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Children from Moulsecomb Primary School are helping to improve their local woods. Full story page 9

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# Keeping residents safe

## Welcome to the summer issue of Homing In.

Fire safety is at the forefront of everyone's minds following the Grenfell Tower tragedy in London. The safety of our residents is of paramount importance to us. Extra safety inspections are being carried out in all our high rise blocks and we're working closely with the fire service keeping safety constantly under review. Find out more on page 6.

On page 7, we highlight a crackdown on anti-social behaviour which has brought relief for neighbours concerned about drug dealing, noise nuisance and other problems. Find out how swift action is making a difference, and how you can report problems.

Our New Homes for Neighbourhoods building programme is continuing, with more than 100 more council homes due for completion over the next few months. As well as providing vital extra homes, the programme is helping improve neighbourhoods by making good use of rundown and under-used sites.

Our annual report to tenants and leaseholders is also included in this issue – it's a chance for you to see in detail how we have been performing over the last year.

### Councillor Anne Meadows

Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee



**Councillor Anne Meadows at Hobby Place in Whitehawk where 29 new homes are being built**

## All in a day's work for Fran and Alex

Housing staff came to the aid of a woman when she collapsed on the floor of her home.



Fran Conroy and Alex Barton were worried because they could not get in touch with the tenant, who they knew had health problems.

They went to her flat and found the door open, and the woman semi-conscious.

The pair alerted emergency services

and stayed with the tenant for several hours to make sure she was okay. She received hospital treatment and now has a CareLink alarm fitted so she can get help if needed in future.

Fran said: "We went round because we were concerned the lady may not be doing so well, and she looked very poorly when we found her. We were just pleased we were there and pleased we could help."

Housing officers Fran and Alex (pictured left) received a staff 'Big Difference' award after being nominated by their colleagues for the assistance they gave.

If you are interested in finding out more about the council's CareLink community alarm system: Visit [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/carelinkplus](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/carelinkplus) Email [CareLinkPlus@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:CareLinkPlus@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or call **01273 673105**

# Struggling with the benefits system?

## Housing staff are finding that tenants are struggling more and more with benefits.

**With Universal Credit fast approaching, help is available if you are worried about benefit changes.**

Fran Conroy, from the Tenancy Sustainment Team, explains how we were able to help in a recent case.

Fran said: "I started working with Stephen\* after he got into arrears with his rent. Within a few months of his Employment Allowance stopping and being put on Universal Credit, Stephen went from being a model tenant to nearly being evicted. He didn't realise anyone could help him with his benefits problems and had stopped talking to officers at the council.

"Stephen told me all about his health and benefits problems and I was able to help him sort things out with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Within a month I had managed to get his benefits reinstated and his arrears reduced, and so he avoided eviction."

Fran added: "What advice would I give to a tenant who finds themselves in Stephen's position? Don't wait! Get in touch with us early. We can help you prepare for the changes and identify early on if you need extra help to sort things out."

\*Stephen is not the tenant's real name

**If this sounds familiar please phone the Housing Income Management Team as soon as possible to discuss any rent payment concerns on 01273 293224. If need be, they can refer you to our Housing Employment Support Team, who are helping numerous tenants with benefits and employment issues.**



## Changes to under-occupancy regulations ('Bedroom Tax')

Some tenants who have seen a reduction in their Housing Benefit because of having a spare room may now have the reduction stopped – if the extra room is being used:

- For an overnight carer of a disabled child
- Or
- By you or your partner because you can no longer share the same bedroom because of a disability or ill health

**To find out more, ring the Housing Benefit team on 01273 292000.**

## Correction on ESA

We told you in the spring issue of **Homing In** that those in the Employment Support Allowance (ESA) Work-Related Activity Group would lose £30 per week from 6 April 2017. This is a mistake as this change only applies to new claimants of ESA who claim on or after 6 April 2017.

We apologise for any concern this may have caused.

