

# Augusta Park (East Anton)



## Housing Occupations

Latest figures obtained from the developers' sales offices showed that as of end February 2012, a total of 554 homes were occupied at Augusta Park. This figure includes private homes, Sentinel housing association and MOD properties.

## Community

### *Community Centre*

Call in for a chat, we provide information to residents 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.

### *Weekly Centre Opening Times – 16th April - 20th July 2012*

*(Please note the community centre will not be open 4 – 8th June 2012)*

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

<b>Monday</b>	10am - 12	Informal drop in
<b>Tuesday</b>	5 - 7pm (1st Tuesday of the month)	Police Beat Surgery
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am - 12	Informal drop in
<b>Thursday</b>	2 - 5pm (fortnightly)	Sentinel Housing Drop in
<b>Friday</b>	12.30 - 2.30pm	Informal drop in
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 11am (1st Saturday of the month)	Informal drop in

## Regular Activities

- **Parent and Toddler Group**, 1st Monday every month, 1.30 – 2.30 at Spring Meadow Children’s Centre, Smannell Road. (Please note revised dates due to Bank Holidays are May 14th & June 11th)
- **Health Walks**, fortnightly on Thursdays, 10 - 11am.
- **Family Forces Group**, weekly on Wednesday’s, 1 - 2.30 at Spring Meadow Children’s Centre, Smannell Road
- **Reading Group**, held every 5 weeks, @ the Community Centre
- **Parents Coffee Group**, held monthly, @ Endeavour School.
- **Parents Coffee Group**, Mondays 9 – 10am, Term Time Only, @ Community Centre
- **Community Litter Pick**, held monthly.

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)**

A laptop is available for residents to use at the centre for enquiries and local information. There is a Book Lending Library at the community centre for residents to access reading books.



### *Parents Coffee Group*

Join us for a chat and a cuppa’ to start the week, Monday morning 9 – 10am at the Community Centre. Babies and pre- schoolers welcome. (50 pence charge to cover cost of refreshments). Beginning Monday 16th April - Term Time Only.



### *Easter Holiday Family Games Morning*

Adults and children are welcome to join in games and activities on **Wednesday 11th April** at the open space near the play park at Hedgerow Walk from 10 - 12pm. There will be activities and games to try, an Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments, kindly supplied by Sentinel H/A. This is a free event. For further information and to book a place please contact Sharon.



### *Easter Holiday Family Health Walk*

Adults and children are welcome to join a local walk for an hour on Thursday 12th April, leaving the community centre at 10am. Children will be invited to draw a map of the route after the walk at the community centre where refreshments will be served.

## February Half Term Activities at Augusta Park



### *Family Health Walk and Craft Session*

6 children and 5 adults joined the CDW for an enjoyable walk around the development to promote the local footpaths which are now established. The children were encouraged to collect natural items of interest as they walked such as twigs, leaves and fir cones. The walk lasted an hour before returning to the community centre for refreshments. The children made collage pictures with their finds.



### *Cycle Coding*

PCSO, Rebecca Williams came to the play park, Hedgerow Walk, to code bicycles using 'Cycle Wrap' a transparent label with your postcode and house number on which breaks up if picked off by a potential thief. 3 residents attended for their bikes to be coded. This event was to encourage residents to use their bikes.



### *Family Cycle Ride*

Sadly there were no takers for this event. Community Wardens, Beat Officer and PCSO came to support this event but obviously were not needed. We will arrange another Family Cycle Ride when the weather turns warmer.

## Community Litter Pick

As local residents, please spare a few moments of your time to help keep the development and parkland litter free. Meet at the open space area at Hedgerow Walk, Augusta Park. On Monday 16th April 2012, from 12.30pm to 1pm.

