

High Kingsdown Community News

Registered Charity Number 1179906

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HKCA AGM (Against Covid 19)

DIARY DATES

Day	Date & Time	Event
Tue	23 rd Mar 19:00	AGM of HK Community Assoc. (Virtual Via Zoom)

High Kingsdown Community Association AGM

Tuesday 23rd March, 7pm.

Access via Zoom only. Request your invitation at least 24 hours before start of meeting.

Please email briony.waite@gmail.com if you would like to be invited to join the AGM via Zoom link.

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies.
2. Annual Report (Page 2).
3. Financial Statement. (Page 3).

Topics introduced and for general discussion:

4. Greening High Kingsdown (Page 4).
5. Signage for lanes (Page 4).
6. Directions to House Numbers on walls (Page 4).
7. Balanced Communities.
8. AOB. If you have items you wish to include, please notify Briony at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.



ANNUAL REPORT

The High Kingsdown Community has responded to the challenges posed by the Lockdowns with neighbourly spirit. People helped by delivering shopping and medication to those more vulnerable. The email and WhatsApp groups have proved effective as a means of communication and staying in touch – if you would like to be included in either of these groups, please let us know. Donations of food and equipment were also readily made.



Scarlett Smith in Concert....
.....and dancing in the aisles!

We had four socially distanced events on the Green – a party for VE Day and three wonderful concerts provided by Scarlett Smith, harpist and Colin Smith, pianist. (No relation.) Perhaps we could also try open air cinema ... There was also a fantastic COVID-19 special newsletter to which lots of residents contributed.

We have been well-supported financially both by the local Co-op and through the Co-op Community Fund. Plans to use this money in developing the estate will be discussed at the AGM. The Flats donate around £500 per annum to the care and maintenance of High Kingsdown but apart from some generous individuals and a small percentage of owners/residents in the houses, we receive very little annual income from this source. All the money goes towards making High Kingsdown a better place for us all to enjoy and live in. Details of how to set up a standing order are included in this newsletter (Page 7). We only ask for £10 per person per year.



Our Bristol Waste team led by Grant Bishton-Smith has helped enormously in keeping on top of rubbish issues and we have worked with them to reduce the amount of weeds growing along the lanes. Many thanks to the volunteer weed team who have been coming out on Thursday mornings. Removing weeds has an overall beneficial effect – it eliminates a sense of neglect meaning that people are less likely to drop rubbish and more likely to put their bins away.

We are in frequent communication with the University Community team over anti-social behaviour issues. Some of these can be put down to thoughtlessness while others, such as noisy late-night parties, can be detrimental to the well-being of fellow residents. We live in close proximity to each other and need to be mindful of others. On a more positive note, however, it is usually only a tiny minority of students who are transgressors and we very grateful to the student gardening teams who have worked with Karen on the greening of High Kingsdown.

It's also great to have the Children's Playground open again.

Briony Waite - Co-Chair



Scarlett Smith's Christmas Concert



Co-op's kind donation of £2,190 to HKCA

Treasurer's Report

<u>High Kingsdown Community Association</u>		<u>2020 Accounts</u>		
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Martin Smith (Treasurer) February 14, 2021		Checked 1/1/20 to 31/12/20 and found accurate Signed _____ Date _____		

The year 2019 was dominated by the efforts to get funds for the repair of the long wall. We raised an extra £433 (not enough), but Bristol City Council came through for us (thanks to Councillor Anthony Negus), and they rebuilt the wall. Other spending was on Greening HK, and the social event on the green (costs were much reduced thanks to the Co-op and funds raised at the event).

In 2020, spending has been low (due to COVID and Lockdowns). The Co-op again aided us by making HKCA one of its community charities for 2020, donating £2190 plus collected donations at their tills. Our biggest thanks to them. Please look at page 7 to see how to contribute to HKCA, thank you.

A big thank you goes to Madeleine Barter for checking the accounts for 2019. The 2020 accounts have not yet been checked.

Martin Smith - Treasurer

The Committee

Shaun Wainwright (standing down as Co-Chair but remaining on the Committee); Briony Waite (Co-Chair), Martin Smith, (Treasurer), Karen Sillence (Green High Kingsdown), Nick Finch, Rebecca Sexton, Pella Lean.

Joining the Committee: Ken Smith, Tony Allan.

The Committee is always keen to welcome new members either co-opted, 'as and when', or to stand on a regular basis. Please let us know if you would like to be included. **We are particularly keen to appoint a Co-Chair to replace Shaun.** The sharing of this responsibility works very well.

