

Summer 2017 NEWSLETTER

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association



Well it has been another busy time for your Residents' Association. We are all aware of the serious road safety issues around Downsview Crescent during school drop off and picking up times together with inconsiderate parking and damage to the road verges.

As a result, after a great deal of work by Peter Griggs, we launched a Walk and Talk scheme in May with the full support of our two schools and the nursery. As this is trying to change parents behaviour and routines, it was never going to be a quick solution but we strongly feel that over time this will achieve a significant improvement.

However, we will continue to work with our Councils and the Police to look at wider road safety issues including 20 mph speed limits.

As we all know, an increasing number of people are now living with Dementia so the Town Council are working on plans to make Uckfield a "Dementia Friendly Town". We are very happy to support this and as a first step we will be arranging Dementia Friendly training for all the drivers and volunteers involved in our Surgery Car Service. I hope you enjoy this edition of your Newsletter.

Paul Sparks, Chairman

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New defibrillator at Tesco Express –
see inside for more information

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Wealden Activity Days



FREE Wealden Activity Days this Summer!



Wednesday 2nd August - 10am till 2pm.

Goldsmith Recreation Ground, Eridge Road, Crowborough, TN6 2TN

Friday 4th August - 10am till 2pm.

Wannock Road Recreation Ground, Polegate, BN26 5JG

Wednesday 9th August - 10am till 2pm.

Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground, Heathfield, TN21 0XG

Friday 11th August - 10am till 2pm.

Maurice Thornton Playing Fields, Hailsham, BN27 2JZ

Wednesday 16th August - 10am till 2pm.

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At last! Defibrillator installed at Browns Lane shops



In the last edition we told you that the Residents' Association had joined with the Uckfield Lions Club and the Town Council to share the cost of providing a life saving defibrillator, to be installed at the Browns Lane shops.

Well after some protracted discussions with Tesco the device was installed in June and is now fully operational.

Tesco kindly met the installation costs and will pay for the on-going cost of the electricity supply.

The landlord was also happy for us to fix it to the structure – the outside wall of Tesco Express, which means it will be available for use 24/7.

If you are worried that you won't know how to use it then please read the article below and you will see that it is simple and safe to use with both verbal and visual prompts.

Using a Defibrillator – when finding someone in cardiac arrest

When finding someone in cardiac arrest:

- Check for danger
- Call 999 for help and tell them your location
- Administer CPR
- Send someone to collect defibrillator whilst continuing CPR'
- Follow the recorded voice prompts calmly until medical help arrives
- Once in position the defibrillator detects the heart's rhythm. It will not deliver a shock unless one is needed.
- Note: there is a picture on each pad showing where they are to be placed

New Park Bench at Browns Lane

You will probably have already spotted that the Park Bench that we promised in the last edition of the newsletter is now in situ.

Tired walkers can now take a minute or two to rest their weary legs and enjoy a great view of the countryside that lies between Manor Park and Buxted.

Prompted by a suggestion from local resident Sharon Lyon, the Association found a local craftsman to make and install it for us –

Alan Coates of Woodland Products and Services. Alan runs this local business from his workshop in Wilderness Wood in Hadlow Down.



We are very grateful that the owners of the green kindly gave us permission to place the seat on their land.

Walk and Talk



The month of May saw us launch the 'Walk and Talk' campaign.

Parents and carers dropping off and picking up children at the three schools in Downsview Crescent are being encouraged to park their cars well away from the school and then walk with their children for the last 5 or 10 minutes.

The campaign was the brainchild of the Residents' Association, and it sees us working in partnership with Manor Primary, Manor Twiglets and UCTC. The aim is to improve road safety and tackle inconsiderate and illegal parking. The Safer Wealden Partnership awarded us a grant to fund the campaign materials.

We always recognised that getting people to change their behaviour is difficult, and so it is proving, with cars still being parked unsafely and inconsiderately. We don't plan to give up though and the campaign will continue to highlight the problems caused by parking at road junctions, over road markings, on the pavement and on the grass verge - several of which have turned into muddy ruts.

Please let us know if you would like one of our "We Walk and Talk – Why Don't You" windscreen stickers and do talk about this campaign to friends and neighbours that ferry children to the schools

Verge Posts and Parking

Recently we approached ESCC about erecting marker posts in the verges but they told us that they do not fund them where their purpose is to restrict parking.

However individual residents may apply to the Licensing and Enforcement Team at East Sussex Highways for a licence to erect posts in the verge but all of the costs associated with their implementation have to be met by the applicant.

The contact email is:

customer@eastsussexhighways.com

We are trying to find out more about the cost etc so please get in touch with us if you wish to pursue this option.

Surgery Car Service News

The Surgery Car Service goes from strength to strength thanks to the commitment of our many volunteer drivers and our two telephone co-ordinators.

Two new drivers have joined our ranks – John and Teresa Lane and we are currently in discussion with the Churchcombe Community Association which has expressed an interest in joining the scheme.

If this works out and the service is extended, it will mean it will be available to most of north Uckfield.

We are also pleased to report that the service is now cost neutral with income meeting expenditure.

Other News

Litter – March saw the Association join the Great Wealden Spring Clean, in just a couple of hours we picked up 6 sacks of litter from our twittens and green space. In May we launched a prize draw for some spare litter picking kits we had which several local residents were pleased to receive.

The Surgery Car Service – now includes Manor House Court, just call 01825 578006 for appointments. Of course we still serve Bird-in-Eye, Buxted and Meads surgeries and also Uckfield Hospital, Streatfeild House and Shaftesbury Court.

The AGM – this will be held at UCTC again on the evening of 18th July. This year we have a speaker from the Uckfield and District Preservation Society talking about 'Uckfield Through The Years' with an emphasis on Manor Park and its connections with the Royal Family.

Easy Fund Raising – the Association is registered with the Easy Fund Raising organisation, which makes a donation to us each time you make a purchase online. Many of the big stores support the scheme – Amazon, Tesco, Debenhams, John Lewis etc.

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Back to the Future?

The Association has been asked to contribute an item to be included in a time capsule that the Bridge Cottage Heritage Centre will be burying on the 15th July (the second weekend of the Uckfield Festival).

Our contribution is a back copy of one of these newsletters. We thought that the Winter 2016 would be good as that edition includes a spread of the kinds of issues that the Association tackles.

It's due to be opened again in 100 years time.

Dogs and Views Wood

One of our members has noticed that dog walkers are leaving numerous black dog poo bags at the entrance to Views Wood off the Tower Ride entrance and thereabouts.

There is in fact a dog litter box is at the entrance to Views Wood off Firle Green and so dog walkers are asked to please use that bin or their domestic rubbish bin at home.

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