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



## PUBLIC ART FOR YOU!

As part of the ongoing landscaping improvements, (as set out within the housing development programme), there is an exciting opportunity for local residents to get involved in the creation of a specially commissioned artwork. The actual design for the artwork has yet to be chosen, so now is your chance to have your say as to what you'd like to be seen

located within your neighbourhood. Just to get you started; your locality and area is famed for Roman roads – so perhaps a sculpture or artwork that says something about our distant past, rich history and heritage? After all – *‘what did the Romans ever do for us!’*

To register your ideas please contact Sharon Goodridge at:  
[sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk) or phone **01264 368622**.

## Tree Planting at Augusta Park with Endeavour Pupils



Fifteen year 5 and 6 pupils from Cook Class at Endeavour School, along with teacher Miss Boulain and Miss Harris, helped TVBC Countryside Officers Boyce Jeffery and Charlotte Warwick, plant 50 trees at Augusta Park.

Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Hazel and Dog Wood saplings were planted to replace trees which had been damaged since originally being planted at the open space area near the play park, Hedgerow Walk.

The children worked hard digging holes and planting the trees, supported with wooden stakes and protected with tree covers.

The trees take about 20 years to grow to maturity and it is hoped the trees planted by the children will grow to be tall and healthy!

Sharon was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and obvious flair for gardening!



## Augusta Park Reading Group

The Augusta Park Reading Group meet on a Wednesday afternoon every 5 weeks, to discuss and review a book we have all read. Our first book to read was:

**My Sister's Keeper** by Jodi Picoult.

In summary the group enjoyed:

- the ethical issues that gave rise to interesting discussion
- the development and depth of the characters
- the relationship of the characters
- the reflections of characters from outside of the family circle

The group gave a rating of 77% to this book.

If you would like to join the Reading group please contact Sharon.

\*Thank you to the reading group member who wrote this months Book Review\*

### Community Association at Augusta Park

It is very important that residents are involved in shaping the new community and are able to influence the way that things are done. In order to achieve this, we are establishing a Community Association for residents of Augusta Park.

A Community Association is open to all local residents and gives them a role in shaping social, educational and recreational activities for their community. It also provides a focus through which local people can highlight any needs and issues of the new community. The association that will be formed in Augusta Park will also take an active role in running a new community centre in which it can base its activities.

You do not need any specific skills to help with this just a willingness to help and a little spare time, as there are a wide range of tasks that volunteers can get involved in. The organisation will be supported by TVBC and HCC to ensure that it gets the support and advice needed to be successful.

A meeting took place at the Community Centre in March, for residents to find out about Community Associations. Alison Angell from HCC provided information about how Community Association's work and what is involved for trustees. A second meeting is scheduled to provide further information regarding trustee roles and hopefully form a committee to work with the Councils and others.

Please contact Sharon if you have any queries or have an interest in joining the Community Association to support Augusta Park.



## Neighbourhood Watch

Following feedback from the recent resident survey, there was a meeting at the Community Centre in February for residents to find out about Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Community Safety at Augusta Park.

This evening's meeting saw twelve residents attend. Rebecca Williams, PCSO for the development, gave information on how NW schemes work and what is involved for resident co-ordinators. Residents were asked to contact Rebecca if they have further questions or would like to offer their support as a NW co-ordinator:

**[rebecca.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rebecca.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)**

Residents were invited to raise any concerns they had regarding crime on the development, inconsiderate parking and a youth noise incident were discussed.

Representatives from Sentinel Housing, Army Families Federation and TVBC Community Safety Team also attended to provide information to residents.

It is hoped we can raise the profile of NW around the development and encourage more residents to take an active role in NW.



## Reporting Crimes & Incidents

### *Hampshire Police*

Please dial 999 in an Emergency; a Police Emergency is defined as Incidents where:

- Someone's life is in danger;
- Someone is at risk of violence, or property is about to be damaged;
- A serious offence is in progress;
- A suspect is at the scene or an early arrest is likely;
- Serious disruption to the public is likely
- Very serious crime (e.g. Rape, GBH)

For less urgent than 999 please dial 101 (some See the Light customers are unable to access this number but mobiles should be fine).

MOD Police Control Room (24 hours) 01371 854000.

