

# Augusta Park (East Anton)



## Housing Occupations

Latest figures obtained from the developers' sales offices showed that as of end December 2011, a total of 546 homes were occupied at Augusta Park.

## Affordable Housing

Latest figures from Sentinel Housing Association show that a total of 229 affordable homes are either occupied or waiting to be allocated to tenants.

## Community

### *Temporary 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 – January to March 2012*

\*please note the centre will not be open 13, 14, 27, 28 February 2012\*

<b>Monday</b>	10am – 12pm	Informal drop in
	12 – 2pm	Pop in for a lunchtime cuppa
<b>Tuesday</b>	5 – 7pm (1st Tuesday of the month from 3rd Jan)	Police Beat Surgery
<b>Thursday</b>	2 – 5pm (fortnightly from 5th January)	Sentinel Housing Drop in
<b>Friday</b>	11.30 – 1.30pm	Informal drop in
<b>Saturday</b>	10am – 12pm (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
- **Health Walks**, fortnightly on Thursday's, 10 - 11am, from 5th January, 2012
- **Family Forces Group**, weekly on Wednesday's, 1 - 2.30 at Spring Meadow Children's Centre, Smannell Road
- **Reading Group**, held every 6 weeks, @ the Community Centre
- **Parents Coffee Group**, held monthly, @ Endeavour School.
- **Community Litter Pick**, held monthly.

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.

## February Half Term



\*\*Families are welcome to join the **Health Walk** on Thursday 16th February, leaving the community centre at 10am (please wear appropriate footwear and warm coat). The walk will be followed by a craft session until Noon, at the centre using materials found on the walk.



\*\***Family Bike Ride** on Friday 17th February leaving from the play park, Hedgerow Walk at 10am. We will be cycling on cycle routes (no roads), please encourage your child to wear a helmet and bring a drink.

For further details please contact Sharon.

## Community Litter Pick

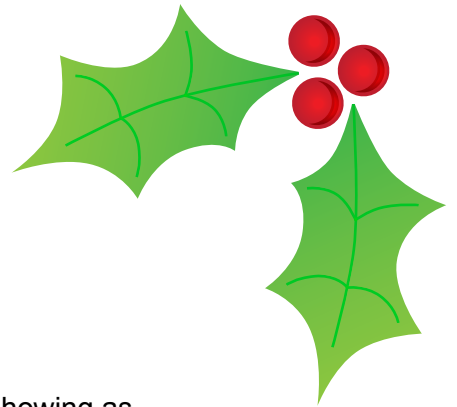
Meet at the open space area at Hedgerow Walk, Augusta Park.  
On Monday 20 Feb, 19th March, 16th April 2012 from 12.30pm to 1pm.

As local residents, please spare a few moments of your time to help keep the development and parkland litter free.



## Christmas 2011 at East Anton

The week leading up to Christmas saw three successful event/activity sessions for residents at East Anton.



18 children and their parents/carers attended a **Christmas Craft session** on Monday at the Community centre where they made cards, nativity and Christmas scenes - glitter was in abundance! It was lovely to see adults joining in and showing as much artistic flair and enthusiasm as their children!

Over 30 people came to the Community Centre on Tuesday evening for a '**Resident Christmas Get Together**'. Mince pies and mulled wine were served and Rev' Ed Dines from Knights Enham Parish led some carols which ended with the children present giving an impromptu performance of 'Away in a Manger' – heart warming.

One lucky resident won a fantastic hamper for their effort in festively decorating the outside of their house and 2 other residents were runners up, winning bottles of wine. A further resident won a family sized box of chocolates in the free raffle.

The refreshments and prizes were donated by Sentinel Housing association who generously supported the event. Cllr Sandra Hawke and Cllr Phil North also attended and were able to chat to residents.

A **Health Walk** on Thursday morning around the development was enjoyable and not too cold – thankfully - although 'wellies' were a must! 19 people joined in the walk, the children doing especially well at an 'I Spy game', and keeping up with the adults - we didn't hear any whines of 'Are we there yet?' (from the children or adults!). Refreshments were served at the Community Centre following the walk.

*All residents at Augusta Park are invited to join in community activities.*

## 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 would like to establish 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 will take place at the Community Centre on Monday 12th March, 7 – 8pm for any residents who would like to find out more about Community Associations &/ or become involved at Augusta Park.

Please contact Sharon if you have any queries or have an interest in joining a Community Association but are unable to attend the meeting on Monday 12th March – thank you.



### Neighbourhood Watch

Following feedback from the recent resident survey, there will be a meeting at the Community Centre on Thursday 16th February, 7 – 8pm, to find out about Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Community Safety at Augusta Park.



