

East Anton Resident Newsletter



Dear Resident, your East Anton Resident Newsletter will be taking on a new look for 2016. Going forward a resident newsletter will be produced by the Augusta Park Community Association. The publication will continue to provide very useful information and updates of current projects and issues happening locally. Test Valley Borough Council will continue to support APCA by providing information on planning and new initiatives happening on the development.

Keeping in touch

Kristina Choules, who previously provided the Community Development Worker post on the development held a database of residents contact details, if you receive a copy of the newsletter then you are on the database. As the Community Development role has ceased and Augusta Park Community Association have taken on aspects of this former role, we would like to share your contact details with them so that you can continue to receive updates. If you DO NOT wish your contacts to be shared with Augusta Park Community Association, please can you email lrice@testvalley.gov.uk stating this, or phone Louisa Rice on **01264 368810**.

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Augusta Park Community Association

Augusta Park Community Association is a group of unpaid trustees and volunteers who believe that building a community will improve the lives of all living in the area. They spend their spare time maintaining and running the new community centre, which opened in July 2015. Since then, the Trustees have been busy successfully applying for grants to help purchase much needed items. They have now managed to equip the kitchen and office, as well as provide furniture throughout the building. They also have to ensure the building is regularly cleaned, secure and safe to use.

The community centre hosts regular groups such as Insanity, Chatty Crafters, a toddler group and The Augustians, our over 50's group. In addition to private hire, we try to run regular events and recently held a successful children's Halloween party. There were lots of games, crafts and spooky story telling, as well as a quiz for the adults in the evening. We have lots of ideas for events that we would like to put on next year and hope that the community will support us in regularly attending these events. Any money made goes towards the costs of running the centre. We will soon be launching the Green Spaces Project, as well as getting our "pop up" coffee shop up and running on a regular basis.

Without the trustees and volunteers, it would not be possible for the centre to remain open. There is a surprising amount of work involved in keeping it going, from ensuring we have risk assessments and safety procedures /policies in place, opening and closing the centre and marketing and advertising to bookings, financial accounts, facilities management, cleaning, events planning and liaison with other local groups and authorities to name a few.

We are always looking for new volunteers or trustees to get involved and help us out. No experience is necessary, we just ask for enthusiasm and a commitment of some of your spare time on a regular basis. If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, or would like more information on any part of the community centre, please email contact@myaugustapark.org.uk



Augusta Park Community Association



Do you want to get involved and help run the community centre and events?

We are always looking for new volunteers .

No qualifications necessary, just enthusiasm and some spare time.

To find out more email us on contact@myaugustapark.org.uk

Visit our Facebook Page or www.myaugustapark.org.uk for more details





The Augusta Park community centre

This is a fantastic facility in the heart of the development which we hope will become an integral part of the community as a place to meet, hold events and become a central hub for all residents.

If you would be interested in booking any of the three rooms within the community centre, details of costs and bookings can be found on bookings@myaugustapark.org.uk

The main hall is 200 square metres, and the two meeting rooms are 30 square metres each or can be combined into one 60 square metre room.

Augusta Park Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 5 December, Augusta Park community centre held its first Christmas Fayre. Ten craft stands were in the main hall, giving lots of ideas for Christmas presents or for decorating your house.

Our pop up coffee shop was open, selling coffee, teas and hot chocolate along with mince pies and warm pasties. For the little ones, there was gingerbread man decorating plus the opportunity to make lanterns for the lantern parade the week before Christmas.

We also had our new soft play equipment out for the toddlers, which kept them amused for ages. With some festive tunes in the background and lots of Christmas jumpers, the only thing missing was snow!



What's on?

Augusta Park Community Association post details of upcoming events on their website www.myaugustapark.org.uk

Information about local activities and events is also displayed on the community notice board, situated at the children's play park at Hedgerow Walk.

Hants Alert

If you're keen to be kept right up to date with current incidents, or alerts local to your area then sign up to Hants Alert, a new update service provided by Hampshire Police. Visit www.hampshirealert.co.uk.



Baby news!

We are pleased to announce that Kristina Choules, the Augusta Park Community Development Worker gave birth to a healthy, bouncy baby girl in September. Mother and baby are doing very well. Kristina and baby Lydia dropped in to see the Augustians and were showered with cuddles and gifts, for which I know she was very grateful. Sadly, Kristina will not be returning to the role on Augusta Park. The contract for this role ceases at the end of January, when the Section 106 Developer Fund ends.