## Clean Up After Your Dog

### ...or risk an £80 fine

Did you know that bagged dog waste can be put in a normal litter bin? There are over 500 litter bins located throughout the borough so there are no excuses for not clearing up after your dog.

It is an offence to not clear up after your dog and owners may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80. Authorised council officers patrol throughout the borough including your neighbourhood.

If you know of an area that suffers from dog fouling or you have seen a person not clearing up after their dog, call Test Valley Borough Council on 01264 368000.

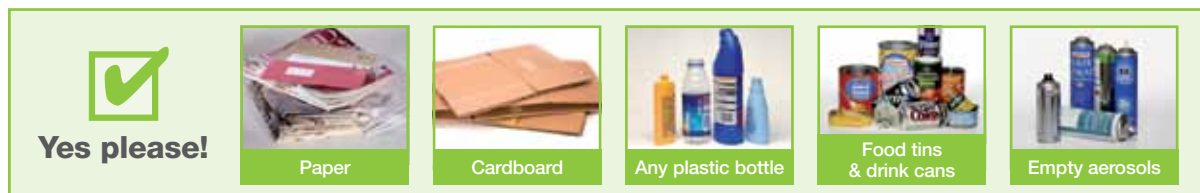
**Thank you for cleaning up after your dog around Augusta Park.**

## Your Waste Matters!

At the moment, about a third of Test Valley's household waste is recycled. It's easy to recycle and the Council's Environmental Service are working in East Anton to help residents get started and keep on track. Stickers have been put on all brown recycling bins to remind everyone what can and cannot be collected for recycling.



## What to put in your Brown Bin



Place your recycling clean and loose in your brown bin  
**NO CARRIER BAGS OR BLACK SACKS PLEASE!**



It is really important not to put the wrong things in your brown bin - we can only collect paper, card, tins and cans and plastic bottles. Place your recycling clean and loose in your brown bin - no plastic carrier bags or black sacks. Your glass bottles and jars and aluminium foil can be recycled at your Local Recycling Centre at the East Anton Community Centre. Everything else (even if it has a recycling logo) must be put in your black bin.

Used batteries and milk bottle tops can be recycled in the community centre and residents can collect BHF clothes donation bags.

The 'Green Guide to Recycling' is a pamphlet, from TVBC, to provide information, advice and guidance on how you and your family can reduce your waste. It is available, free, from the community centre or request a copy from Sharon.

For more information on waste and recycling in East Anton visit:

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

### Disposing of rubbish

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.

Rubbish can also be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Scott Close on Walworth Business Park.

Some types of bulky waste can be collected from your property by the council, contact **01264 368000**.







Following Resident feedback a grit bin has been installed at Shears Road just north of the junction with Augusta Way Central, for residents to access.

### ***East Anton Community Travel Plan***

The Community Travel plan for the East Anton area has been prepared for George Wimpey UK Ltd and Taylor Woodrow Developments Ltd, who have been working closely with Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) and Hampshire County Council (HCC).

Transport is one of the major sustainability issues in the UK, and accounts for about 20% of carbon emissions. Providing alternatives to car use and encouraging people to use more environmentally friendly transport is a key theme.

The East Anton Travel Plan should not be seen as anti-car, as travel by car is desirable and/ or convenient. The plan aims to inform residents about the availability of other methods of travel, such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Travel by sustainable modes can have many benefits including:

- Lower journey costs
- Less pollution (noise, emissions)
- Health benefits (walking and cycling)
- Creating a sense of community
- Less congested, safer roads

### ***Travel on Foot or Cycle***

Walking and cycling offers the cheapest, healthiest and convenient way of travel over short distances – generally it is considered that walking is attractive at distances up to 2 km (just over a mile) and cycling at 5km (3 miles). To enhance opportunities to walk and cycle around the East Anton area, an extensive network of pedestrian and cycling facilities have been built or improved.

### ***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 April 12 & 26 / May 10 & 24 / June 14 & 28 / July 12

### ***Cycle Ride***

Would you be interested in cycling with other residents of Augusta Park during the week, daytime?