# New Homes for Neighbourhoods

A total of 131 new council homes are currently being built under the New Homes for Neighbourhoods programme. These are at Brooke Mead in central Brighton, and at Kite Place and Hobby Place

in Whitehawk. Construction of new homes at Kensington Street in the North Laine will start in the next couple of months and many more are in the pipeline.

## Kite Place set for take-off

Brand new one, two and three bedroom council flats at our landmark scheme at Kite Place, off Whitehawk Road, will start to be advertised on Homemove for applicants to start bidding on later this summer.



### A bird's eye view of the Kite Place flats

The 57 spacious flats, with lifts to all floors and private balconies, include six specially designed for households with a wheelchair user, and 16 with level access showers for those who can't manage steps or stairs.

Residents will have the use of a communal garden and cycle storage. As well as the handy bus stop for the Number 1 and 21 buses on Whitehawk Road, there will be a new car club vehicle, and free club membership for two years, for the first tenants in each of the 57 flats.

There will also be some car parking spaces available to rent, with priority to blue badge holders.

We expect the flats to be completed and ready to move into in October. If you are interested in applying for one of these new flats, and are eligible, keep an eye open for the properties to be advertised on Homemove from August onwards.

Westridge Construction won a bronze Considerate Constructors award for their work involving the community during the construction, including the artwork on the hoardings designed by local children and young people.

You can apply through Homemove: [www.homemove.org.uk/onlineform/brighton/](http://www.homemove.org.uk/onlineform/brighton/) and if you need any help, please call 01273 294400 and select 'Option 1'.

# Update

## Helping people to carry on living independently

The new Brooke Mead Extra Care housing scheme in Albion Street, Brighton, is being let this summer.

The scheme will help people with dementia carry on living independently. It is also suitable for people with other conditions who need a little more care and support, and will have carers on site 24 hours a day to provide peace of mind.

Brooke Mead is made up of 45 self-contained flats, including wheelchair accessible properties, along with a communal garden, activity rooms and community café.

A range of social groups and activities for residents are planned including music, dance, arts and craft sessions.

Rupert Hensser, the scheme manager, said: "This is a very exciting scheme where people can stay independent, knowing there is help on hand 24 hours a day if needed.



Scheme manager Rupert Hensser is looking forward to welcoming Brooke Mead's first residents

"The flats are fantastic. They are well designed and equipped and all of them have a balcony or patio area and underfloor heating. They all have double bedrooms and so may be suitable for some couples."

**If you think Brooke Mead could be suitable for you or a relative, contact Housing Customer Services to find out more: [housingcustomerservices@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:housingcustomerservices@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or call 01273 293030. Visit the website at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/Brooke-Mead](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/Brooke-Mead)**

All applicants need to be registered on Brighton & Hove's choice based lettings system and applications will have to be approved by the council's adult social care team to ensure the accommodation is suitable for each tenant's needs. You can apply through Homemove, see details opposite.

## Children's art showcased in Whitehawk

**Colourful designs by children at City Academy Whitehawk are on display on hoardings on the Hobby Place construction site.**

Pupils took part in a competition to create artwork for the site where 29 new council flats are being built.

The winners were presented with prizes by Councillor Anne Meadows, chair of the council's Housing and New Homes committee (pictured). The new development is on the Wellsbourne site, next to the academy. Head teacher, Mark Church, said: "It is great that we will all be able to see this brilliant artwork every day as we go past."

A 'topping out' ceremony was carried out in June to mark the development reaching its highest point and the flats are due to be completed in January.

The scheme was developed with feedback from local residents, and we are grateful to people living nearby for their patience and understanding while building work is in progress.



# Fire Safety update

Following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower our thoughts and condolences are with all those affected.

Understandably the fire has caused concern for people living in high rise blocks, and we want to reassure you that the safety of residents is our top priority.

The council works closely with East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS) and a series of meetings have been held since the Grenfell fire to review safety.

There are 43 council high rise blocks in Brighton & Hove and 20 of these have full cladding. None of the cladding on the council's high rise blocks is made from the same material, or supplied by the same company, as the cladding on Grenfell Tower.

