

No Jokes in this issue — we haven't lost our sense of humour (did we ever have one?), didn't get a joke book for Christmas! but would welcome any you have and any other items you would like to raise. Deadline for next issue 17 March.

Action Line: 08005 191919

Together (anti social behaviour/litter): 0845 605 2222

Police: 0845 0454545 Swaythling Housing Society 02380628000

Lordshill Housing Office: 023 8073 0484

Police non-emergency 101 (there is a 10p charge for this at present)

CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION

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Leave a message

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We also have names and numbers of many more.

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TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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NEXT OPEN MEETING

**THURSDAY 24 JANUARY, 7.00 IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM, ROZEL COURT**

Light refreshments provided.



We have asked PCSOs to attend and update us on progress with Neighbourhood Watch and patrols on the Estate.

We hope to get someone from Oasis Academy to tell us about schools.



Come along and meet your neighbours.

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE RATS

Some folks are throwing out bread etc for the birds. Unfortunately this is likely to attract rats or other vermin and there is enough take-away bits doing that! Do feed the birds but on a table or box, hanging items is a better way.



RECYCLING BINS

Recently we have noticed that some recycling bins are not being emptied. This could be because bags are being put in them. The collectors will not take them as the contents are unknown and they cannot empty and sort them. Please put things loose in the bin and there should not be any more trouble. Also they cannot handle shredded paper, it clogs the machinery, Bag it and bin it in the refuse or if you have a compost bin it is ideal for breaking it down.

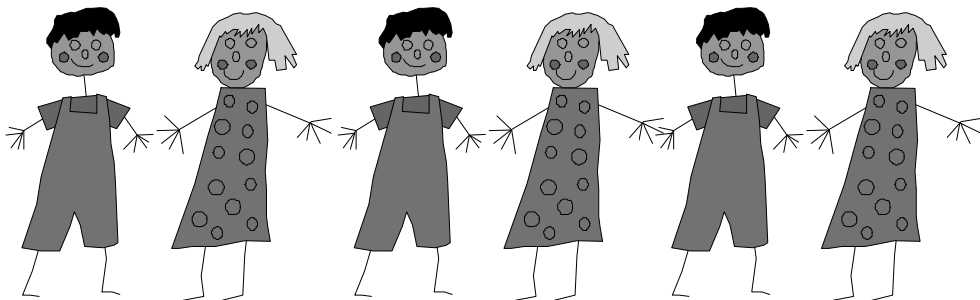
Regular litter picking around the Estate, daily when possible, usually yields about six carrier bags of rubbish. We know some residents pick up close to their homes, thank you. We do get comments from strangers on how tidy the Estate is. Please help to keep it that way. We can get you a litter picker if you contact us.

If you are concerned that the bin left out all day shows that the house is empty speak to a neighbour and ask them to put it in the garden.

BEING BRITISH

Being British is about driving in a German car to an Irish pub for Belgian beer, then travelling home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Greek kebab on the way, to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American TV shows on a Japanese TV. And the most British thing of all? Suspicion of all things foreign! Only in Britain can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance! Only in Britain do supermarkets make sick people walk all the way to the back of the shop to get their prescriptions while all the healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front in a little newsagents. Only in Britain do people order double cheeseburgers with large fries and then get a DIET coke to feel healthy. Only in Britain do banks leave their doors open but they chain the pens to the counters. Only in Britain do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds out the front of our houses yet lock our unwanted junk and cheap lawn mowers safely in the garage. Only in Britain do we use answering machine so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place. Only in Britain are there disabled parking places in front of an ice skating rink.

Submitted by a resident



PLAY AREA

The equipment has been installed and is being used, even in the rain! We have asked about planting of shrubs and trees. It is visited on a daily basis and cleaned. We do hope that parents and residents explain to the youngsters that it is for them and will keep an eye open to report any abuse.

WEB SITE

The Federation of Residents Associations has set up a web site and we are working with them to have our own link where we can put any news, agendas for next meeting, minutes of last, names of committee and how to contact us. When this is done we will advise you of the address and give more details

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Hennessey—Chair
Podge Eldridge —Secretary
Gary Waters—Treasurer
Danny Bradley
Lin Holder
Mike Holder
Paul Langler
Jane Vine

Open Meetings take place every two months. They are on the fourth Thursday in the months of January, March, May, July, September (AGM) and November. 7.00 in Rozel Court Community room. Committee will meet informally before each to set the Agenda and revue the situation.

COUNCILLOR DENNIS HARRYMAN

Holds Surgeries where you can bring any items you think he can help with, they are at Millbrook School, Green Lane 10.30-12.00 on the third Saturday of each month and in Sarnia Court at 2.00 on the first Wednesday in the month.

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

Gail Sketcher is the lady to contact. Either call the Lordshill Housing Office and ask for her or if you want to discuss something face to face she is there regularly at 10.00 — 12.00 on the first Monday of the month.

You could be advertising here!

Do you have something to sell?
Do you offer a service?

Do you want to get a message out
to 650 households on the Estate?

Contact cidtra to find how we can help!

A café for parents.

In the Vaudin Room @ Millbrook Community School

**10.00-12.00am
every Wednesday**

Run **by** parents **for** parents of teenagers. A chance to relax for an hour or so, have a cuppa and a chat! Relevant information available re: parenting support.

Feel free to bring a friend! Just pop-in whenever you can.

Refreshments are free of charge. Young children welcome but remain your responsibility.

**Millbrook Community School
Community Office**

**For more info call Jo:
02380 522704**



Take a
break



WHAT DOES CIDTRA DO?

Besides printing and distributing this Newsletter we have good contacts with the Council reporting any damage and chasing the results (sometimes this takes a long time but we keep at it) we attend meetings of the Federation of Residents Associations and we are meeting with someone from Tree Dept to see if anything can be done about some of the trees which need attention. We talk with Swaythling Housing (very frustrating). We are pressing for something to be done about the busy traffic on Lower Brownhill Road and getting the ditch cleaned up.

We really would like to hear if there are other things which you would like us to do, within reason. One idea already suggested is a competition for the best garden. It would be decided by an independent judge probably at the end of April or May – if you are interested in this please contact us.

One thing we wish we could start is some activity for young people, they get very bad press, but we know that most are good but need some direction. It would only take a handful of parents willing to give up a few hours to go over to Five Acres in the evening to get some entertainment out doors away from the TV.

We can approach fund raisers for grants.