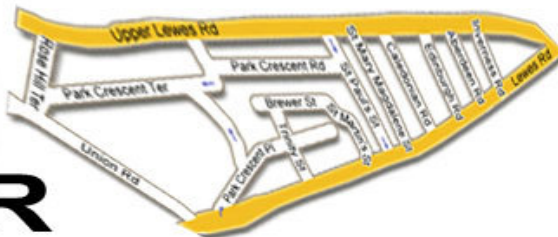


The Triangle Community NEWSLETTER



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More pedal power in the Triangle

It's good news for two-wheelers; since achieving Cycling Town status in 2005, our city has more cyclists than ever, and Brighton and Hove City Council is planning to increase the number of official Pedal Cycle Parking Places (PCPPs). These should reduce "fly parking" (bikes being locked to lampposts and railings not intended for such use), caused largely by high numbers of shared dwellings and a lack of off-street cycle parking.

Secure cycle parking will help reduce bicycle theft, street clutter and obstructions, and improve footway visibility for residents, particularly those using mobility scooters or wheelchairs.

Ward Councillor Ian Davey, Walking & Cycling Officer Tracy Davison, and Triangle Committee member Helen Murray recently met and identified a number of potential PCPPs in our locality, including the paved area at the bottom of Roundhill Crescent.

No definite decisions can be made until a full feasibility study is carried out and funding is secured, but Tracy Davison insists that these locations will be considered within a rolling programme of cycle parking improvements.

By treating parking provision for cycles the same as parking for other vehicles, the council intends to offer residents increased choice in how we travel in Brighton, with an emphasis on greener forms of transport.

Chilled out: Edinburgh Road is transformed by the January snow...



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Garden Lives On



The Lewes Road Community Garden has found a new lease of life as supporters pledge to resist construction of a proposed dense development, which is expected to include a Tesco Express right next door to the Co-op.

The Garden, which was enormously popular as a venue and meeting space last year, hosted a Valentine's Day 'Love Your Neighbourhood' event on 14 Feb. Around 200 people enjoyed live music and hot drinks, heralding the start of a new season of free community-based activities for 2010.

Gardening days will continue on the first Sunday of each month (as well as Sun 11th April), from 12 – 4pm. All are welcome to join in with gardening, maintaining and decorating the space. A 'Say No to Tesco' campaign was launched last November, giving voice to widespread opposition to a new store.

Fans of the Garden can join the Facebook groups: **Lewes Road Community Garden Project** and **Say No to Tesco on Lewes Road**

RIP Gordon Stalker

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Gordon Stalker, who was fatally stabbed at his home on Elm Grove on February 15th. Gordon, 51, was one of the Community Garden's founders, and a beautiful, ever-reliable and friendly presence who helped make it the welcoming place it was and is today. He will be sorely missed. (Anyone with information about the crime should call Sussex Police: 0845 6070999)



Gordon getting musical in the Garden

Twenty is Plenty



Between 2008 and 2009, 141 people were killed or seriously injured on roads in Brighton. Thirteen of these were children. A “Twenty is Plenty” petition to the council has now been launched, with the aim of reducing traffic speed in residential areas to 20mph.

Reducing traffic speed is the most effective way of lowering road deaths, and many towns and cities across the country have already set speed limits of 20mph across large urban areas. It makes sense when you consider that someone struck by a car at 35mph has a 50% chance of survival, whereas at 20mph this increases to 97%.

Additional benefits of decreasing vehicle speeds include reduced emissions and improved traffic flow (as proven by research in Germany where 30kmph i.e. 19mph speed limits have long been commonplace), and improved sociability (recent research in Bristol found that relationships between residents improved on streets with lower traffic speeds). Inevitably it also makes walking and cycling much safer.

Sign the petition at www.gopetition.co.uk/online/31175.html

Find out more at www.livingstreets.org.uk and www.20splentyforus.org.uk

Get your fingers green



Join us for another planting session on Lewes Road, and help spruce up our street tubs for spring. We'll give them a general tidy-up, and plant some new herbs and flowers, whilst being careful not to disturb the lovely blooms of daffs and crocuses already gracing the soil. Bring along any gardening tools and know-how you have – or even some cakes and hot drinks to share!

Meet Sunday 28 March, 11.30am, bottom of Edinburgh Road (Lewes Road end)

Graham's Gigs: Live music in our neck of the woods

Fujiya and Miyagi, 5 February 2010, Audio

Naming yourself after a Karate Kid character and a brand of record player might not sound the ultimate recipe for success, but Fujiya and Miyagi – residents of our very own Triangle neighbourhood – have already done MTV documentaries, collaborations with Bomb the Bass, and soundtracks to Jaguar ads.

So, how does a band who've been compared to Neu!, Stereolab and Aphex Twin, and who produce beautifully complex albums layered with dance beats, guitar riffs and breathy vocals, play live?

Tonight they're performing to a home crowd, and initially there seems little communication with the audience. Mind you, would you like to play to an audience of geeky middle-aged 'musos' standing there with arms folded, waiting for the second coming of punk? Still, it would help if lead vocalist Dave Best gave us a smile or a bit of banter.

Oi, hang on a minute, what's this? Some young people are jumping up and down and dancing! At last the band rise to the occasion, finishing – appropriately enough – with *Ankle Injuries*. And hey, we get a smile from Dave! Phew; we hard-to-please Brighton revellers can go home happy at last.

Bike Train

Bike Train is a new way to travel up and down Lewes Road by bike. Instead of pedalling on your own, you can join dozens of others, enjoying safety in numbers and a more sociable cycling experience on scheduled mass rides between the Level and Falmer.



The idea, developed by Lewes Road for Clean Air, is ideal for students and university staff, as well as staff at Southern Water and pupils at Falmer School. The project aims to reduce traffic and pollution while increasing our opportunities for daily exercise, by encouraging less confident cyclists to take part.

Trial runs will be held in March, with proper scheduled services starting in late April.

For more information or to volunteer as a ride leader, visit 'Bike Train' on Facebook, www.biketrain.org or www.lewesroadforcleanair.org Or call 07944 152706.

Safe and Happy in the Triangle

Crime and Safety A-Z (Part 5)

I - Inspector David Derrick

In the last issue we welcomed a new Sergeant to the area. This time we're welcoming a new Inspector – David Derrick – and bidding a fond farewell to his predecessor Rob Leet. Inspector Derrick heads up the Brighton Central Neighbourhood Policing Team (the Triangle forms the smallest "beat" within the North Laine and Hanover policing area of the Central district). He can be contacted at david.derrick@sussex.pnn.police.uk. The rest of the Triangle officers remain as follows:
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david.palmer@sussex.pnn.police.uk.
PC Anne Watson:
ann.watson@sussex.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Karen Hopewell:
karen.hopewell@sussex.pnn.police.uk

If you have any questions about public and community safety or crime reduction services delivered by the council or police in your area, please email:

Simon Bannister, Brighton & Hove City Council
Environment Improvement Team:
simon.bannister@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Dates for your diary

Fancy getting more involved with your local community? Come to our meetings:

Thu 4 March: Triangle monthly meeting
Tue 23 March: Pre-election public meeting - Bring questions for your local councilors and MPs
Thu 22 April: Triangle monthly meeting
Tue 18 May: Triangle monthly meeting
Thu 10 June: Triangle monthly meeting
Thu 15 July: Triangle AGM - The big one!
First Mon each month, 7.30pm, The Bugle pub:
Local History Group

All are held at the Salvation Army Hall and start at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.