All our high rise blocks are inspected every year to make sure they meet current safety standards. Following the Grenfell Tower blaze, we are carrying out additional precautionary fire safety assessments on our high rise buildings. These will be

followed up with detailed and independent surveys – prioritising blocks with cladding first. We will then decide if specific actions need to be taken.

Texts and letters were sent to residents in high rise buildings with cladding in the days after the fire and we are working with resident and tenant associations to keep people updated.

Sprinklers were fitted in Somerset Point seniors housing scheme in Kemp Town last year and sprinkler systems are being proposed at two further blocks.

Everyone can play their part with fire safety and we're asking residents to help by being vigilant and reporting any potential hazards, such as fire doors left open or potential obstructions in communal areas. For safety reasons, we will be immediately removing any items left in communal areas, such as

mats, bikes or pushchairs.

Fire safety information is available at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/fire-safety-in-flats](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/fire-safety-in-flats). This includes the fire safety leaflet we sent out with Homing In last December, plus some frequently asked questions, which we will be updating.

Together with the fire service, we'll continue to monitor all information on the Grenfell Tower tragedy and will review our own properties and practices in light of the outcomes of the investigation, official government advice and the public inquiry.

If you'd like more information, call Housing Customer Services on 01273 293030.

## Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms are fitted in council properties when they become empty or if they are rewired. Residents can arrange for a free Home Safety Visit and help with smoke alarms, including specialist alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing, by contacting East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service on 0800 177 7069 or [www.esfrs.org/home-safety-visits](http://www.esfrs.org/home-safety-visits)

Marking completion of the sprinkler system at Somerset Point



Fire safety in flats

East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service have worked with Brighton & Hove City Council to produce this information for residents to ensure safety in the event of a fire. You need to be aware of how to keep yourself safe in case there is a fire in your block. Officers can speak to residents about fire safety, to help avoid fires taking place and to ensure our residents' wellbeing.



## Gas safety compliance at 100%

Work to make sure all council homes have a valid landlord's gas safety certificate has reached 100% compliance.

The Mechanical and Electrical Team work with housing staff and our gas contractor K&T Heating on gas certification.

It is the first time all council homes in the city have been 100% compliant for a full 12 month period. This ensures gas appliances are safe and performing as efficiently as possible.

## The music's over for noisy neighbour

Noise nuisance is another regular source of concern for neighbours.

A Moulsecomb tenant was ordered to pay £1,774 by magistrates earlier this year after breaching a noise abatement notice. The tenant also had his music equipment seized, including sound systems, CDs and a DVD player.

Action was taken by the council's noise team after neighbours were subjected to repeated disturbance from loud music, and warnings to end the nuisance were ignored.

The council operates a late night noise patrol on Friday and Saturday nights between 10pm and 3am. It can be contacted by calling 01273 293541 or emailing [outofhoursnoise@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:outofhoursnoise@brighton-hove.gov.uk)



Music equipment and CDs seized from a noisy neighbour

For more information, visit [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/noise](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/noise)

# Action to crackdown on drugs

## A crackdown on anti-social behaviour is bringing welcome relief to neighbours.

Swift action to tackle drug dealing taking place from council properties has resulted in nine properties being closed over the last year – meaning a tenant cannot use it for three months – with eight of those tenants subsequently evicted.

The move has brought an end to misery for residents living nearby who, in some cases, have faced people taking drugs on their doorstep, needles and syringes left in communal areas, and disturbance from people coming and going at all hours.

It has also freed up homes for other people in need of housing.

Housing staff work closely with police to respond to reports of suspected drug dealing, and changes in the law mean the council now has greater powers to quickly take possession of homes where dealing or anti-social behaviour is taking place.

## Case study:

Police found cannabis being grown in a property in Portslade in a recent case.

Concerns had been raised about drug use, along with complaints about noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

A court order was issued excluding the tenant and anyone else from the property for three months and steps to repossess the home are now underway.

The council will not tolerate drug dealing or drug related nuisance from our housing and is robustly using these powers where needed. The number of closures has gone up from one in 2015/16 to nine in the last 12 months.

If you are concerned about drug dealing or anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood, call Housing Customer Services on 01273 293030.

