support this activity.



Sports Groups/Activities in Andover

Information can be found on the Sport Hampshire web site:
www3.hants.gov.uk/shiow



Public Art

A Community Art morning was held in August to consult with local residents about ideas for Public Art at the East Anton area. Youngsters were kept busy making animal mobiles and masks. Following this consultation event, information and ideas for Public Art will soon be displayed at the Community Centre.

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



Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

We would like more residents to take an active role in NW at 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



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.

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.



Council Tax Support and Council Tax liability on Empty Homes

The Government is planning to abolish Council Tax Benefit as part of its wider welfare reform programme and has asked councils across the country to develop local Council Tax Support schemes to be introduced by 1 April 2013. Test Valley Borough Council has launched a public consultation which runs from Monday, 20 August until Monday, 12 November to seek views on how the new scheme might work and on proposed changes to the rules on council tax exemptions and discounts on empty homes.

Please help TVBC by giving your views on the options for change via this link:

www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/consultation-portal

Help with Everyday Costs

If you're responsible for at least one child or young person who normally lives with you, you may be eligible for Child Tax Credit.

If you work, but earn low wages, you may be eligible for Working Tax Credit. You may qualify for help with childcare costs if you are using Ofsted registered services.

It's worth checking out!

Call the HM Revenue and Customs helpline **0345 300 3900**.

For online information visit:

www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits
or www.hants.gov.uk/childcare.



Community Travel: East Anton Community Travel Plan

Travel Plan meeting

A resident meeting will be held at the Community Centre, from 7pm on Tuesday 13th November, 2012, to discuss the Community Travel Plan at East Anton. All residents are welcome to attend. Please contact Sharon for details.

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 4 & 18 Oct', 8 & 22 Nov', 6 & 20 Dec' 2012

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

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.

Many people are on a tighter budget these days, and every penny helps. With prices for petrol now averaging 140 pence a litre, and diesel now 144 pence a litre, many households are finding it tough to meet the cost of filling up at the pump. Car-sharing can save you more than pennies; many people who share lifts save hundreds of pounds a year! By finding others going your way through www.hantscarshare.com, you can at least halve your journey's fuel costs - as well as reducing stress levels and cutting your carbon footprint.

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

Road Closure information is now available on-line

Information about road closures in Test Valley is now available to view at 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.

Smannell Road Diversion

Aeropark continue with the construction of the roundabout at the junction of Smannell Road & Finkley Road which is necessary for the Smannell Road diversion to be completed.



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

Pupil numbers at Endeavour School continue to grow - there are now 200 pupils on role, aged between four and eleven years old.

A school Travel Plan is being developed with the aim of keeping children safe on their way to and from school with consideration given to local residents, parking and access.

Adventure Pre School

Adventure Pre School opened on site at Endeavour School in September 2012. Adventure opens five mornings a week and offers Early Education funded places, for children of families in the community, from the term after they are 3 years old. 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

October is 'Walk To School Month'.

Many residents at Augusta Park walk with their children to Endeavour School which is great for a healthy lifestyle, gives an opportunity to chat about the day and is good news for the environment (less cars on the road). If your child attends a school away from Augusta Park please consider making an effort to walk or cycle to school.

If you would like help finding a suitable route to walk please contact Sharon.

For information visit www.walktoschool.org.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 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.

Test Valley Web Site

Information about the development, local activities and events is available at the TVBC website:
www.testvalley.gov.uk - Community and Leisure - Community - East Anton/Augusta Park

Contact us

Residents can contact the Planning Policy team on 01794 527816 / 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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