

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association



Welcome to this the second edition of our newsletter.

It is really pleasing to see how much the Association has grown and to report that we are now starting to make real progress with the priorities that you identified. Supporting our community is very important to us and we are particularly excited about our plans for a Volunteer Community Car Scheme and the progress we are making with the Village Green project.

If you are not a member already we look forward to welcoming you to our ranks, a membership application form is printed on the last page of the Newsletter.

Thank you so much for your support.

Paul Sparks, Chairman of the Association

The Meads Medical Centre Volunteer Community Car Scheme

The relocation of the Meads Surgery to Bell Farm Road makes it quite difficult for some residents to attend their appointments.

The Committee looked at this problem and feel the best way forward is to establish a Volunteer Community Car Scheme. We are working with the Meads Practice on this and a survey of their patients is underway to measure the level of support for such a service.

We now need to recruit volunteer drivers and a second volunteer administrator – can you help?

Drivers will work on a rota basis and will need to use their own car (four doors please) and will get paid around 45p per mile.

The Administrators will work from home taking and making calls (call costs to be paid through the scheme) and will need to be available Monday to Thursday 9.00 to 10.30am and 5.00 to 6.30pm.

If you think you can help with this worthwhile project please contact our Secretary, Peter Griggs for more information – our full contact details are on page 3.

Progress with our priorities

We think we have made good progress with the topics you identified as being top priorities

- *Establishing self-help groups* – a volunteer car scheme is being introduced
- *Road safety and road repairs* – pot holes repaired, roads resurfaced
- *Parking* – parking around schools was made a Police priority
- *Village Green Status for The Dene* – making good progress
- *Improving communications with residents* – Facebook, Twitter and website all up and running and popular, newsletters hand delivered to every household
- *Organising social events to strengthen our community* – The Big Lunch held at the Rugby Club in June was a great success with over 100 people attending. More events are planned – see page 2



The Community and Regeneration team at Wealden District Council

FREE Wealden Electric Blanket Testing

Bring your electric blanket for a free safety check on Monday 14 October, 2pm to 4pm at Uckfield Fire Station, Bell Farm Rd.

The free blanket testing events include advice on energy efficiency, home security, fire prevention and benefits/pension info.

For further information please ring Alison Brook on 01892 602757



Village Green Status for The Dene – We Need Your Help



To support our application to give The Dene the status of a Village Green, which will ensure it is preserved for community use, we need to gather evidence that it has been used for village green type activities e.g. leisure pastimes or sports, for at least 20 years. Village Green status would not affect the ownership of the land, which would remain with Buxted Parish Council.

If you or your child have used The Dene and you are willing to fill out a short form please contact Wendy Tagg at email: WendyETagg@gmail.com or 76 The Dene, Uckfield TN22 1LE

Forthcoming Events

AGM at Manor Primary School 7th Nov

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday, 7th November when the Committee will present its Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. The annual election for membership of the Committee will also take place and there will be an opportunity to propose amendments to the constitution.

Quiz Night!

A fun family quiz night to be held at the Uckfield Rugby Club in November or December, date and time to be confirmed.

A Children's Family Christmas Party?

This is still very much in the planning stage – we would love to know whether you think this is a good idea – contact details on page 3



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Website: www.healthwatcheastsussex.co.uk

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Want to Join Us?

We are trying to recruit as many residents as possible to make the Association a robust and viable organisation, which will provide an authoritative voice for all in our community.

To do this we need some funds to pay for: printing such as for this newsletter; the occasional hire of the school hall for public meetings; and for events such as the Big Lunch, Question Time and Quiz Night.

All we ask for is a subscription of **£5 per year** per household; hopefully you will feel that this provides good value for money (our accounts will be subject to annual audit and report).

A membership application form and a standing order mandate are printed on page 4.

Payment can also be made by cheque, cash or postal order which can be sent to our Secretary, Peter Griggs at 2 Woodlands Close (just off Downsview Crescent near Tesco Express).

- ACCIDENT REPAIRS TO ALL MAKES OF VEHICLE (INC. LIGHT COMMERCIAL)
- LASER FOUR WHEEL ALIGNMENT
- ALLOY WHEEL REFURBISHMENT
- SUPAGARD - PAINTWORK PROTECTION APPLICATION
- VALETING

REMEMBER WHERE YOU HAVE YOUR VEHICLE REPAIRED IS **YOUR CHOICE!**

All work is guaranteed and carried out by our team of experienced, professional and friendly staff.

KEEP IT LOCAL!!



Trevor the Stag became a regular visitor to The Dene and Browns Lane this summer.

This beautiful creature graced the gardens of several residents including those of Emma Cannadine and Sammy Thurley who posted wonderful pictures on our Facebook page.

If you have any interesting photos taken in or around Manor Park or Hempstead Fields we would love to see them.

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Want to Contact Us?

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Our New Logo

Thanks to the brilliant ideas submitted by pupils at Manor Primary we now have a new logo (as seen on the front page), this is a composite design drawn from a number of entries. Well done to:

- Charlie Thomas who gained first prize,
- Bethany Hunt second prize, and
- Dominic Murphy and Harry Dennis third prize - a joint entry.



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One Hundredth Member!

The Residents' Association now has over one hundred households as members.

Adam and Helena Scott of Cuckmere Path are our 100th members and to celebrate this milestone the Association's Chairman, Paul Sparks, presented Adam and Helena with a nice bottle of bubbly.

'The Association really is going from strength to strength' said Paul *'with a membership of over 100 households we are now representing around 250 to 300 residents – a really strong community voice'*.



Photo by Ron Hill

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2013

Subscriptions fall due on 1st January each year. The subscription is **£5.00** per household per calendar year.

Name(s):			
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Sort Code: 776314 Account Number: 71020460

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Signed:		Date:	
Name on Account:			

Having completed this form can you please post or hand it to:

Peter Griggs, Secretary MPHRA, 2 Woodlands Close, Uckfield, TN22 1TS.

We will record your membership details and where appropriate send the mandate part on to your bank.

(Please note cheque or cash payments will be deposited into the account without delay)

Many thanks

Peter (Secy)