## Albion Hill repairs

### Repairs are being carried out at blocks of flats in Ashton Rise on the Albion Hill estate.

Scaffolding was put up around three blocks last year to carry out balcony repairs and, during that work, a problem with the brickwork was found. The

scaffolding has been left in place until the necessary repairs are carried out. We're sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

**Thank you to Albion Hill residents for your patience. We will continue to keep you updated about the work.**

# Successful bids for estate improvements

**A total of 90 projects suggested by residents got the go ahead at area panel meetings in April.**

**More than £400,000 funding was agreed for a variety of improvements to estates across the city – from gardening projects, fencing and cycle stores, to new furnishings for seniors' communal lounges.**

The projects were put forward by 34 tenant and resident associations, plus ten informal groups of neighbours.

Money for the work will come from the council's Estate Development Budget.

The successful bids for funding include:

- New carpet and blinds for the communal lounge at Churchill House seniors housing scheme in Hangleton
- Improvements to Ingram Crescent communal garden in Hove
- Murals and wooden planters for the Clarendon and Ellen estate in Hove
- New furniture for the library at Elwyn Jones Court seniors housing scheme in Patcham
- New planting, benches and a gardening shed at Warwick Mount in Kemp Town
- A new cycle store at St James' House in Kemp Town

**If you have a project in your area that you think will benefit your estate or help improve the area for all council tenants, the Resident Involvement Team can help.**

**Email the team at [RIT@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:RIT@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or call 01273 293265.**



Cyclists like Steven Williamson from Barcombe Place now have somewhere to store their bikes

## New lease of life for communal gardens

**Improvements have been made to two communal gardens to give them a new lease of life.**

At Barcombe Place, **North Moulsecoomb**, rubbish and old concrete storage have been cleared and the garden tidied up so that residents can make better use of it. A new cycle rack has been provided, lighting has been installed, and a new ramp has improved access to the garden.

The work was put forward by the North Moulsecoomb Tenants and Residents Association to the Estate Development Budget (EDB) funds.

Resident Steven Williamson said: "Everyone is using the bike shed and making use of the garden, it's a more welcoming area for residents now."

In **Bevendean**, EDB funding has been used to make improvements to the area behind flats in Leybourne Parade to make it a nicer place for residents to share.

Brambles and weeds have been cut back, an old wall removed, new turf and paving laid, a picnic bench provided and a washing line added. The main gate has been fitted with a new lock, and repairs have been carried out to a wall alongside the garden.



A new picnic table is among improvements at Leybourne Parade

# Woodland warriors!

Children at Moulsecomb Primary School are helping to improve their local woods.



Learning about wildlife in Hodshrove Woods

**Above:** Moulsecomb Primary School pupils Lizzy Taylor (left) and Tyler Spooner with Caroline Gutteridge, the school's Eco Schools co-ordinator, and John Dean

**Right:** Schoolchildren and staff with Pete Weston and John Dean from East Central Moulsecomb Residents Association and resident involvement officer Hannah Barker



Tia-Faith Phillips with her drawing of a rhinoceros beetle

Youngsters from the school's Eco Warriors club are teaming up with East Central Moulsecomb Residents Association to create a new information board for Hodshrove Woods.

The sign will provide details about wildlife to look out for in the woods – including the rhinoceros beetle, one of the world's strongest species which is able to carry 800 times its own body weight!

The pupils visited the woods to come up with ideas for the board and are creating their own pictures and designs to illustrate it.

A number of other improvements have been carried at the woods

off Goodwood Way - two new seats were provided last year, brambles have been cut back and new steps installed. Earlier this year residents got together in the woods for a spring cleaning day to remove litter and fly-tipping.

John Dean, chairman of the residents association, said: "It is great to have the children involved helping us prepare an interpretation board about the wildlife and history of the woods."

"The improvements to the woods are not just good for our area, they are good for people in Moulsecomb as a whole."

