

Report from Residents Association meeting:

9 March 2018

Update on Nevill Road Flooding

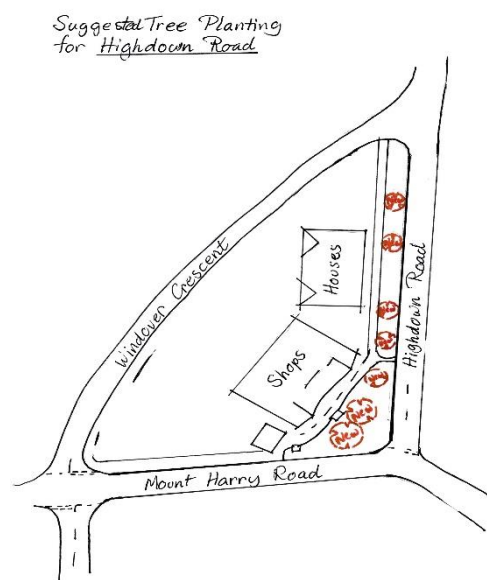
After discussions had taken place between Lewes District Council, the Environmental Agency, the Highways Department and Southern Water, remedial work was started to solve the flooding problem on Nevill Road. There has been no update on the results. It may have addressed the problem, but it has not yet been tested by heavy rainfall. Silt still needs to be cleared from the gutters.

Gas Works

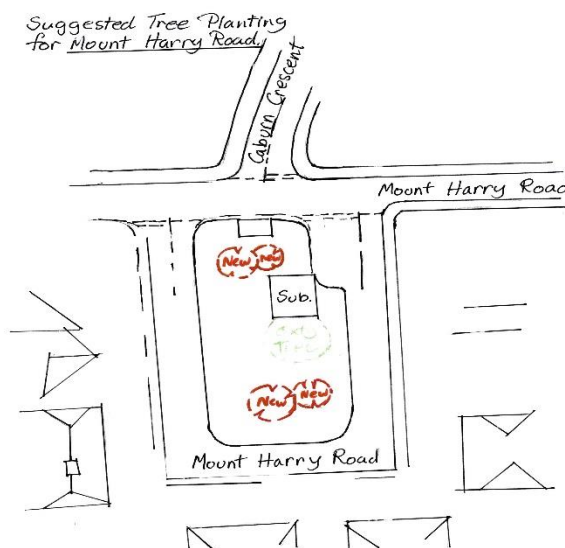
There were no adverse comments at the meeting about the gas works so far, but it had disrupted the bus routes. There were no advance warnings of the changes of route. The chairman said he would contact the gas company about the problem. Comments were made about the poor quality of the tarmaced repairs.

Tree Planting on Nevill

It was agreed at the January NRA meeting that an approach should be made to the Friends of Lewes asking if they could extend their tree planting scheme to Nevill. They have already planted trees at the top of Middle Way, Valance Road, and Houndean Rise. The suggestion was to plant a few trees in front of the shops and along Highdown Rd, and the square in Mount Harry Rd. In February Carole Kirby met the chairman of FOL tree planting committee, who was very positive. Further discussion would have to take place regarding permissions, funding etc. See plans below:



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Years ago, perhaps 1970/80's, trees were planted along Highdown Rd, and in front of the grocery shop. If you have any memory of this, or even photographs, or any comments about this project please e-mail carole.kirby@talktalk.net.

Bus Services Update

There are no reported changes to the local bus timetable starting in April 2018. Of the country buses, the 121 is to be slightly re-timed at morning and afternoon peaks. The 166 last journeys will run slightly later, and the 167 timing will be revised.

Update on Racecourse Planning

The South Downs National Park Authority has called in and are reviewing all the planning applications that have been submitted by various parties on the racecourse site over a number of years. A meeting will be held in April.

The layby at the top of the Motor Road will become a disabled parking space to give easy access to the top of Landport Bottom.

Footpath/Access Space to Allotments

Progress is being made on the plan to re-tarmac the footpath leading from the Motor Road to the Community Allotments. After the County Council has quoted for the work an application will be made for funding. There will be space just beyond the gate to the allotments for parking a minibus. A bollard will be placed at the bottom of the path to exclude other car users.

