



Augusta Park (East Anton)

Housing Occupations

Latest figures obtained from the developers' sales offices showed that as of end March 2011, a total of 402 homes were occupied at Augusta Park.

Affordable Housing

Latest figures from Sentinel Housing Association showed that as of end March 2011, a total of 207 affordable homes were either occupied or waiting to be allocated to tenants.



Community: *Temporary Community Centre*



Alteration works to ensure that the temporary community centre complies with the Disability Discrimination Act are soon to be completed by the developers. This will mean that the centre can be opened for information and residents can call in to meet Sharon Goodridge (Community Development Worker).



Local Pre School Places

In a later phase of the development, land will be made available for a day nursery once 300 homes are occupied to the south of Smannell Road. In the meantime, the nearest pre school to Augusta Park is **Shepherds Spring Pre School** at Spring Meadow Children's Centre, Smannell Road - **01264 362534**. Some residents have expressed concern at the lack of pre school places in the area, which officers at Hampshire County Council are trying to address. If you need a pre school place or are looking for information regarding child care in the area, please visit the Hampshire Family Information directory:

www3.hants.gov.uk

or contact Heather Bevis at **heather.bevis@hants.gov.uk**.



Augusta Park Health Walks

...continue fortnightly on Thursdays from 10 - 11am, leaving from outside the temporary community centre on the corner of Sunflower Way and Pasture Walk. All residents are welcome. Please wear suitable footwear/clothing and bring a drink. Future dates for the local walks are 14th & 28th April, 12th May, 2nd, 16th & 30th June.

**For details please contact Sharon Goodridge on:
01264 368622 / sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk.**



Parent and Toddler Group

East Anton Parent and Toddler Group runs on the first Monday in the month 1.30 - 2.30pm at Spring Meadow Children's Centre, Smannell Road. Parents and children under 4 are all welcome for craft, story and song time, £1 to cover costs.

For details please contact Sharon Goodridge.

Community Events at Augusta Park - *dates for your diary*

Date	Event	Venue
<i>Wednesday 27th April</i>	<p>Cycle Coding Melodie Manning, Crime Prevention Officer, will be offering free cycle coding. Bring your bike along to the school where a 'Cycle Wrap' will be attached to your bike. This is a transparent label with your postcode and house number on which breaks up if it is picked off.</p>	<p>Endeavour School Cheviot Road Augusta Park</p> <p>10am - 12pm</p> <p>Free Event</p>
<i>Friday 20th May</i>	<p>National Work from Home Day For Augusta Park residents working from home on this day, you are invited for a Lunch Break cuppa' and sandwich. Please let Sharon know if you can make it so she can put the kettle on!</p>	<p>Temporary community centre, Sunflower Way Augusta Park</p> <p>12.30pm - 1.30pm</p> <p>Free Event</p>
<i>Sunday 5th June</i>	<p>National Big Lunch Day You are invited to come along to a residents' family picnic, with fun and games! Please bring a blanket or chairs to sit on and your picnic lunch with drinks (sorry no BBQs).</p>	<p>Green open space Hedgerow Walk Augusta Park</p> <p>12.30pm - 2pm</p> <p>Free Event</p>
<i>Saturday 6th July</i>	<p>Smannell Music in the Park</p>	<p>For details contact smannellpcgmail.com</p>
<i>Saturday 12th Nov</i>	<p>Fireworks Event</p>	<p>For details contact smannellpcgmail.com</p>

For details on any of these events please contact Sharon Goodridge (Community Development Worker) on **01264 368622** / sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk

Explore Andover Library

Andover Library is a wonderful resource for all ages so whether you're a keen library user already or it's a long time since you set foot in a library, do take advantage of everything your local library has to offer this summer. It is free to borrow books and joining is quick and easy.

For children under four there is a weekly **Toddler Time** with stories and activities.

For the under twos there is the twice weekly **Baby Bounce and Rhymetime**. Over the summer holiday, primary school children will love to take part in **Circus Stars** which is this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

For adults, a range of art and craft workshops take place regularly in the library and you and your family will never run out of something to read with access to a huge choice of bestsellers and books on practically every subject under the sun.