Hodshrove Woods are home to a variety of wildlife including foxes, hedgehogs, squirrels, butterflies and grass snakes (which are non venomous). Insects thrive on old beech stumps and dead wood in the woods, and it is one of only a few locations in the city where the rhinoceros beetle is found.



**If you have an interesting story or project in your resident association or neighbourhood which you would like to see featured in Homing In, let us know. See page 16 for details of how to get in touch.**

# Getting arty at Manor Paddock



Hansa Chudasama, Luc Raesmith and Jim Akehurst from the Manor Group working on their Brighton collage

Art and a cuppa are the order of the day at a new activity group at Manor Paddock seniors housing scheme.

**The Manor Group meets on Wednesday afternoons at the scheme in Manor Road, Kemp Town, for an informal mix of art projects.**

Some residents have been working on a collage of Brighton, for example, incorporating the history of the surrounding area. Others simply pop in for a chat and sometimes a game of bingo as well.

The group is run by residents, and grew out of a Creative Connections project at the scheme to encourage more opportunities for social gatherings.

Resident Jim Akehurst said: "I like drawing, and I like the fact that you can be creative here and come up with different ideas."

Hansa Chudasama, who only moved to Manor Paddock recently, said: "It's a fun group and it has been a great way for me to get to know my neighbours."

**The Manor Group is open to all, not just Manor Paddock residents, and meets at 2pm on Wednesdays. For information ring 01273 607917.**

## Men in Sheds

A carpentry project which encourages men to get together to 'meet and make' has a new permanent base.

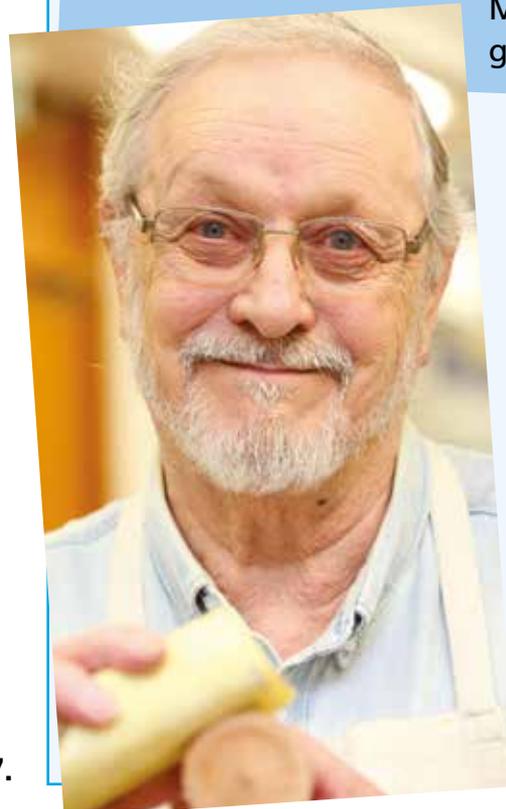
The Kemp Town Men in Sheds scheme, featured in the last issue of **Homing In**, is now open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm at Brighton Youth Centre\* in Grosvenor Street, Brighton. It is also open at Leach Court seniors housing scheme in Park Street, Brighton, on Fridays from 11am-2pm.

The project provides somewhere men can drop in to work on their own woodwork and craft projects, or join in with community activities.

**To find out more call 01273 778646 or email [meninsheds@fabrica.org.uk](mailto:meninsheds@fabrica.org.uk)**

If you have any old tools you no longer need, the Men in Sheds group can put them to good use, so please give them a call on the number above.

Attention to detail – Roger Small from the Men in Sheds group



\*NB Unfortunately the shed workspace at Brighton Youth Centre is not wheelchair accessible and is up a flight of steps. The Leach Court workspace is wheelchair accessible.

# Woolly visitor drops into open morning!

Residents at Somerset Point seniors housing scheme welcomed a visitor with a difference – Dee the sheep!

Dee and her owner Beck Wigmore, from animal therapy organisation Pet Pals, were visiting as part of a 'Healthy and Happy' open morning at the scheme in Kemp Town.

More than 40 people attended the open morning, a mix of residents and visitors from the local community.

