



Neighbourly News

**The newsletter of the
Manor Park and Hempstead Fields
Residents' Association**

***In this edition we focus on the services the Association
provides for our community***



Look inside and learn
what the Association
is doing and what it
has planned.

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Out and About – our volunteers lending a helping hand



Jacky with some of our visitors at the Warm Welcome

Come and join us every Tuesday at the Luxford Centre 11am – 2pm
Complimentary tea, coffee and snacks
Call **01825 578006** to book your free lift



Gill taking a passenger to her GP appointment

Our Surgery Car Service helps those that have difficulty getting to the local GP surgeries: Bird in Eye, Buxted, The Meads
Call **01825 578006** for more information



One of the two planters on the estate that Dorothy singlehandedly looks after

Flowers all year round for us to admire and enjoy.

Maybe you could lend her a helping hand?
If so please call her on **01825 764287**



Our Good Neighbour Scheme volunteers are here to help you with odd jobs around the house, complete a difficult form or maybe simply pop in for a friendly chat over a cuppa.

Call **01825 578017** for more information

Shoppers Discount Scheme – tackle the rising cost of living

Introducing our exclusive membership scheme, designed with you in mind.

Did you know that Association members can enjoy the benefit of some incredible discounts at a handpicked selection of local shops and businesses.

Local businesses that support our scheme offer a wide range of products and services, including legal advice from a firm of solicitors, an estate agent, an opticians, an off-licence, a window cleaner, a jeweller, a financial adviser, a car valet and many more.

What you save will almost certainly cover the £5 membership fee to join the Association – one family recently saved £148 in optician costs alone!

Join the Association now and don't miss this opportunity to shop smart and save!

A full list of the shops and businesses is available upon request or visit our website:

www.manorparkhempfieldsresidents.co.uk

Past, Present, and Future

A message from our Chairman Paul Sparks:

We are fortunate to be living in a very pleasant part of Uckfield and the Residents' Association does its best to enhance our amenities and daily enjoyment with such things as planters, benches, newly planted cherry trees and provides several valuable services for our residents with many of these described in this newsletter.

Being able to deliver these services depends largely on the annual membership subscriptions which, after ten years, continues to be just a modest £5 per household.

During this cost-of-living crisis, one of the most valuable membership benefits is the Shoppers Discount Scheme providing members with incredible discounts at a selection of local shops and businesses – more information about this can be found on page 2 and on our website.

If you are already a member, then many thanks for your continuing support. If not then please carefully consider the benefits to you and your local community by becoming members. For more information or to join the Association complete the slip on the back page or email us.

I look forward to meeting many of you at one of our events in 2024.

So, what exactly does the Residents' Association do?

We thought it might be useful to tell you about just some of the things that the Association's Committee and volunteers have achieved in the past year:

- Funding** - obtained grants totalling over £5000 to support the services we provide.
- Community events** - organised the annual Big Picnic Lunch on the Rugby Club field with lots of excellent entertainment for every age group to enjoy and all provided for free.
- Remembrance** - installed a new wooden bench commemorating the late Queen's reign and laid a wreath at the War Memorial as part of the Remembrance Day parade and church service.
- Streatfeild House** - worked closely with Wealden District Council at the design stage for the redevelopment of the site. We continue to liaise with Wealden following the failure of the original construction company.
The new development will be named *Coronation Place* as suggested by Paul, our Chairman.
- Roads** - gained the support of the County Councillor Claire Dowling when dealing with ESCC Highways over the poor state of Downsview Crescent and Southview Drive. As you will know Downsview Crescent has now been resurfaced and Southview Drive is due to follow.
- Planning** – we commented and where appropriate objected to planning applications and other proposals that affected our community such as the Downlands Farm application.
- Warm Welcome project** - following the success of the 'Warm Space' initiative, further funding was obtained and with the support of our volunteers the project continues as the 'The Warm Welcome', It is now grant funded until at least November 2024. The Warm Welcome is open to anyone living in Uckfield – every Tuesday in the Luxford Centre from 11am to 2pm.
- New neighbours** - new residents moving on to Manor Park and Hempstead Fields have a welcome pack delivered to them. If you have new neighbours, then please let us know.
- Linden Court** - the Surgery Car Service and Good Neighbour Scheme have been extended to include Linden Court. This joins the other retirement complexes of Grants Hill Court, Manor House Court and Shaftesbury Court which benefit from our services, even though they are all located outside of our patch.
- Education** – we continue to engage with the schools on Manor Park and will soon be meeting the new College Principal to discuss how the College might become more involved in our work.

Would you like to join our team of volunteers?

Whilst using only a little of your time, this is an opportunity to make a big difference to those living in our community.

If you would like to know more about volunteering for us then you can contact us by email mphfres@gmail.com by post **2 Woodlands Close TN22 1TS** or by phone **01825 764287**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Our Councils and what they do

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<p>East Sussex County Council www.eastsussex.gov.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Highways & Traffic Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Transport & Blue Badges <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Children & Family Services <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries & Archives <input type="checkbox"/> Trading Standards <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Births, Deaths & Marriages 	<p>County Councillor</p> <p><u>Uckfield North Division</u> Claire Dowling</p>	<p>Contact Details For general enquiries go via website 0345 608 0190 cldr.claire.dowling@eastsussex.gov.uk</p>

If you would like to join the Residents' Association or learn more about what we do and can offer, then please complete this tear off slip

Name:

Address:

Email (optional):

Phone number (optional):

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