



# Ramshill Newsletter

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## Ramshill residents group

The Ramshill residents group have now met twice. The last meeting, which took place on 7th June, welcomed a number of new faces and a whole range of issues were discussed.

Minutes from the meeting can be obtained from your CDW either by telephoning 01730 403059 or e-mailing [Communitydevelopment@drumhsg.co.uk](mailto:Communitydevelopment@drumhsg.co.uk)

From this meeting Blair Marrows, a resident from Dickins Lane (more information on page 4), has taken on the grand task of designing a questionnaire and we are supporting this by copying it and delivering it within this newsletter. Please be so kind as to complete the form and return in the prepaid envelope. The idea of the questionnaire is to gauge the level of satisfaction, concerning a range of issues, in order to work collectively to improve your community. We look forward to receiving your completed forms and hope to see you at a future meeting.

If you would like any more information on anything in this newsletter or you would like to contribute to future newsletters— Please contact one of your Community Development Workers: Rebecca Probert or Andy Boughton at: Drum Housing Association,

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Should you or your neighbour require this newsletter or any other literature produced via your Community Development Worker in a different format, please let us know. We can provide an audio version, an email version, a version in large print and a version in any language

The next Ramshill residents group meeting will take place at 7.30pm, Churches College: Classroom 8 on:

### Wednesday 7th September 2005

(The time has changed due to some residents who are unable to meet at 7.00pm. However if you would like to come along to the next meeting, and 7.30pm is still too early. Please come along when you can. The times can then be discussed with the group to find a convenient time to suit the majority.)

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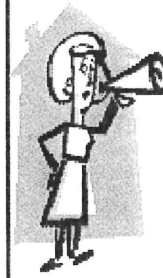
# Community Information



We are pleased to announce that Ramshill now have two new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in place.

The first one is in Charlton Drive and is run by Paula Warren of No 37 and the second is in Dickens Lane and is run by Laura Norris of No 18.

If you would like to know about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area, please contact Geoff Eyre, on 01730 266958, or Alison Gauld care of Petersfield Police Station on 08450454545. Alternatively you can speak to your beat bobby's, Morris Thompkins and Bob Hooper.



Calling all young people....

There is an Area Youth Forum on the first

Wednesday of every month from 4pm until about 5.30 - 6pm at Petersfield Community Centre, Love Lane, Petersfield.

Young people are invited to get involved. It's a great opportunity to be heard!!!

For information on what's happening in East Hampshire visit: [www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk)

## Twinning Association

In May, seven members travelled to Warendorf, near Muenster, for a long weekend and the 40th anniversary celebrations of the twinning of Warendorf and Barentin, our French twin in Normandy. On the Friday evening we attended an official dinner at which over 400 were present, and on the Saturday morning we witnessed speeches and an exchange of gifts in the town's theatre. In the afternoon a covered stage had been set up in the Market Square and entertainers from both Warendorf and Barentin presented music and dancing. It was as well that the stage was covered, as the afternoon was wet and chilly, but the scene was made more cheerful by the enthusiasm of the performers, the attractive step-gabled buildings round the Square and the bright umbrellas of the spectators. The welcome from our hosts was as warm as we have come to expect. The Association's Committee arranges fund-raising get-togethers throughout the year, so that we can properly entertain our guests. Membership is not expensive, at £6 a year for individuals and £10 for families and organisations. For more information, please phone: 01730 302862.

*Do you have an idea for a Ramshill community activity you would like to see take place?*

If so, please contact your Community Development Workers, (details - front page)

# Community Information

## ASB (Anti Social Behaviour)

If you are experiencing ASB in any in any form within your community, please be aware that nothing can be done to stop this if you do not report it.

Message from: Sallyann Edson - Anti Social Behaviour Co-Ordinator, East Hampshire District Council, Penns Place Petersfield GU31 4EX  
Direct Tel: 01730 234106

Residents should report incidents to the police initially and to your CDW if you think that they may be able to help (by working together to divert certain forms of ASB or pulling in relevant parties to deal with issues—the CDW is unable to deal with individual disputes.) Even minor incidents should be reported to the police who may not have the resources to deal with them but at least the complaint will be logged, which could result in a particular area being monitored which could in turn lead to greater police presence.

As Ramshill residents, if you experience any form of ASB you are encouraged to report names and addresses of the perpetrators of the anti social behaviour. The Police, the housing association or the anti social behaviour co-ordinator cannot do anything to stop a person committing anti social behaviour if they do not know who that person is or where they live. You can report incidents anonymously if you feel the need, or you can tell the Police that you do not want your details revealed or marked police vehicles calling at your address to take statements. The Police will be sensitive to people's fears if necessary.