There is also free internet access and a Local Help Point where you can get advice and information from a range of organisations.

Explore further by visiting:

www.hants.gov.uk/library

or better still come into Andover Library which is in the Chantry Centre. It is open Saturdays and Sundays as well as every day during the week.



Recreation & Open Space

Dog waste/litter bins have now been installed within the central open space. The developer is providing funding to enable TVBC to carry out the future maintenance of this area but as yet these payments have not been received.

Transport: *Bus passes*

New residents are reminded that subsidised bus passes are available for new households. An application form and details about the scheme can be found on the Council's website via the following link <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=10127> 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). 1 pass is available per household and the £10 fee is payable per quarter. 58 bus passes have been issued to date which includes some renewals.



Enham Arch Roundabout

Works to upgrade the Enham Arch roundabout are progressing well. The majority of the roundabout will become four lanes wide with a signal control on the roundabout at each of the main road junctions. This will increase capacity and aims to address the congestion problems which have in the past been particularly severe at weekends and bank holidays.

The complex signal arrangement on New Street at the River Way/Enham Retail Park junction will be made simpler by restricting turning manoeuvres which will increase capacity. Access to the Retail Park will be 'left in' and 'left out' only. In order to prevent Retail Park traffic from having to divert via the Smannell Road roundabout, a new link road will be built between Homebase and KFC. Negotiations over the provision of this link road have taken some time because the land is not under the control of the Council. Construction is due to commence at the end of April and this will allow Enham Retail Park customers to gain direct access to and from the large roundabout.

Community Travel Plan

The next Community Travel Plan meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th May from 6 - 7pm at the temporary community centre, Sunflower Walk. Please contact Sharon Goodridge for details. An information sheet can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Information for Residents

Residents are reminded that they can view the monthly newsletters and access local information on the New Neighbourhoods section of the Council's website via the following link <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=8801> (or via the Housing, Health & Community Service homepage).

A Frequently Asked Questions page covering various issues about Augusta Park is available to view on the New Neighbourhoods page of the Council's website (accessed via the above link).

Picket Twenty

The development at Picket Twenty for 1200 new homes is progressing well. The developers' marketing suites are open and construction works are continuing on the new housing, A3093 roundabout and access roads.



For more information please contact:

Sarah Tose (*Planning Policy*) on 01794 527812 / stose@testvalley.gov.uk or
Sharon Goodridge (*East Anton Community Development Worker*)
 on 01264 368622 / sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk

What is a community Travel Plan?

The travel plan aims to inform residents about the availability of alternatives to the car, such as walking, cycling and public transport (bus/train) which can be used within Andover and for commuting to further afield destinations

What will it do for my family?

Travel by sustainable modes can have many benefits including:

- » Lower journey costs through car sharing, cycling or walking
- » Less pollution locally (noise, emissions)
- » Health benefits (walking and cycling)
- » Get to know your community by walking and cycling
- » Less congested safer roads for all highway users. Safer routes to School for children living in Augusta Park.

What is 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. Why not join <https://hants.liftshare.com/default.asp> and find a car sharer.

What public transport is available?

Andover Railway Station is on the main London, West Country line, with local direct routes to Salisbury and Basingstoke, Reading and London. Parking is available on site and later buses from Augusta Park will serve the rail station.

Star 1 operates by Stagecoach now serves East Anton area, connecting Augusta Park with Andover town a bus stop has been provided along Ickneid Way. This service initially operates every 30 minutes but will increase to every 15 minutes as more houses become occupied.

Cycle routes are being provided through Augusta Park and link the residential area to the town centre and other key destinations e.g. Schools. Local maps indicating cycle and pedestrian routes are available.

Walking - routes throughout the site link the new neighbourhood with existing local facilities and town.

How can I get involved?

There are a number of ways you can get involved;

- » Join in at travel plan meetings. Learn about what is going on and shape future travel plan developments
- » Try and make small changes to travel behaviour; use alternatives car locally
- » Join in the healthy walks
- » Participate in local cycle rides
- » Support national and local events i.e. National Bike Week, Cycle to Work and School Days
- » Support children locally to Walk to School

For more information please visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=10118