These cycle rides would be to keep fit and an opportunity to meet other local people. The routes could be as long or short as people wanted.

If you are would like to find out more please contact Sharon.

### *Car Sharing*

Car sharing is when two or more people share a car and travel together. Car sharing is a simple way to cut the costs of fuel and parking, cut congestion and pollution, and cut the stress of driving.

You can obtain a free car sharing account via [hantscarshare.com](http://hantscarshare.com), connecting you to like minded individuals, wishing to see a reduction in traffic in Hampshire as well as reducing travel costs. There are currently 379,233 members registered with the national liftshare network and on average they each save £786.38 per year.

FREE to use

- Find drivers and passengers on-line instantly
- Find information on travel and public transport
- Reduce the congestion and pollution on our roads
- For assistance with registering call 08700 11 11 99

(Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 5:00)

Register at: [hantscarshare.com](http://hantscarshare.com)

### *Travel by Public Transport*

A bus service, Star 1, operates in the East Anton area, connecting Augusta Park with Andover town. This service operates every 15 minutes and is provided using a dedicated new low floor, low emission vehicle. For bus enquiries call 08451210190

The Star 1 service will increase as more houses become occupied at East Anton. Bus stops will be located within the development so that no house will be more than about 300m or 4 min's walk from a bus stop and all stops will be equipped with a shelter, timetable and route information.

Andover Railway Station is on the London Waterloo to Exeter St David's Line, with direct routes to Salisbury and Basingstoke. It is situated on Station Approach, off Charlton Road and The Avenue and is clearly signposted throughout the town.

For any information regarding the Community Travel Plan or local routes, please contact Sharon Goodridge, Community Development Worker, on: **01264 368622 / 01264 310921**  
**[sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk)**

### *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, covering the Andover town area.

Contact Sharon for an application form and details about the scheme. Once completed the application form needs to be taken to Beech Hurst Offices with a cheque or debit card payment of £10 (unfortunately cash payments cannot be accepted).

One pass is available per household and the £10 fee is payable per quarter.

Stagecoach buses are able to offer residents of Augusta Park a further 10% discount on bus passes once their yearly subsidised bus pass scheme has expired, followed by a 5% discount for the second year. Details explaining how residents can take up this offer will be provided when residents apply for their last quarterly bus pass.



### *Cycle vouchers*

New homeowners are reminded that they 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

## **Resident Parking at Augusta Park**

**Residents are reminded that every household has allocated parking spaces and should use these to park their vehicles.**

Cars parked on pavements make it difficult for pedestrians to walk safely and can be dangerous especially for children. Emergency services such as fire engines could also find it difficult to access some roads/ houses, where residents have parked inconsiderately.

It would be unfortunate for all residents if Parking Restrictions are required as a result of cars parking on the road side.

Vehicles parked on pavements which are causing an obstruction should be reported to the police using the 101 number (some See the Light customers are unable to access this number but mobiles should be fine).

## **Education**



### *Endeavour School*

Endeavour School has currently 122 children on roll with new families looking around regularly!

The temporary school building has been taken away and the land has become part of the open space for pupils.

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.

It is hoped that a new Preschool will open on site at Endeavour School in September 2012. This will offer 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 Sheila Sahota -Childcare Development Coordinator for Test Valley on 02380667360 or [sheila.sahota@hants.gov.uk](mailto:sheila.sahota@hants.gov.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](http://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 which has recently been updated.

[www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk) with any planning queries regarding the New Neighbourhoods in Andover.

Please continue to contact Sharon (East Anton 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)**



## Picket Twenty

The first homes have now been occupied at Picket Twenty. The development will deliver 1200 new homes overall.

The new roundabout off the A3093 has been completed and is now open.

Work has recently commenced on a bus and cycle underpass to link the new development at Picket Twenty with Andover town centre. The underpass will enable buses and cyclists to have quick and convenient access along London Road, under the A3093 into Picket Twenty Lane. No other vehicular traffic will be permitted.

Building of a new school at Picket Twenty will commence in the Summer of 2012 and is scheduled to open in September 2013.