New 'My Hampshire' electronic newsletter

Hampshire County Council is creating a new electronic newsletter, My Hampshire, for Hampshire residents to keep them better connected to latest news. The newsletter will include links to leisure activities, public consultations that may be of interest, roadworks, public notices, job opportunities and more.

Hampshire County Council would really value your feedback to help inform the development of the newsletter. You can complete a short survey and register online at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/myhampshire-subscribe>

Development update

The planning of the Southern Local Centre continues with liaison between Test Valley Borough Council, the developer and the County Council with particular regard to the delivery of the primary school, as well as other facilities such as the Indoor Sports Facility and a children's nursery.

All planning applications relating to East Anton, Augusta Park can be found on the Test Valley Borough Council planning portal.

www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/planningandbuildingcontrol/viewplanningapplicationsonline/view-planning-applications-online

Sports Pavilion and pitches

Test Valley Borough Council now have legal ownership of the sports pavillion and pitches.

Cricket will be played from April and in September the football pitches will be open for junior football teams to play on.

For more information on sports pitches, please contact www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/sportsandactivities/sportleisurefacilities/sports-facility-hire

Housing occupation figures

Official figures obtained from Taylor Wimpey, show that at the end of December, 1,220 properties were occupied at Augusta Park. This includes private homes, MOD housing and housing association properties.

By the way, if you've ever wondered why the development is called both East Anton, and Augusta Park, East Anton is the 'official' title of the development from the planning stage. However when work started, the first phase was called Augusta Park and this is the name that has stuck, and by which the majority of people still call the development.

Play areas

Work to rectify defects to the large climbing unit with slide located off Smannell Road will be completed shortly. This is being done by the equipment manufacturer, under warranty.

Augusta Park Survey

The Augusta Park resident survey went live in September 2015, however responses to date have been too low for us to be able to use them to get a real sense of residents' thoughts. We are interested in finding out what you like, are not so keen on, or what is needed to help build a sustainable and pleasant place to live in. We have therefore extended the deadline to the end of March 2016.

Please could you take a few minutes of your time to complete the survey, as this really will help us to plan services and shape the future of Augusta Park.

The survey can be found online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AugustaParkSurvey>

If you would prefer a paper version, you can contact Louisa Rice on lrice@testvalley.gov.uk

The results of the 2014 survey can be found on www.testvalley.gov.uk on the Augusta park pages.

Interested in cycling?

The Augusta Park cycle group can be contacted via www.facebook.com/groups/519994771501314



Health Walks

Health Walks continue to run every two weeks on Thursday mornings at 10.30am, leaving from the Augusta Park Community Centre. The walks take approximately one hour and are accompanied by a trained health walk leader. There is no charge to attend the walks. Please wear comfortable footwear and bring a waterproof coat and a bottle of water. The walks are currently led by Kat Slawska, who is a neighbourhood warden with Test Valley Borough Council. Kat will continue to support the Health Walks for a bit longer, however to keep them going permanently on Augusta Park, we really need some volunteer Health Walk leaders to come forward.

Free training is provided to become an accredited Health Walk leader and you will be provided with support from Test Valley Borough Council. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Health Walk Leader, please contact Louisa Rice on lrice@testvalley.gov.uk or **01264 368810**.

There are a number of other Health Walks around Andover and the surrounding area. These can be found at

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/cyclingwalking/>

Travel Plan

Works have commenced on the bus arch which will link Cricketers and River Way. On completion of this work, buses will be able to use it to access Augusta Park. This, coupled with the opening of the northern spine via a bus only gate, will greatly improve bus services to Augusta Park by providing a new twice an hour service. The current provisional date for the commencement of the new service is end of February 2016, although this is dependent on infrastructure being completed.

It is proposed that Wheelers will be providing the new bus service, which will link to key destinations including the town centre and railway station. For further updates and information, please see the Test Valley Borough Council website.

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 account with Hampshire Car Share by visiting liftshare.com. More than 370,000 members are registered with the national liftshare network and on average they each save more than £780 per year. For assistance with registering, call **08700 11 11 99** (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm).

