

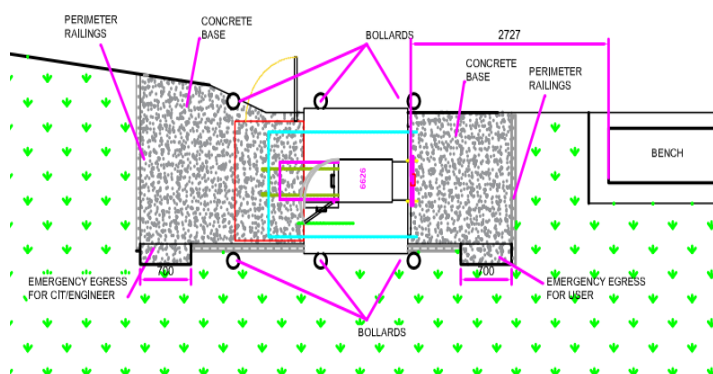
The Nevill Residents Association has not been able to meet for the last year due to the restrictions brought about by the pandemic. In view of this, members of the committee decided to put together this newsletter to update residents on current issues. There are WhatsApp groups for many roads on the estate as well as one for the whole estate. These have been very successful in keeping people in touch and providing help and support. However not everybody uses WhatsApp or other social media. It is important to keep the Residents Association going because it is easier to tackle issues such as flooding, vandalism and getting grants for improvements as a representative organisation. We also have modest funds at our disposal and can take out insurance to cover events such as the Garden Trail.

The Proposed ATM on Nevill

There have been over 20 objections by Nevill residents to the proposed plans to erect a cash machine on the grass area outside the shops. You can view the application on the South Down National Park planning portal here:

<https://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/> and search for applications SDNP/21/00614/FUL and SDNP/21/00615/ADV.

Anyone can register a comment of support or objection up to Friday April 9th with a determination date of Wednesday 28th April.



Landport Bottom responsible dog ownership

Throughout the lockdown period, there has been a marked increase in people using Landport Bottom for exercise which includes walking, running, kite flying, dog walking, cycling and horseriding. The land belongs to Lewes Town Council who rent out the grazing to Plumpton College who keep sheep there as part of the chalk downlands management programme. Sadly a number of sheep have been attacked and some killed over the last 12 months because of irresponsible

dog owners who don't keep their dogs on a lead. Lewes Town Council have added more signs reminding everyone that dogs should be on a lead at all times if in a field with sheep in. The sheep move from 'Pond Field' to 'Tumulus Field' throughout the grazing season and various groups, including Friends of Landport Bottom, are working together to try to communicate when the sheep change field so people



are aware. There is concern that Plumpton College will no longer be able to use the land if their sheep continue to be attacked, which would have a negative impact on the management and biodiversity of

this area. Local residents should feel empowered to ask irresponsible dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead if they come across them on Landport Bottom. If more people are challenged, then we may be able to slowly change the culture. If you see a sheep in trouble, please call the college on 01273 890454.

Nevill Litter Picks



Before lockdown, we had two or three well supported litter picks on the estate. Other groups in the town seem to be starting up again with litter picking so we would like to do the same in conjunction with 'Litter Free Lewes'. **If anyone would like to get involved on Sunday 18th April, please e-mail** Rob Handy cllrrrobhandy@gmail.com Equipment will be provided.

The Old Racecourse

At a recent meeting of Friends of Landport Bottom there was a presentation by James Oliver, new owner of the Lewes Old Racecourse. He owns one of the three yards and will soon own a second. He is not a trainer and is subletting the yard to private livery. The third yard remains with a trainer. His intention is to restore the racecourse buildings: he has already uncovered the old Totalliser building; and improved the relationship between pedestrians and riders. He would like to have a cafe and a small campsite. He also plans to put in better fencing along with safety measures, which include crossing points and better signage. There is antagonism around the article 4 directive of the Town & County Planning Act regarding the putting up of fences and the maintaining of any fences in the interest of public safety. He is debating this legally with the South Downs National Park. He wants a more defined site with better sign-posting, and to maintain the bridleway from the prison to Black Cap