## PETERSFIELD TOMORROW

Petersfield and its surrounds are within the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the designated area of the proposed South Downs National Park. The town is much liked and appreciated but is constantly changing whether we like it or not. We, the people of Petersfield, can just let changes happen or we can try to influence them.

Petersfield Tomorrow was launched at public events in February 2004, following the format of the Market Town Health Checks promoted by the Countryside Agency. This is an initiative that enables the town's residents, businesses and organisations to influence change by working with the local authorities and other agencies to make Petersfield a better place to live, work and visit.

Following the launch, a Steering Group and four topic groups covering Work and Business, Social and Community, Environment and Transport were established. They comprise volunteers from the town and its district and they gathered the facts and information to produce a snapshot of the area, identifying the key issues relating to Petersfield as it is today. These findings were presented at a public exhibition in October 2004. This event produced substantial feedback which was used to produce a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis and draft action plan which were in turn put before an Open Evening in March 2005.

A "Vision and Action Plan for the Future of Petersfield" eventually emerged that will be subject to wide-ranging community consultation in the autumn, inviting further feedback in the form of a questionnaire. Once finalized this information will provide an input into the Local Development Framework for East Hampshire and will assist the identification of priorities for the District's Community Strategy.

If you would like to receive further information about Petersfield Tomorrow or you would be interested in joining one of our topic groups, please contact us on 01730 302808 or e-mail [petersfieldtomorrow@vaeh.org.uk](mailto:petersfieldtomorrow@vaeh.org.uk)



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5 Dickens Lane  
30th June 2005

Dear Ramshill residents,

Although some residents may know me, let me introduce myself. I am Blair and I live at 5 Dickens Lane, with Donna and Layla. We moved into our new home towards the end of last August after Bryant Homes did not meet their original schedule for estimated completion on 30 July.

The new life we started has certainly not been the enjoyable experience we had hoped for by buying a brand new property. Having spoken to other residents on the estate I decided to prepare a questionnaire for Ramshill Residents. You will find this questionnaire within this newsletter and I would be grateful if you could complete and return it so that we can assess the true picture across the whole site.

Concerning the minutes from the last Ramshill residents group meeting, in particular, I am not happy with the attitudes being displayed by Taylor Woodrow and EHDC with regard to communal open spaces and green areas. Do they have no empathy or sense of urgency about this matter or priority for the real concerns of residents? Firstly, why are we, the residents of this site, being penalised because these 2 bodies apparently can't get their act together for one of them, or a management company to take the areas of land over or adopt them and accept responsibility for their upkeep and maintenance. Consequently they remain fenced off, not maintained and so not available for use by us.

Secondly I am rather concerned to see that another reason given for open space being closed off is because plants have been vandalised. It seems sad that there are persons amongst us, that feel it is necessary to practise such anti-social behaviour to vandalise the plants, if that is indeed true. I hope that other residents would be as equally concerned as I am. But is it vandalism or is it just accidental damage caused out of residents' frustrations getting from one place to another by the best, or shortest, route possible because other routes are blocked? However, should it really be vandalism, perhaps, if the proposed ideas of setting up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are adopted by residents they may serve to alleviate such behaviour or help bring to task those responsible.

I can only say that all the residents I have met and talked to have been very approachable and friendly, and that Mark Patterson (Customer Services Manager for Bryant Homes) has been the most understanding and helpful person around this site.

Are my views or concerns shared by any other residents in Bryant or Persimmon Homes?

Yours sincerely

Mr B Marrows

*Do you have any issues to raise about your estate? If you do contact your CDW.*

In response to Blair's letter. I have spoken to Taylor Woodrow about the frustration felt by a number of residents about the fact that open space remain CLOSED! I have been advised that EHDC are still in discussions about this matter and Taylor Woodrow have been waiting for a response. EHDC Council Members are paying a site visit to the kick about area towards the end of the month and EHDC have said that following this visit, it is very likely that this piece of land will be open to the public. However this will not occur until Taylor Woodrow hand over the management of this land to their designated management firm. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!** (from Rebecca Probert)

## Ramshill Summer BBQ

Don't miss it!!!!

Sunday 4th September

6.00pm until 9.00pm

Look out for fliers nearer the time - but don't book anything in your calendar and miss the opportunity to meet your new neighbours and make new friends.

If you are interested in helping out or you could provide any games or entertainment contact your CDWs details as always on the front page.

Please note that we are trying to get funding for this event and hope to provide food at a subsidised rate—if not FREE. We are unable to give out anymore information at this time but will flier the estate with the finer details in due course. The other thing we are struggling with is where we are going to have the event. We had hoped to hold it on the kick about area.... See above response. We have looked at alternative sites but nowhere really compares to this piece of land and as we have our own public liability we hope we might get the go ahead from Taylor Woodrow..... Again...

**WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!**