Cycle vouchers

New homeowners are eligible for a £50 cycle voucher from the developers to spend on cycling accessories at Halfords. One voucher is available per home. You can pick up an application form for the voucher from the community centre. You simply fill in this application and then send it back to Taylor Wimpey through the address on the form. For more information please contact Annie Tomlinson at Test Valley Borough Council on **01264 368000** or email atomlinson@testvalley.gov.uk.

My Journey

My Journey offers you travel information, advice and top tips on travel choices in your area. You can find cycle routes, walking maps, public transport links and information, inspirational real life stories, local events and information about courses at www.myjourneyhampshire.com.





Bus Pass Scheme

As Augusta Park is now serviced by the Wheelers Bus Company, the Stagecoach bus pass scheme for residents is no longer available and a Wheelers bus pass scheme for Augusta Park residents is available instead. This scheme allows residents to apply for up to one year's worth of subsidised bus travel. The bus pass costs £10 for three months and can be used for unlimited travel on Andover town bus services provided by Wheelers. The passes are limited to one per household (on first occupation) on a first-come first-served basis, until funds are depleted. The bus pass is transferable between members of the same household. Anyone who hasn't had their full quota of Stagecoach passes or is the first occupant of the house and has not applied for a pass will be able to apply for a Wheelers pass.

You can download an application form for the bus pass scheme on Test Valley Borough Council's website at this link

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/workingwithcommunities/mylocalarea/alamein/augusta-park/east-anton-augusta-park-community-travel-plan/>

Geocaching (hide and seek grows up)

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity for all ages, in which participants use a global positioning system (GPS) on a phone or other device to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", anywhere in the world.

A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook with a pen or pencil. The geocacher enters the date they found it and signs it with their established code name. After signing the log, the cache must be placed back exactly where the person found it. Larger containers such as plastic storage containers have items for trading, such as toys or trinkets. These are usually of more sentimental worth than financial. You remove a 'treasure' but replace it with one of your own. There are a number of geocaching sites on Augusta Park and many in the wider area, so if you fancy giving it a go, visit www.geocaching.com/play

Traffic Management on site

Concerns about where and how people park, blocking footpaths and obscuring sightlines are still a major complaint. Please use your allocated parking spaces to park your vehicles, this would go a long way to reducing this issue. There have been reports of cars parked close to junctions and roundabouts, which causes restricted vision. Cars parked on pavements and roadsides make it difficult for pedestrians to move around safely. This can be especially dangerous for children.

Wheelchair users and residents with buggies have often been forced to walk on the road which is unsafe. Bin collection has also not been possible on certain roads due to bad parking. Emergency Service vehicles, such as fire engines, would also find it difficult to access some roads and houses where residents have parked inconsiderately.

It is also worth noting that many companies will void insurance on damage to, or caused by, a car parked that is causing an obstruction.

We have also sought clarification from the police regarding the reporting of parked cars on the 101 number. Reports on 101 should be made if:

- a vehicle is causing an obstruction and is preventing access to a driveway where there is a dropped curb.

- a vehicle is parked within 10 metres of a junction.
- a vehicle is parked which would prevent emergency vehicles getting through.
- a vehicle is causing an obstruction by parking on the pavement and not allowing for pedestrians with pushchairs/wheelchairs to walk past.

The police can not respond to concerns regarding inconsiderate or general bad parking.

Test Valley Borough Council's enforcement officers have begun patrols of the yellow lines installed at East Anton. Early evening patrols are not carried out routinely, however you can request additional targeted patrols by contacting **01264 368000** or by emailing carparks@testvalley.gov.uk

The parking spaces between the yellow lines are positioned to restrict forward visibility. This is intended to slow cars down so that they manoeuvre past the parked cars at the appropriate speed to see if the road ahead is clear. If you have any concerns regarding these parking spaces, please contact engineering@testvalley.gov.uk



Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. The idea behind it is simple, 'Getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime.'

The Augusta Park Neighbourhood Watch scheme is part of the Andover scheme, chaired by volunteer, Marion Kerley. The scheme works by having coordinators who become the point of contact for a street or area. These coordinators meet together every 6 to 8 weeks with organisations such as the police, Neighbourhood Warden and housing associations. The Augusta Park Neighbourhood Watch scheme has already had lots of successes and is a fun, interesting and social initiative to be involved with, that could even lower your house insurance.

