



Newsletter

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Camouflage for the Highdown Road Substation

In response to a request by residents to camouflage the substation at the junction of Highdown Road and Firle Crescent, NRA was granted a license by ESCC to plant suitable shrubs on the north side of the substation, to act as a screen, and a more pleasing view for the residents who live close by.

With help from Cllr Ruth O'Keeffe, we received two grants towards the cost of shrubs and compost, from 'Lewes Little Gardens', and the 'When Skies Were Always Blue' Trust.

The shrubs have now been planted, and have generated plenty of interest from the neighbours and passers-by. Thank you to all the people who gave their time and hard work to this project, and to Ruth for organising the funding.

Residents Association Meeting: 23 September 2013

PCSOs Julie McMillan and Patrick Pearce attended the meeting, and reported that they had recently received calls about speeding on the A275. A pedestrian crossing by Nevill Green had been suggested, and also more 30 mph signs on the approach to the school crossing. They had also been informed about vehicle damage by pedestrians in South Way and North Way, and the continual problem of racehorses being exercised at the top of Nevill Road, at a time when school children were going to school.

The PCSO's assured the meeting that they were looking into the matters raised, and would show their presence on Nevill as much as possible. If you feel NRA should launch a campaign for another crossing at Nevill Green, or any other road safety issue, please pass your thoughts to members of the committee.

Presentation by Tina Deubert

At the September meeting Tina gave a presentation on healthy eating, giving advice on good eating habits, and how simple changes to our diet can improve stamina and lessen the possibility of developing diabetes.

Nevill Bus Route Change 128/9

Compass Travel is proposing to alter the bus route on the Nevill. Because of inconsiderate parking in North Way, which has resulted in damage to the busses, they propose to change the route so that it goes from the end of Windover Crescent, along Cross Way to Middle Way, bypassing North Way. Unfortunately other roads are also affected by parking problems, and this will have to be looked into.

Environmental Budget Bids

We are pleased to announce that the installation of a new bench in front of the shops in Highdown Road will now go ahead as soon as the exact location has been agreed. NRA successfully bid for this from the 2012-13 Housing Environmental Budget, and it is hoped that it will not be too long before we can finally have a grand 'Sit Down' to celebrate its installation.

The annual Environmental Improvements Budget is used to improve the appearance of communal areas, or the quality of life for tenants living nearby. The types of project include:

- Additional planting of flowers or trees,
- Additional seating areas or more lighting,
- Provision of a communal noticeboard.

Applications must be received by the end of February each year. Please pass on any suggestion for bids to the NRA committee. They can then be discussed at our January meeting. It does take some time to put a bid together, so a decision needs to be made quickly.

Nevill JBS Extravaganza Held on 8 June 2013

This was a very successful and enjoyable event. The Residents Association's table made £88.40 selling bric-a-brac and cakes. Thank you to all who contributed.

St Mary's Social Centre Update

The management of St Mary's has been told by Lewes District Council that a decision about its future has not yet been made, as the tendering process has not concluded.

This is despite a District Council cabinet meeting in November, where a proposal to transfer land and facilities, including Grange Gardens, Landport Bottom, Market Tower and St Mary's plus others, to the Town Council, was approved in principal, and will be taken to the full council in December.

There appears to be general confusion as to whether this transfer can take place then, as it is said that for legal reasons, properties cannot be removed from current tender processes.

The proposal to transfer St Mary's, at nil value to the Town Council, would secure its future, as the council has confirmed it will not build on the site. It is hoped that LDC will come to the desired decision in the New Year.

Recycling Food Caddy Liners

Many people must be reaching the end of the free roll of caddy liners supplied by the council. Replacement rolls can be purchased from the Lewes Tourist Information Centre in the High Street, or the Community Recycling Centre in North Street. These cost £2 a roll, much cheaper than buying online!

Nevill Shares

Nevill Shares held a very productive apple pressing session in October, and produced over 45 litres of apple juice with apples from people's garden on the estate.

In November, thirty to forty residents and ex-residents attended a Nevill history session, where people swapped stories of life on the Nevill Estate over the past 77 years. It is hoped to have more such events in the future.

In December a Christmas Decoration session is planned, so look out for the posters. For further information: nevill-shares@googlegroups.com

Lewes Racecourse 50th Anniversary of its Closure

Several interesting events have been planned for 13th/14th September 2014 to commemorate the closure of the racecourse. There will be talks, and a memorabilia exhibition in the White Hart Hotel on the Saturday. Then, on the Sunday, a Grand Parade to the Race Hill is planned, where there will be displays and side shows etc, amongst other events over the weekend. NRA may take part in the event.

If you have any memorabilia you wish to share, or to be put in the county archives, contact Barry Foulkes on 01825 761727 or e-mail beejaysfencing@aol.co. Further information: leweshistory.org.uk/news/page4/

The Next Meetings

The next meetings will be held on:

**Monday 13th January 2014 and
Monday 24th March 2014**

All meetings take place in St Mary's Church Hall, at 8pm.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Alan Chapman. We need someone to replace Graham King, who was a very active member of the committee.

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