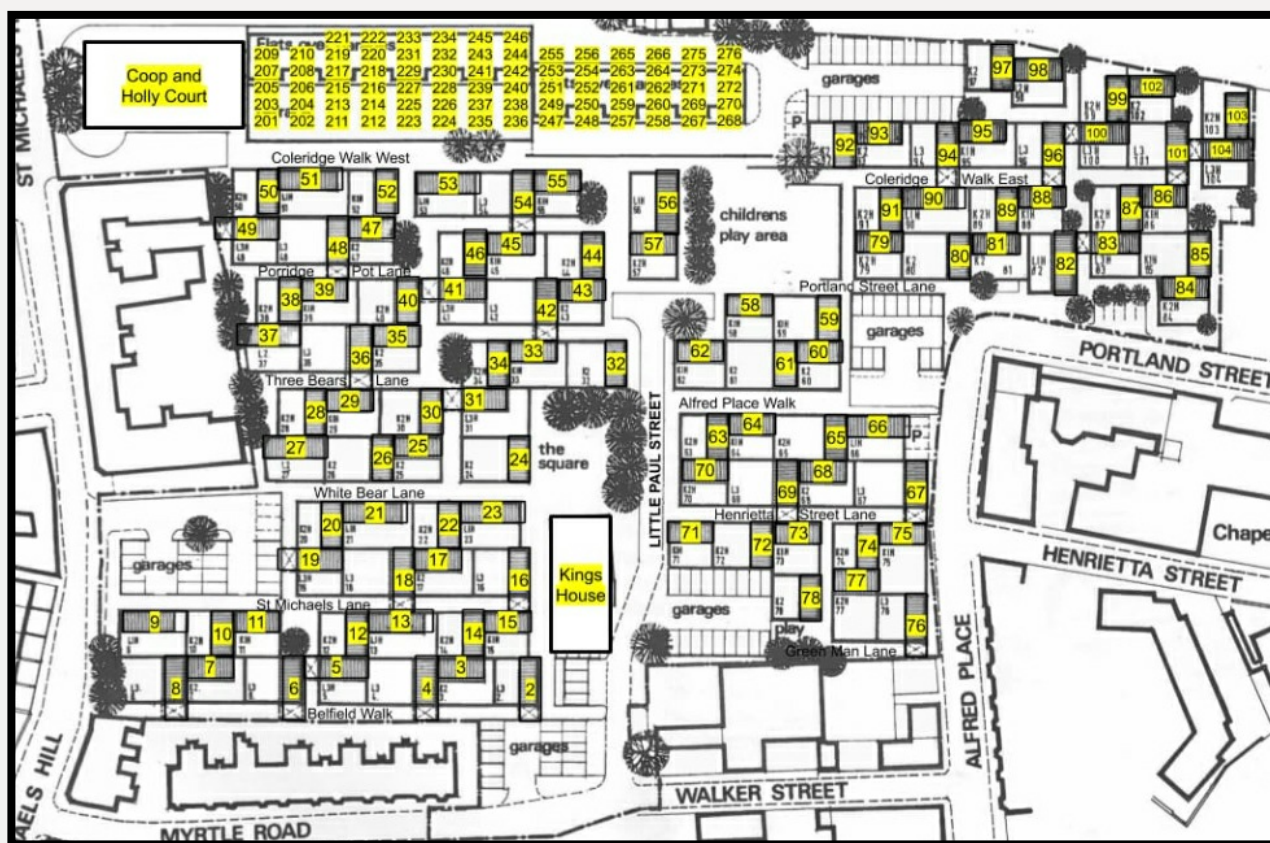
There will be no formal voting in of officers or members at the moment.

Greening High Kingsdown

Increasing trees and benches on the estate. Greening / planting. Student work groups.

Signage for lanes

Most lanes have been given names to bring a more local flavour to each area (see map with suggestions.)



Numbers on walls

Restore/ replace. The numbers were painted on walls when the estate was built but have worn away with time.



Proposals to Green High Kingsdown

At the AGM, we will discuss the current plans to:

- plant more shrubs/small trees on the estate generally
- plant more shrubs/small trees and put some benches on the Green
- restore and improve house numbering
- signage showing new names for lanes as per Karen's drawing (page 4)
- any other ideas you might have.

If unable to join the AGM via Zoom, please contact Briony.waite@gmail.com with your responses to the above and any items under AOB, at least 24 hours before the meeting on 23rd March.

Thank You to St Michael's Hill

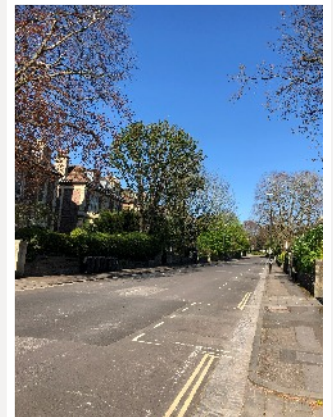
The Lockdown restrictions have sadly meant the closure of many local services and amenities. We certainly miss them all and wish them a speedy and safe return when conditions prevail. Fortunately, the Co-op has remained open and has acted as a hub for socially distanced networking. The shop is also a collection point for food banks. We've been fortunate in the ingenuity of some restaurant and pub proprietors, setting up take-away services, while the bakery has kept going throughout. The women who run the shop open-up at 7am every morning (other than Sunday), one of them, catching a bus at 5am from south Bristol to be at the shop by 6am! She admits to it being a bit of a challenge during the cold snap. Thanks to all the staff in St Michael's Hill for their friendly and helpful service during these difficult times.