If you would like to become involved in the Augusta Park Neighbourhood Watch scheme, please contact PCSO Chloe Dunmall on chloe.dunmall@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Safer neighbourhoods

Chloe Dunmall is our local police community support officer for Augusta Park. She can be contacted by phoning 101 or by emailing chloe.dunmall@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



Enham Alamein Post Office and Stores: a invitation from the proprietors

Dear Augusta Park resident

We would like to invite you to come along to our Shop and Post Office and see for yourself the goods and services we have on offer.

We moved here 11 years ago and set about establishing a well stocked store. There are many local products on sale including handmade pies and cakes, crafts, giftware and more, as we do our best to support local enterprises. Each day we cook, on the premises, bread and pastries and hot food including hot dogs. A superb Tchibo coffee machine awaits if you have walked the few minutes down the Cinder Track. If you travel by car, there is parking to the left of the shop for a quick pull in and go, or in front of the Landale Wilson Hall and an overflow car park at the rear.

We provide all of the Post Office services excluding car tax and passports . For your convenience, the Post Office opens at 7 am on a week day and Saturday morning.

Look forward to meeting you soon,

Leslie & Tim Francis

Recycling Stars Supporters

Recycling Stars Supporters are organisations and individuals who work with the recycling team at Test Valley Borough Council to promote recycling in their community. The Recycling Star has had a busy year welcoming new supporters and working with existing supporters at events and workshops across the borough.

We are now inviting local schools, businesses and community organisations to pledge their support. If you'd like to join in, visit www.testvalley.gov.uk for more information.



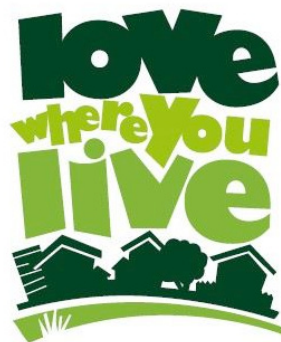
What's new in Waste and Recycling?

Our waste collection teams use information tags to help householders recycle more of their waste. These tags have recently been updated to include all the latest information. If you find a tag on your bin, you will also receive a postcard with details and advice about what you can and can't put in each of your bins. Please follow the advice carefully.

Want to Report It? There's an app for that!

There is now a new way you can report environmental crimes to Test Valley Borough Council as soon as you spot them. My Test Valley is a brand new smartphone app, which allows residents to report issues such as fly tipping, graffiti and street cleaning to the council quickly and easily. The app is simple to use, free of charge and works with the mapping software on your phone, so you can pinpoint the location of your concern whilst on the move.

The app is available to download on iPhones, iPads, Android devices and Windows Phone.



Contact: Alice Keeping, Environmental Project Officer, Test Valley Borough Council on **01264 368177** or **akeeping@testvalley.gov.uk**

Garden Waste

The best way to dispose of garden waste is home composting, you can then throw in vegetable peelings etc. from the kitchen, If this is not practical for you however, the garden waste scheme is an option.

The garden waste service collects your grass cuttings, pruned branches, weeds and leaves fortnightly and is used to make Pro-Grow . This year residents who opt into this service will have the choice of using a wheeled bin or a reusable sack.

If you would like a 240 litre green wheeled bin for your garden waste, you can buy one from the Council. There is a one-off charge of £25 additional to the cost of your annual subscription. You can purchase the bin online (when subscribing to the service) or by telephone.

If you already have a spare wheeled bin at home, you can use this instead. Let us know when you subscribe and we will send you a garden waste label for your bin.

For more information **www.testvalley.gov.uk**

Andover Trees United News

Andover Trees United, winner of a 2015 Guardian/ Observer Ethical Award (Young Green Champions category), will be 5 years old in January 2016!

2016 marks the mid-point of the 10-year woodland creation project, turning a farmer's field into landscaped community woodland. The young people of Andover, through their schools and supported by adult volunteers, have to date planted several thousand trees, named the wood and submitted woodland designs and wish-lists. Families have raised wildflowers from seed and have planted them to add diversity to the woodland meadow.

In addition to this, hundreds of trees and 2 community orchards have been planted in the town itself. This year, the mid-point of the planting programme, will see a significant feature tree being planted in **Harmony Woods** to mark the 300th anniversary of Capability Brown as well as the construction of a wildlife pond. In advance of this, there will be a community archaeological dig on the site of the pond which sits between two bronze-age barrows.

