

# The Triangle Community Newsletter

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## Triangle Graffiti

The debate between graffiti art and vandalism shifts, yet sometimes a line in the sand needs to be drawn. Tagging, once an expression of individuality in 70s New York, is tired, crude and a blight on the Triangle area.



Graffiti as an art form is very in vogue and in Brighton we are fortunate to have graffiti art to a high standard; just visit Kensington Street which is breathtaking.

Excellent examples are also to be seen in Trafalgar Street with its graffiti shop (some bargains to be had there).

Brighton and Hove Council graffiti officer Sarah Leach offered to find artists to have free reign on the passage **between St Martins Street and Newport Street**. The Triangle committee met with the artists who gave us some idea of their style.

What were we going to get? Basquait? The wonders that subverted the Berlin wall? Hopefully no Banksy, so one-dimensional and cartoonist.

The design reflects some aspects of our area with the old viaduct, also South Asian influences associated with Buddhism. It is certainly an improvement and an achievement on a difficult porous surface. **Many thanks to Sarah Leach.**

### ★ Visit Your website

In case you didn't know, you do have a website. Keep up-to-date with what is going on in the triangle area. To visit go to

[www.triangle-community.org.uk](http://www.triangle-community.org.uk)

You can contact us by email:

[contact@triangle-community.org.uk](mailto:contact@triangle-community.org.uk)



### Rubbish Collection on Tuesdays NOW

The Triangle area has now a unified rubbish collection day of Tuesday.

Rubbish bags should be ready for collection before 7am on a Tuesday and not before. **Thank you.**



The possibilities are endless.

For more information on how you can contribute visit the Brighton and Hove Council website:  
[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

**Residents have had enough of students**



Residents have made a plea to council leaders and university bosses to prevent them from being overrun by students.

Late-night noise, antisocial behaviour and litter have already led to many families deserting areas in Brighton.

Thousands of students from the universities of Brighton and Sussex live in the city and there is a growing concern about the problems they create.

At an Elm Grove Area Residents Action Group meeting, people expressed their frustrations to representatives from Brighton & Hove Council, Sussex Police and both universities.

**The Triangle has applied for funding for our greening project**

We plan to brighten up our streets and encourage biodiversity with flowers and foliage on Lewes Road, and have proposed a number of wooden planters containing sustainable plants across the area.

Exact details will be confirmed soon, but we're hoping to see the Triangle in bloom by next summer! If you're interested in helping with planting or maintenance do let us know, as we'd love as many people as possible to get involved.

**What do you think of the state of our streets in terms of rubbish and litter in the Triangle area?**

**By Helen Murray  
Mary Magdalene Street**



Because many of the streets in the area are narrow we do not have wheelie bins or envelope-type containers, so we have to put our rubbish sacks out on the pavements. This causes a number of problems.

Most rubbish sacks purchased from supermarkets are very thin and tear very easily. Some people continue to put rubbish out on the wrong day with seeming impunity from the council.

When recently asked about the situation, City Clean said that they continue to monitor the whole of the central area of Brighton and all non-wheelie bin/envelope areas of the city to survey the best form of refuse containment and it will take them until next year before a final decision is made. They are actively considering extending the provision of communal bins and evaluating costs/locations. There has been strong opposition to these when previously trialed in areas of Hove. The disadvantages are that they will take up valuable parking spaces, be unsightly and possibly smelly and unhygienic if not emptied/cleaned regularly and difficult for some members of the public to use. Also, pity the poor person who has to have one of these bins placed outside their property.

I suggested to City Clean that they could try delivering proper, strong rubbish bags for all residents in non-wheelie bin areas. This happened in Southend where I used to live. The bags were delivered every quarter. The rates were a lot cheaper too, perhaps they saved money because there was less mess to clear up.

Whatever happens, something has to change, the area is often littered with rubbish. Unfortunately this area of Brighton, along with others is fast earning a reputation for being a dirty neighbourhood.

**Local History Group**

**WHO LIVED IN YOUR HOUSE?**

The Triangle Group have been offered help to research the history of the houses in a street in their area by Brighton & Hove Open Door for possible inclusion in next year's Heritage Open Days. Which street shall we choose? Contact us with your suggestion or leave a message on 677141 and if you are interested in learning more about your house or street come to one of our regular meetings.

The History Group meets the first Monday of the month at the Bugle Pub 7pm. **Next meetings 01/12/2008 and 05/01/2009 – all residents welcome**