Tree Planting Report March 2021

In November 2019 Friends of Lewes planted four trees on Crossway Green, a rowan, bird cherry, pyrus, and a hornbeam. Unfortunately, some of the trees suffered from dehydration in the summer drought, and the hornbeam subsequently became invaded by coral spot. It had also been badly vandalised and started to die. In January this year Audrey Jarvis, from FoL, and her husband, very generously planted a new hornbeam. Please could residents around Crossway keep a protective eye on the trees. They will still need watering this summer.

In November 2020 FoL planted two trees on Mount Harry green. These had been delivered in March, but could not be planted because of covid restrictions. A big thank you to Mike Robson, who took care of the trees before they were planted. These too will need to be watered as soon as they produce buds and in dry weather.

Thanks must also go to Paul Barratt in Mount Harry Road for keeping a watchful eye on, and watering, the trees outside the Mount Harry shops. Last summer all three trees suffered damage to their bark, presumably from trimmers. The FoL fitted some guards around the trunks, and the trees seem to have survived so far. This does show how vulnerable these newly planted trees can be. It will take several years for them to become fully established.

Flood Prevention

Thinking of paving over your front garden?
No planning permission is needed IF you use a permeable material OR divert the rainwater off to a adjacent lawn or border to drain naturally.

'Guidance on the permeable surfacing of front gardens' from the Dept of Communities & Local Gov is available free of charge online at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7728/paving_frontgardens.pdf

The trend of turning a garden into a parking area has become increasingly popular. But the likelihood of local surface water flooding has increased considerably as the existing drainage systems cannot cope with the extra runoff from extended impermeable surfaces. For further information on reducing surface water flooding, see

<https://friends-of-lewes.org.uk/natural-environment/a-flood-free-future-for-lewes/>

Nevill Good Neighbours

Greetings from the Good Neighbour Scheme in Nevill. We have been busy during the lockdown. Services have been restricted to comply with social distancing regulations but services like shopping, post office drop-offs or pharmacy pick-ups as well as keeping-in-touch phone calls have been in demand like no other time in our short existence. We were very pleased to be able to support our neighbours through the last twelve months. The service was ready when support in the community was most needed. We are grateful for the time gifted from our volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or request assistance, please contact us at:

Phone: 07548 069 063 (if we don't answer right away, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible)

Email: nevillegoodneighbours@gmail.com

Website: nevillegoodneighbours.org

For those not familiar with the Nevill Good Neighbours Scheme, we are a free DBS checked volunteer service providing assistance with daily activities that include (when permitted):

- Small household jobs
- Collect shopping or prescriptions
- Help with computers or paperwork
- Put out bins
- Occasional lifts to the shops or medical appointments
- Walking the dog or feeding the cat
- Letter writing or form filling
- Providing company (over the phone during the past 12 months or in person when rules permit)

Services are free after petrol and parking costs (50p per mile), if any. All volunteers are DBS checked.

Connecting Lewes

Residents of the Nevill are collaborating with Lewes Town Council, the NHS GP practice - The Foundry, University of Sussex, local charities, and various Lewes volunteer groups, particularly Lewes Community Volunteers, to deliver a research project that seeks to understand the current communication needs of residents in the area.

As face-to-face conversations are currently discouraged, digital communication may be an appropriate manner to connect with families, friends or local services. As such, there is a need to better understand if assistance with tablets, phones or computers may be helpful. For this, a survey has been created and is included in this month's Lewes News. We would appreciate you taking time to complete and submit the survey. We thank you in advance for your time and feedback. The deadline for submission has been extended to the end of April, so please complete the form asap. If you need a copy of the survey, contact: erickihlstrom@gmail.com or phone 447872905.

New Web site.

Nevill Residents Association has a new web site. <http://nevillresidentsassociation.co.uk>. Take a look.

Local Buses March 2021											
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h = school holidays						s = Bus Station					

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