



Newsletter

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Garden Trail 2015

The Nevill Residents Association would like to revive the much loved Garden Trail in 2015. We are looking for residents who would be willing to take part and open their gardens in aid of local charities.

At the moment we are considering either Sunday July 5th or July 12th between 2 - 5.30 pm.

Your garden does not need to be Chelsea standard, just loved and well cared for (and that does not mean necessarily absolutely immaculate). We need between 12 and 15 gardens in order to make the event worthwhile.

If you are interested in taking part please email Vicki Trenhaile : vickitrenhaile@fastmail.fm or telephone 01273 475521.

Residents Association Meeting: 22 September 2014

Lewes Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Ruth O'Keefe talked to the meeting about the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan. Lewes District Council and the South Downs National Park wanted to find out what people in Lewes really needed in the town with regard to public transport, land use, housing and public facilities in order to make a list of priorities to develop the plan. To do this, a meeting was held on 16 August 2014, attended by over a hundred of people. The finished plan would then have to be agreed in a referendum, but if successful a 25% levy could be imposed on developers.

For further information:
[facebook.com/LewesNeighbourhoodPlan](https://www.facebook.com/LewesNeighbourhoodPlan)

Bus Service Changes

The consultation by the County Council on their proposal to reduce bus services, and to put up fares in April 2015, finished on 28 September 2014. There have been several public meetings objecting to the plans, and there is going to be a grand 'Love your Bus Rally' on Saturday 8th November at 11 am in the shopping precinct. Nevill Residents Association has also sent a letter objecting to the proposal. This is a particularly worrying issue to all who depend on the local buses, especially the elderly.

No decision had been made on the proposed changes to the 128/129 bus route round Nevill. Firle Crescent, and the junction between Mount Harry Road and Highdown Road were highlighted as congestion points, as well as the top of North Way.

Speed Limits

The proposed new 20 mph speed restriction on the estate was discussed at the meeting, although no final decision had been made by the Council. Also mentioned, was Operation Crackdown, a joint initiative run by Sussex Safer Roads and Sussex Police, and Community Speedwatch, where members of the public were given a speed gun to measure the speed of cars in problem areas. To report specific instances of anti-social driving/riding as well as any abandoned vehicles on the road, go to eastsussex.gov.uk or ring 01243 642222.

Saving St Mary's Social Centre

There has been no news from Lewes District Council on the future of the Social Centre. Despite the huge opposition and a petition, it still remains on the list of 49 sites up for sale. The trustees are hopeful that the guarantees secured at the May 2013 council meeting, about the need to protect St Mary's, have made it into the contract. It is still not known whether Lewes Town Council will be offered the site as part of the reorganisation of local facilities. Whatever the outcome, the Trustees are determined protect this well used and popular community building.

Housing Report and Environmental Budget

A common sense resolution has now been reached with the bench outside the shops. It will remain facing the shops.

Sarah Neels is our new Tenants' representative, supported by Carolyn Blayney. Sarah had recently moved to Nevill and is very knowledgeable and active. She is a committee member of TOLD (Tenants of Lewes District Council), runs the Malling Food Bank and was treasurer of Malling Residents Association. She informed the meeting of funding and training that is available to the NRA because we have tenant members.

Sarah proposed we produce a survey of what households living on the Nevill estate would like for the area. Lewes District Housing Department would do the printing etc for us. Sarah had just been involved in a survey for Malling Residents Association where there was a big response and increased involvement. Suggestions for bids from the 2015-16 Environmental Budget will come from this.

Neighbourhood Watch Groups on Nevill

Many years ago, after a series of burglaries in the area, members of Nevill Residents Association formed several thriving NW groups, but as people have moved away, or got other commitments, the groups have folded. Hawkenbury Way is an exception, and has developed into a strong social group. As well as keeping an eye on each other's houses, they get together for 'wine and a chat'. If you are interested in joining a NW Group, or want to start a new one, please contact a member of the committee.

Highdown Road Substation

Money has been raised, via grants, for a fence to be erected round the substation. At the moment the association is looking for someone to install it.

Grit Bins

Please can residents who live near the grit bins let a member of the association know when they are less than half full.

Racehorses

Despite continual complaints from residents, racehorses are still using the pavements on Nevill Road, and even the Sheepfair twitten. Residents who see this happening are requested to keep a diary of such occurrences, and report them to the police, or on the County Council website eastsussex.gov.uk

CAN YOU HELP?

We need someone to deliver NRA Newsletters to the even side of South Way, and the twelve flats in Downs Close. It's only twice a year and takes about half an hour. If you can, please e-mail David Sale: 59sale.david@gmail.com or ring a member of the committee.

The Next NRA Meeting

The next meeting will be held on:

Monday 19th January 2015

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

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