



Newsletter

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1. Grit Bins

The two grit bins are being refilled ready for winter. Please help us by:

- Using it only on roads and pavements, not private property.
- Please be economical; one shovel full is enough for 20-30 square metres (too much will damage the environment).
- Only spread grit when there are no moving vehicles or pedestrians about.
- Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen easily.
- Don't assume the road or footway is safe just because it has been gritted.

2. Shovel Wardens

If it snows, and you want to help clear the pavement in front of your house, before it freezes, please contact one of the shovel wardens listed below. They will lend you one of the association's shovels.

Brian Beck, 487358, 111 Highdown Road
Derek Bishop, 478358, 16 East Way
Alan Chapman, 483501, 10 Highdown Road
Ian Eiloart, 07876-123-969, 20 East Way
Karen Jones, 472723, 4 Firle Crescent
David Sale, 477170, 59 North Way
Alan Underhill, 473146, 52 North Way
Chris Warren, 455444, 4a South Way
Jim Attwood, 471085, 31 South Way

If you would like to join this list, contact, Ian Eiloart, number as above.

3. Christmas Trail of Artists & Makers

Tina Deubert has offered to co-ordinate a Christmas open houses event on the Nevill Estate, during the weekend of 15th/16th December, and she is looking for participants to show their artwork. She hopes to have enough houses to attract visitors from outside the estate.

If you would like to take part, please email Tina (TinaDeubert@gmail.com). Also, feel free to ask fellow creators to join you.

4. Residents Association meeting: 24 September 2012

A presentation was given by Dan Ross, manager of Landport Bottom, to update the meeting on progress. He said that under the stewardship of Natural England, the aim is to

restore the chalk grassland. For this purpose sixty-five Southdown sheep and a ram have been purchased and are already in action. The level of grazing would be controlled allowing wildflowers and wildlife to increase. Some of the fencing surrounding the area may be realigned to create 2.5 acres of extra grazing land. Since the lifting of restrictions on the recreational use of the land, there were now fewer conflicts. Also, two new dog-waste bins have been installed at Firle Crescent and Hawkenbury Way.

5. Street Lighting is changing.

From the 1st October the County Council changed the operation of street lighting on Nevill. On Nevill Rd, the lights have been dimmed by 50% between 12.30 to 6.00am. Distributor roads: Highdown Rd, Mount Harry Rd, South Way, North Way, Firle Cres, and Nevill Cres, 50% of the lights have been turned off between 12.30 to 5.30am. For connecting roads: Windover, Caburn, Hamsey, Firle Cres, Middle Way, Cross Way, Hawkenbury Way, The Gallops, Sheepfair, and Downs Close, the lights are turned off at 12.30 until 6.00am. This is for a trial period and the aim is to save money and reduce carbon emissions.

6. Drainage on Nevill

The County Council has recently taken over lead responsibility for drainage, and the Residents Association has asked them to prioritise the problems on Nevill. During October all the drains, gullies and pipes have been inspected and cleaned, along with maintenance of the main soakaways. This long-overdue work should reduce the flooding. Also, the consulting engineer is keen to receive information residents have on rainfall, floods, and household soakaways. If you have kept rainfall data, have photographs of recent floods, or know how household surface water is channelled to soakaways, please contact Alan Chapman (Tel: 483501 or email alanchapmaninlewes@gmail.com) who will pass the information on.

7. Environmental Budget

NRA successfully bid for a bench and handrails by the shops, through the LDC Housing Environmental Budget. The handrails have now been installed, but we are still waiting for the bench. The land belongs to ESCC, which created problems, however, these are now meant to have been resolved.

It is now time to think about bids from the 2013-14 Environmental Budget. This budget is for improvements to the neighbourhood environment of tenants of Lewes District Council. Please pass any ideas on to a member of the committee.

8. The Buses

Many bus users will have heard of the demise of Countryliner buses in October. It is good to see that Compass Travel, have taken over for the remainder of the contract period. But in the long term things are not looking good, as the County Council are expected to make savage cuts in the transport and highways budget. So if you want a bus service for the estate, make sure you use it, otherwise, the County might reduce the service even more. To help, the new timetables have been put up at bus stops.

9. St Mary's Social Centre

The Residents Association is very concerned about the possible loss of St Mary's Social Centre due to pressure from the landlord (Lewes District Council). There will be an update at the next Association meeting, when we will decide how to support such a significant social resource, and how best to secure its future.

10. Garden Trail held on 15 July 2012

The Garden Trail was a great success, with a record number of gardens opened, including many for the first time. The event was also supported by the Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society. £661.49 was raised, £511.49 was given to the Friends of Lewes Victoria Hospital, and £150 used by NRA to refill the Grit Bins on the Nevill. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful event.

11. NJB Diamond Jubilee Extravaganza: 4 June 2012

This proved to be a very enjoyable and successful day, supported by a great many contributors, and crowds of visitors. Half the

table top charges were donated to NJBS, leaving a profit of £83.70 for NRA funds.

12. Neighbourhood Police Panel: 24 Sept 2012

The panel agreed on three key issues.

- a) To continue monitoring Nevill Cres.
- b) To monitor delivery vans that park on the shop forecourts.
- c) To stop horses causing a nuisance on Nevill Road.

13. Cavity Wall and Loft Insulation

Don't miss out on free insulation for your home. You should find an information leaflet with this newsletter. If not, contact the District Council on 484330. Next year, these schemes will no longer be free.

14. WANTED - 3 Road Reps

Road Reps are needed for Middle Way, Windover Crescent, and upper Highdown Road. The Reps act as a contact for residents, attend NRA meetings, deliver Welcome Packs to new neighbours, and deliver newsletters twice a year. *BUT*, the job could be divided into Road Rep and a separate Newsletter deliverer. If you live in one of these three areas, and would like to help, please contact a member of the committee.

15. Nevill Shares

This is a new community group for all Nevill residents. To find out more, join them on 25 November, at St Mary's Hall for tea and cake, 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Bring your old CDs, DVDs, books and children's toys to swap. Meet neighbours and exchange ideas on how we can share resources and ideas within the Nevill community. Contact: nevill-shares@googlegroups.com

16. Future Meetings.

The next two meetings will be held on Monday 14 January and Monday 25 March 2013. Both meetings will take place in St Mary's Church Hall, Highdown Road, at 8pm.

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