St Mary's Hall in Highdown Road

St Mary's Hall has now been registered as a Community Asset. This prevents the building being sold without first being offered to the community. NRA has given £200 from its funds towards the refurbishment of the hall.

Overgrown Hedges

Please could residents check that their hedges are not growing beyond their property's boundary. In some areas on the estate hedges encroach more than halfway onto the pavement. This forces pedestrians onto the road and causes problems for mothers with buggies and small children, as well as wheelchair users.

Minutes Secretary for NRA Meetings

Vicki Trenhaile has diligently taken the minutes for NRA for the last seven years and will retire at the next AGM. The committee is looking for a volunteer to take over this role. If you would like to help please e-mail vickitrenhaile@fastmail.fm.

Nevill Garden Trail

Carol Smithyes would like to thank everyone who got in touch about taking part in the next Nevill Garden Trail. She had a great response and is delighted to announce that the Trail will return in summer 2019.

For those who are unfamiliar with the Nevill Garden Trail, it's a lovely community event in which residents open their gardens and allotments to the public. It traditionally takes place every other year on a sunny summer afternoon.

To find out more, see the Facebook page [NevillGardenTrail](#) or email her at NevillGardenTrail@gmail.com

Nevill Good Neighbours 07548 069063

Nevill Good Neighbours are delighted to have been up and running for almost a year. They have a wonderful team of volunteers who have responded to well over seventy phone calls from neighbours, who have hugely appreciated a wide variety of support.

They have a new website, www.nevillgoodneighbours.org, where you will find all their information as well as testimonials from some of those who have valued their services. They have provided lifts, done odd jobs, helped with shopping, collected prescriptions, helped with computers, put out bins, helped with pets and popped in for chats. Their phone number is 07548 069063.

Their first AGM will be Tuesday 8th May at St Mary's Church Hall, Highdown Rd, at 7.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Business will be brief, followed by refreshments and a get-together for all volunteers, and Nevill residents. Please come and join them.

The CTLA –

Low Cost Transport for Your Community.

Do you know about the transport services and trips that the **Community Transport Lewes Area** organisation offer? They run a '**Lewes Travel Club**', where members are offered a wide variety of trips, such as lunches out, garden centres, theatres and markets, *with pick up and return to your own home*, all for a very reasonable fare. Then, their '**Dial a Ride**' is a door to door service to a destination of your choice within the service boundary, and within operating hours. Return, or one way, whether to go shopping, visit friends and family or to attend health care appointments. They are wheelchair friendly and fully accessible for anyone who has mobility problems. The CTLA are also available for '**Group Bookings**', and can be hired by community groups, or other charities, with buses of 16 seat capacity. Anyone, young, old individuals, and families, can use the CTLA, the only requirement before beginning to use their services is to contact them and become registered as members, which is free and easy to do, either via the website, www.ctla.org.uk or by phone 01273 517332. The fare tariffs for the **Dial a Ride** are nominal, and the **Lewes Travel Club** costs vary according to destination.

Lambs and Larks –

Landport Bottom Fields above Nevill.

The three fields that comprise Landport Bottom are owned by the local community, and this year, for the first time, it is delightful to see that the very top field has a number of Southdown sheep and lambs in residence. These fields are managed jointly by Plumpton College and our District Ranger. Notices are up for dog owners to keep their dogs on leads in the top field, and any incidents witnessed of sheep worrying should, we are told, be reported immediately to the police by dialling 999. In April, the skylarks (already singing) will be nesting, and again we would ask that dog owners and walkers keep to the main paths, and not wander across the open grassland where the larks nest on the ground. Skylarks will fly off their nest as soon as a dog appears and may not return in time to keep the eggs or the chicks warm, in which case they are likely to die. Over the last three years, surveys have shown that the lark population has increased gradually, and this is thought to be greatly helped by dog owners observing this advice. Skylarks are on the Red List of critically endangered species of birds.

The Next NRA Meeting – AGM - Monday 21 May 2018

If you have any concerns about your area, or ideas for improvement, come to the AGM. All meetings take place in St Hall, Highdown Road, at 8pm.

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