



Newsletter

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On Wednesday 16 March the Nevill Residents Association held its first meeting since the start of the epidemic. First on the agenda was a talk by Lesley Healey from **Wildflower Lewes**. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend, but Rob Handy, who is on the WL committee led a general discussion about the state of the grass areas on Nevill.

Wildflower Lewes is interested in stopping the loss of wildflowers, and the invertebrates that depend on them. To do so they have started to cultivate wildflower patches across the town, supported by all three councils. To achieve this the grass has to be cut once or twice a year, and the cuttings collected. This year the contractor did not cut the grass on time, due to a failure of communication. At the meeting residents expressed their upset at the general appearance of the verges, and particularly Mount Harry green which had been left to go completely wild. It was thought that there should be more consultation with residents about the plans for the grass areas, and whether some areas should be cut shorter to allow children to play. Hopefully there will be more information and discussion at the NRA AGM on 11 May 2022.

Nevill 2030 introduced by Ann Link

Since January a group of Nevill Residents who are concerned about climate change have been meeting to discuss what actions they can take locally. There has been lots of interest. They are communicating via WhatsApp, and 63 people have joined the group. They have met via Zoom and people have come up with lots of ideas about how to make our neighbourhood more sustainable and resilient. The issues discussed have ranged from reducing waste, our local bus service, an electric car club, charging points for electric cars, improving the energy efficiency of homes, and promoting local biodiversity. They want to know what you think! Their first event on Saturday, March 6th was *Warm Up!*, when Ann Link and Richard Hudson invited people to their home in Sheepfair, which they have been refurbishing over a number of years to make it energy efficient by improving insulation and installing a heat pump. There was expert advice on draughtproofing and cutting energy bills for visitors.

Their next event will be on Sunday, April 24th from 2.00 to 5.00 pm at St. Mary's Church Hall. There will be information and activities about how we can act

to lessen and adapt to climate change. They are planning plant and food stalls, advice on gardening, energy bills and energy efficiency, and how to repair clothes, and displays on ethical consumerism and energy saving products, and a parade of cargo bikes. And look out for the renewable energy machines! They hope many more Nevill residents will join then in discussing what we can do to make our neighbourhood better in the future.

If you would like to get involved, you can join their WhatsApp Group via this link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IrkDG7Tjy5Cz7gJvA4sxS>.
Alternatively, you can email: suzy.nelson@btinternet.com

County Councillor Wendy Maples.

Wendy Maple is our new county councillor and came to the meeting to introduce herself to residents. She is a member of the Green party and lives in Winterbourne. Her concerns on the council are highways issues: potholes, weeds, wildflowers, projects to make school places more accessible, and she is involved in the future of the St Anne's old school site. A lot of her time is spent on casework. She is also participating in the Green Party project to reduce the use of pesticides, particularly glyphosate, to use less, and to spray selectively. The District Council is looking into other ways of controlling weeds, such as a hot foam machine. They are also running a trial to allow people to weed their own street. A few streets have already been recruited; residents have until the end of March to join the scheme.

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Boundary Commission Secondary Consultation

The commission is reviewing the Parliamentary constituency boundaries of England. New boundary lines for Lewes constituency have been proposed. If you wish comment and/or read existing detail comments go to:

<http://www.bcereview.org.uk/node/6488?BN71QE>.
Unfortunately, the deadline is 4 April 2022.

Nevill Resident Association roles and Committee

There are several roles on the committee that are vacant and need to be filled to help it to be more effective in its aim to improve the estate. It needs a secretary, and someone to help organise community events. Find out more information at the AGM on 11 May 2022.

Nevill Good Neighbours

Greetings from the Good Neighbour Scheme in Nevill. We are pleased to return to offering our full range of services again. For a period at the height of social distancing restrictions, we were not allowed to offer rides to neighbours or in-home visits, but as the restrictions have been lifted, we are able to do more for our neighbours again. We managed to continue many of our services like shopping, post office drop-offs or pharmacy pick-ups as well as keeping-in-touch phone calls. We were very pleased to be able to help some of our neighbours through these challenging times. 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 (particularly people to provide rides to NHS appointments) 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: nevillgoodneighbours@gmail.com

Website: nevillgoodneighbours.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.

Nevill History

Do you have a story to tell about the history of the Nevill? See <https://leweshistory.org.uk/> and search for Nevill History. You'll find the early history of the estate, lots of pictures and memories. We'd love to include some more. There are other interesting street stories on the site too and information about our activities. Contact Ann Holmes, on 01273 472926 or via the form on the web-site.

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		<i>N = via Nevill</i>									<i>by request</i>

Nevill Residents Association has a new web site:

<http://nevillresidentsassociation.co.uk>.

Do have a look.

The Next NRA Meetings

**AGM Wednesday 11 May 2022 and
Wednesday 14 September 2022**

Meetings take place in St Mary's Church Hall, Highdown Road at 8 pm. All residents welcome.

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