Our local PCSO and Community Warden will be present to provide information to residents. If you would like further details or are unable to attend the meeting please contact Sharon

### Resident Survey

Residents were asked to complete a survey to provide local feedback regarding the East Anton development which will help TVBC understand the views of local people.

**Thank you to all the residents who completed and returned the recent resident survey, we appreciate your time.**

It would have been useful to have more surveys returned, however those which were, represented 6% of households on Augusta Park.

All comments and feedback from residents have been passed onto relevant departments at TVBC for their action.

Results from the Community section of the survey are:

- 86% of respondents said they were happy living on Augusta Park and 82% of respondents said they felt safe living here.
- 66% of respondents said they thought the development was well planned.
- 69% of respondents commented they hadn't visited the community centre
- 34% of respondents said they would be interested in supporting the community.
- 66% of respondents are aware of the bi-monthly resident newsletter.
- 51% of respondents said they would like to find out about Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.
- Respondents commented that not all the Street Lights around the development were lit at night.
- Respondents commented they would like to be able to recycle glass at Augusta Park.
- 100% of respondents who use the bus service felt the service was regular.
- 76% of respondents felt there were adequate footpaths and local cycle routes leading to town.

If you would like an in-depth analysis of the survey results please contact Sharon.



In light of what you've told us:

- Please let Sharon know if you would like to make use of the centre but find the opening times inconvenient.
- We have arranged a meeting about establishing a Community Association for Augusta Park on Monday 12th March, 7-8pm at the Community Centre, please join us.
- If you would like to receive a copy of the resident newsletter via email or post please contact Sharon.
- We have arranged a resident meeting to provide information regarding Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, on Thursday 16th February at the Community Centre, 7 -8pm, please join us.
- As parts of the development are yet to be adopted by the local authority, HCC have produced a map of the development highlighting un-lit street lights and have asked the developers to look into this issue.
- We have arranged for a mixed glass recycling bin and silver foil bin to be installed outside the community centre for residents to use.

## 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.



## 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. There is usually a charge for this service.

Following requests from residents and comments given via the resident surveys, a glass and a foil recycling bin are now situated at the community centre for people to use. This is a temporary measure until the permanent recycling centre is established on the south side of Smannell Road, once the local centre is developed there.

You can also recycle used batteries and plastic milk bottle tops at the community centre as well as 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.



## 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.



## Community Travel

### *East Anton Subsidised Bus Pass Scheme*

Residents are reminded that 'Andover Area Mega Rider' subsidised bus passes are available for new households, covering the Andover town area.

To date 105 vouchers have been issued, including renewals.

An application form and details about the scheme can be found on the TVBC website or from Sharon Goodridge.

Once completed the forms need 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 (one voucher available per home). For details contact Sharon.



### *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 2nd & 16th February / 1st, 15th & 29th March 2012**

## 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 were 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).







DATES FOR  
FUTURE READING  
GROUPS ARE:  
Feb' 29th, March 28th,  
May 2nd, May 30th &  
July 4th.

## Augusta Park Reading Group

**A Reading Group has been established for Augusta Park, with 4 residents keen to get involved.**

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At our initial meeting we decided we would meet every 5 weeks to discuss and review the book we have read since our last meeting.

A selection of books the group would like to read was chosen from the Hampshire Library Reading Group web site. **Our first read is 'My Sister's Keeper' by Jodie Piccoult.**

A short review of the books we read will be featured in the Resident Newsletter.

Dates for future Reading Groups are:

**Feb' 29th**

**March 28th**

**May 2nd**

**May 30th &**

**July 4th.**

We will meet at the Community Centre on East Anton Farm Road, Augusta Park, 1 – 2.30pm. All residents are welcome to join the group.

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For information please contact:

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## Education

### *Endeavour School*

Endeavour School re-opened for the Spring Term in a brand new building on Augusta Park. Staff and children are thrilled to be in the new building. There are currently 115 children on roll with new families looking around regularly!

Staff, parents and pupils are very impressed with the new school, resources and amenities. Tours around the new building have been offered to parents.

The temporary school building will be taken away and the land will 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 the summer of 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 New Neighbourhoods page of the Council's website by accessing: [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)

then following:- [About Test Valley](#) > [Community](#) > [New Neighbourhoods in T.V](#) > [East Anton](#)

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 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.

By the time that 50 homes are occupied, a Community Worker will be in post and a temporary community centre will be located at the site.

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

Construction works are continuing on the new housing and access roads. Pedestrian/cycle links, linking the new development and areas beyond, i.e. Harewood, with Micheldever Road, (and therefore into Andover Town) are in place.

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