In addition to these special events, there will be seasonal woodland management days and social events across the year.

We hope you will join in with this award-winning environmental project on your doorstep and help to grow the wood for all to enjoy.

Opportunities for volunteering

Whether you have time to spare on a regular or an occasional basis, we welcome volunteers of all ages. Volunteering is both outdoors in the wood and administratively, behind the scenes. We would love to hear from you if you would like to help in any way.

For further details and directions to Harmony Woods visit: www.andovertrees.org.uk

Contact: andovertreesunited@gmail.com



Planting Endeavour School's section of hedge

Winter & Spring 2016 Programme of Events

All events are family friendly; please dress warmly to combat the weather!

Saturday 23rd January, 10 am – 1 pm

Tree Planting Ladies Walk; in association with TARCA

Sunday 14th February, 10 am – 1 pm

Love Harmony Woods: simple woodland management tasks
Introductions & Demonstrations on the hour

Early April *Date to be decided*

Spring Management & Wildflower Planting, Harmony Woods

May 14th – 29th

'Between the Barrows' – Community Archaeological Dig
In Harmony Woods; in association with Southampton
University

For further details and directions to Harmony Woods visit:

http://www.andovertrees.org.uk/Andover_Trees/Home.html

Contact: andovertreesunited@gmail.com

The Augustians



**Wednesday mornings,
10.30am until 12.30pm**

Meeting at the Augusta Park Community Centre, East Anton Farm Road.

As well as an opportunity to meet other local residents, there is a diary of enjoyable activities developed for the sessions. The usual diary of events is as follows:

1st Wednesday of the month – Guest speaker

2nd Wednesday of the month – Trip Out*

3rd Wednesday of the month – Activity

4th Wednesday of the month – Coffee and Chat

*Please note for the trip out the group will not meet at the community centre.

Tea and coffee served.

£4 per person monthly attendance fee. Couples £6.

*A group
for local
residents over
the wonderful
age of 50
years!*

For more information please contact Wendy at elderfieldwendy@gmail.com



OPEN TO ALL AGES AND DISCIPLINES

2-3PM WORKSHOPS ARE TO GIVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF PARK ETIQUETTE AND HOW TO RIDE SAFELY

3-4PM ALL ARE WELCOME PARTICULARLY LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN BECOME SKATE PARK RANGERS TO BE MENTORS TO YOUNGER USERS AND ASSIST LOOKING AFTER THE PARK

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WORKSHOPS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IF THE SKATEPARK IS EXCESSIVELY WET. ANY CANCELLED SESSIONS WILL BE ADDED TO THE END OF THE PROGRAMME

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT LAURA JONES ON 01264 368831 OR EMAIL LJONES@TESTVALLEY.GOV.UK

Test Valley
Borough Council 

12 FREE WORKSHOPS

**URBAN SPORTS PARK
SMANNELL ROAD
ANDOVER**

SATURDAY 6TH FEB 2-4PM

SATURDAY 13TH FEB 2-4PM

SATURDAY 20TH FEB 2-4PM

SATURDAY 27TH FEB 2-4PM

SATURDAY 5TH MAR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 12TH MAR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 19TH MAR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 26TH MAR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 2ND APR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 9TH APR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 16TH APR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 23RD APR 2-4PM

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Your local Councillors:

Augusta Park, East Anton is in the Alamein Ward of Test Valley Borough Council. Your Borough Councillors are:



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Augusta Park, East Anton falls under the boundary of Smannell Parish Council

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Councillor **Tim Rolt**

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Mobile: 07795 204233

Email: timothy.rolt@hants.gov.uk

Smannell Parish Council

The majority of Augusta Park falls under the boundary of Smannell Parish Council. They have been supporting the development and have provided funds to Augusta Park Community Association to help to equip the Community Centre. They have also purchased a defibrillator that will shortly be installed at the Centre. The Parish Council also have plans to supply benches

and bins, once the land has been transferred and the Health Walkers have been out and about on the development, identifying potential suitable spots for seating.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Smannell Parish Council meetings and further details of this and the work of the Parish Council can be found on

www.smannellparishcouncil.org.uk