A range of organisations took part including Age UK, Digital Brighton & Hove, Lifelines, and Time to Talk Befriending, with talks and demonstrations during the event about local services for over 55s.

Topics covered included opportunities for learning and improving IT skills, social activities, volunteering and healthy eating.

If you'd like to find out more, call 01273 778646.

Dee the sheep wins new friends at the Somerset Point open morning



## Sing Healthy Play Happy



Music making at Lavender House – Margaret Reynolds with Peter Huntbach, Older People's Housing Manager

**A party was held to mark a year of 'Sing Healthy Play Happy' music sessions at Lavender House seniors housing scheme in Kemp Town.**

The fun sessions were organised by Open Strings Music as part of a local NHS project to help people with dementia. They provided an opportunity to sing new and familiar songs together, play a variety of instruments, or just sit back and listen.

The music group was open to all residents at Lavender House and people from neighbouring schemes.

While the organised project has now finished at Lavender House, residents plan to continue holding informal fortnightly music sessions open to all. For more details call 01273 685246.

**A new course of 'Sing Healthy Play Happy' sessions is planned when the Brooke Mead extra housing scheme opens.**

# How we've been doing

Here are the highlights of our performance over the last quarter...

## January to March 2017



**Rent collection and current arrears** - we've collected 98.96% of rent, up slightly from the previous quarter when we collected 98.80%. Arrears have decreased from £615k to £533k



**Customer services and complaints** - Housing customer services answered 92% of your calls and three out of 26 of your complaints were upheld. The proportion of complaints responded to within 10 working days has improved since the previous quarter, from 58% to 88%.



**Estates service** - 99% of cleaning tasks were completed and 99% of inspected tasks passed their quality inspections. Also 100% of Estates Response Team jobs passed their quality inspections.



**Repairs and improvements** - we completed 9,822 repairs, kept 97.1% of appointments made, and answered 82% of calls to the repairs helpdesk within 20 seconds.



**Tenancy management** - we've helped 19 people to keep their tenancies which were at risk and taken back eight properties due to housing fraud.



**Moving home** - we re-let 148 homes in an average of 25 days (excluding major work), and completed 100% of mutual exchange applications within target.



**Anti-social behaviour** - we successfully concluded 68 cases, and 90% of people surveyed were happy with the way their anti-social behaviour complaint was dealt with.



**Seniors housing** - 97% of residents have been visited at home within the last year and 100% of residents live in a scheme offering regular social activities (eg afternoon tea, coffee mornings, games, lunches and dinners).

## Summer conference

A Citywide Conference takes place at the Friends Meeting House in Ship Street, Brighton on Saturday 8 July from 10am to 2pm

Conferences are held twice a year for representatives of resident associations and citywide groups to discuss topics that matter to council tenants and leaseholders across the city.

The theme of this conference is "What's Myth? What's Fact?"

For more information, contact the Resident Involvement Team: [RIT@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:RIT@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or call 01273 293265.

# Movie magic!

**Do you have a smartphone?**

**Do you know it can also make movies?**

**Making a short video can be a great way to capture memories of a community event or promote a forthcoming one, so tenant representatives decided to learn how to take and edit video on their smartphones, helped by Glenn Lloyd, Patricia Arcas and Judith Field of Citizens Online.**

Pets took a starring role in practice films



To start and get a feel for editing, everyone took some video of pets on their smartphones. They learnt how to edit it using the app "FilmoraGo" and discovered how easy it is to get rid of unwanted footage, put everything in order, and add titles and music.

There were also tips on how to shoot videos people will want to share – from choosing the right camera angle to telling the story in pictures.

The results were great!

Muriel Briault, chair of North Portslade Residents Association, was one of those who took part. She said: "It was an extremely good session. It's good to learn how much you can do on your phone and get ideas for making and sharing videos."



Grant Scott, chair of Craven Vale Community Association, said: "The video training was very useful and good fun. I think everybody got a lot out of it."

If you would like to improve your skills with smartphones, tablets, laptops or computers, there is free and low-cost coaching available throughout the city. Just visit [www.digitalbrightonandhove.org.uk](http://www.digitalbrightonandhove.org.uk) or ask at any library.