Sky Smiley



"Thank You NHS" Spitfire Over BRI Hospital



Priory Road

Bristol Scenes during the Summer 2020

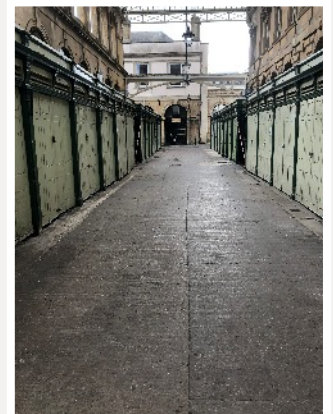
Bus Station



Harbourside



Corn Street Market





Please help **STOP** this happening!



Nature just leaves leaves!

Managing Household waste - Bins and recycling (Instructions for Flats are different)

It's important that you understand how to manage your waste and keep on top of it. Not keeping on top of your home's waste will cause you and the community real issues.

What to do:

- **Search "Bristol Bins"** (<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bins-recycling/bins-and-recycling-collection-dates>) to **check collection day**. Recycling and food waste are usually collected every Friday, bins every other. Make a rota with housemates if you need to.
- **Sort your waste** (<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bins-recycling/what-goes-in-your-bins-and-boxes>) according to the instructions on the boxes - note that you shouldn't mix the recycling in the boxes; keep them as separate as possible.
- Take your bins/boxes to the curb by Friday morning, **take them back to your garden** on Friday afternoon.
- **Be considerate** to your neighbours (keep High Kingsdown clean) and environment (recycle as much as you can!). Talk to neighbours who might not know, report fly tipping.

Typical issues:

- Bins **overflowing** (bin lid not closed and bin bags not in bins) do not get collected and rubbish gets scattered by vermin and weather.
- **Fly tipping**: leaving items on the street is illegal and selfish.
- **Leaving bins out** has three issues: it blocks the pavement for less able residents, can be used by robbers to climb walls, and creates a natural place for fly-tipping.
- **Lost bins**: number your bin and take it in. If you lose your bins you are likely to have to wait a long time for a new one and will be liable for fly tipping.

Dan Bd

Residents of Flats

The flats have the use of the mini recycling centre (the wooden stockade!). The collection times above do not apply, but the 'sorting' rules still apply.

There are communal bins for plastics, metal cans and foil, glass, cardboard, paper, and food waste. Full details are on Bristol council website <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bins-recycling/recycling-in-flats-mini-recycling-centres>. Non-recyclable goes in the large bins in either the 'Bin Stores'. The entry code is available from your landlord (if renting) or from Hillcrest.

Martin Smith

HIGH KINGSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The HIGH KINGSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION committee is always keen to have new members. Please let one of us know if you would like to be included. Under more normal conditions, we would be meeting approximately every 8 weeks. Contact details of committee members are listed below.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGH KINGSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

In order to help with the maintenance and upkeep of the estate and surroundings, we ask for a minimum annual donation of £10 from all residents living in houses (flats contribute separately). If possible, please set up a standing order with your bank, paying monthly or annually. £1 every month helps towards maintaining and improving the environment in which we all live.

Required details for setting up a Standing Order with your bank.

Sort Code	40-17-32
Account Number	91364294
Account Name	High Kingsdown Community Association (or as much as fits into the space your bank allows)
Reference <u>MUST</u> start	HKnnn (nnn = house or flat number) (needed to identify your donation.)

HIGH KINGSDOWN (FLATS) RIGHT TO MANAGE COMPANY

Hillcrest remains as the managing agent going into 2021.

If you want to get in touch with us, to find out more, or could consider becoming a director, please contact one of the directors. Contact details are below.

If you are a flat owner and have not yet subscribed but would like to become a member of the Right To Manage

company, please e-mail any of the directors for details of how to join. There is a 'one off' contribution of £60 towards running costs, but this gives you a vote on issues at the AGMs and in the selection of the managing agent. This is not part of the annual maintenance fees.

HK Community Association Committee

Shaun Wainwright (Co-Chair)	Sfwainwright1@gmail.com
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Peter Anderton	peteranderton@yahoo.de



Some Useful Contacts

Police Emergency	Any Urgent Call	999
Police NON - Urgent		101
PCSO Emma Richardson	avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/cotham	
Police web site	www.avonandsomerset.police.uk	
Local police issues	www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/cotham	
Local police Team	www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/cotham	
	and select 'Contact the team'	
Crime Stoppers		0800 555111
Nuisance Complaints		0845 456 7000
Police (Main Switchboard) (Portishead)		0845 456 7000
Vehicle Centre For reporting vehicle thefts.		0845 7 234 999
Council Customer Help Centre		922 2000
Sex and Drugs Litter		922 2100
Lighting/Graffiti/Bins		922 2100
BCC Parking Control		922 2198
Pest Control, Pollution (including Noise) & Public Safety		922 2500
Household Waste & Street Maintenance		922 2100
Cotham School		919 8000
High Kingsdown Estate Website	www.highkingsdown.co.uk	
Contact HKCA	office@highkingsdown.co.uk	
Bristol Waste Company	www.bristolwastecompany.co.uk	

Please note.

Details on the ads below might change during the present situation.
If in any doubts please contact the establishment to check opening times.

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March 2, 2021

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Signed



Date

07/06/21