Tenants' reps brush up their video skills

## New home for credit union

**East Sussex Credit Union has moved to a new home at Hove Town Hall.**

The credit union is one of the fastest growing community banks in the country with more than 5,000 members.

It provides ethical savings accounts, so that money

stays in the community and benefits local people, and affordable loans for personal and business use. This helps prevent people turning to loan sharks.

Other services and benefits include:

- An ethical basic bank account with a pre-paid debit card, no credit check required
- Young Savers accounts for children



- Smartcash accounts for youngsters aged 8-16 with their own debit card, and mobile app so parents can track spending!
- 10% discount on a Brighton & Hove Buses annual ticket

**East Sussex Credit Union is open at Hove Town Hall, (Tisbury Road entrance) Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4pm. The union also has a central Brighton help point, open on Mondays from 10am to 12 noon at Bartholomew House, Bartholomew Square, Brighton. For more information please call 0300 303 3188 or visit [www.eastsussexcu.org.uk](http://www.eastsussexcu.org.uk)**

# Win tickets to the Royal Pavilion

Enter our free draw for a chance to win tickets to Brighton's historic Royal Pavilion.



The winner will receive a pair of tickets to visit the exotic royal palace which was the seaside residence of King George IV. As Brighton & Hove residents each ticket holder will also be able to take up to four children free.

Visitors can enjoy the lavish designs and ornate furnishings of public rooms, such as the Banqueting Room and Music Room, and get a glimpse of life behind the scenes in the Great Kitchen.

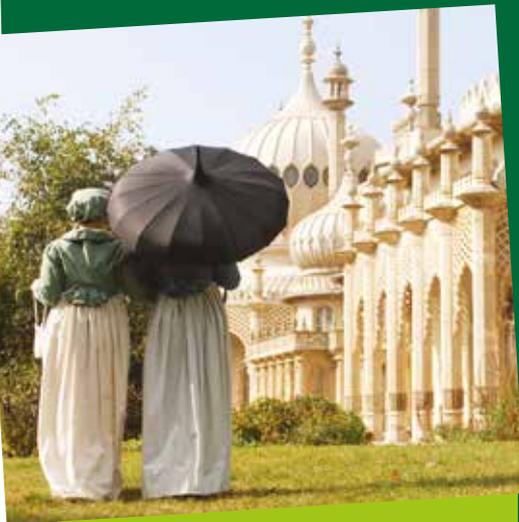
Simply answer the following questions, based on information in this issue:

- What is the name of the new display at the Royal Pavilion?
- How many new homes are being built at Kite Place in Whitehawk?
- Where is the new home of East Sussex Credit Union?
- How many improvement projects got the go ahead at area panel meetings in April?

Send your answers by email to [homingin@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:homingin@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or by post to Homing In competition, Performance & Improvement, Housing Centre, Unit 1, Fairway Trading Estate, Eastergate Road, Brighton BN2 4QL. Please include your name, address, postcode and phone number.

The closing date for entries is 28 July 2017. The winner will be notified and their name published in next issue of Homing In.

The competition is open to all households who receive Homing In by email or post.



A new display is also open at the Royal Pavilion this summer, called Jane Austen by the Sea. The display, which runs until January, looks at how the author used seaside resorts in her books and paints a picture of life in Brighton in the early 1800s.

**Congratulations to Tracy Horsecroft from Hangleton, who won Sea Life Brighton tickets in our spring competition.**



## Visiting the Royal Pavilion and Museums

Admission to the Royal Pavilion and Preston Manor is half price for Brighton & Hove residents, and Brighton Museum is free (proof of address needed). Further information: [www.brightonmuseums.org.uk](http://www.brightonmuseums.org.uk), call 03000 290900 or email [visitor.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:visitor.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

## Use It Up! Pesto

### Serves two or more

This is a thrifty take on the classic pesto from Brighton & Hove Food Partnership, using mostly leftovers rather than expensive ingredients. It's a perfect summer recipe to use up bagged salad or herbs, plus it's great as a spread or cold salad dressing for picnics and barbecues.

#### Ingredients

- 1 big handful of leftover salad or herbs (try baby leaf salad, rocket, watercress or parsley)
- 1 large matchbox-size piece of any leftover cheese
- 1 handful of nuts such as almonds, walnuts or brazil nuts (toasted)
- 1 clove crushed garlic
- 50ml olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### Method

1. Blend all the ingredients in a food processor until combined to desired consistency. If you don't have a blender, you can do this by chopping very finely and then mixing everything in a bowl.
2. To use on pasta - stir into just-drained pasta.
3. If you want to thin out the sauce to spread it better, save a little bit of the pasta water.



If you have a healthy and easy recipe you would like to share please with residents please email it to us at [homingin@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:homingin@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or post to Homing In

For more recipes and tips on reducing your domestic food waste, please visit [www.bhfood.org.uk/love-food-hate-waste](http://www.bhfood.org.uk/love-food-hate-waste)

## Dates for your diary...

### Area Panels

#### Central - 6 September

Time and location to be confirmed\*

#### East - 4 September

Time and location to be confirmed\*

#### North - 7 September

Time and location to be confirmed\*

#### West - 5 September

2-4pm, Sanders House, Ingram Crescent West

\* To check times and venues, visit [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/resident-involvement](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/resident-involvement) or contact the Resident Involvement Team: [RIT@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:RIT@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or 01273 293265

**Citywide Conference** 8 July 10am to 2pm, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton

### City Events

**Kite Festival** 8 and 9 July Stanmer Park

**Big Screen** 28 July - 28 August  
Seafront (east of Palace Pier)

**Pride** 4-6 Aug Various locations

**Festival of Racing** 9-11 Aug Brighton racecourse

**Thai Festival** 26 and 27 Aug Preston Park

**British Science Festival** 5-9 Sept Various locations

**Brighton & Hove Triathlon** 17 Sept Hove Lawns

Check out our Summer Fun guide for activities and events in the school summer holidays at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/summerfun](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/summerfun)

You can find out about forthcoming events in the city at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events) or [www.visitbrighton.com/whats-on](http://www.visitbrighton.com/whats-on)

If you have an event you'd like us to promote, please email the details to [homingin@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:homingin@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or call Housing Customer Services on 01273 293030

# Online services

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Pay online at [ww2.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://ww2.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Go to the Housing Customer online system at [housingcos.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://housingcos.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Information about money matters, tax, benefits and more [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Homemove website [www.homemove.org.uk](http://www.homemove.org.uk)

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## Useful contacts

### Housing Customer Services

[housing.customerservices@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:housing.customerservices@brighton-hove.gov.uk)  
01273 293030

### Housing Benefit

[housing.benefits@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:housing.benefits@brighton-hove.gov.uk)  
01273 292000

### Housing Income Management Team

[housing.incomemanagement@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:housing.incomemanagement@brighton-hove.gov.uk)  
01273 293224

### Repairs Helpdesk

[BHCC.repairs@mearsgroup.co.uk](mailto:BHCC.repairs@mearsgroup.co.uk)  
0800 052 6140 (local line 01273 294409)

**Rise** (charity helping people affected by domestic abuse)

[www.riseuk.org.uk](http://www.riseuk.org.uk)  
01273 622822

### Carelink Plus Alarm Service

[CareLinkPlus@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:CareLinkPlus@brighton-hove.gov.uk)  
01273 673105

### Citizens Advice Bureau

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/brightonhovecab](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/brightonhovecab)  
0845 120 3710

### Tenant Disability Network

[tdnbhcc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tdnbhcc@yahoo.co.uk)  
01273 936934

### Noise Nuisance

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/noise](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/noise)  
01273 292929 or  
01273 292229 for out of hours emergencies

## Housing & New Homes Committee Meeting

Wednesday 20 September

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需要翻譯? 請在這方格內加劃, 並送回任何市議會的辦事處。Cantonese

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Traduction? Veuillez cocher la case et apporter au council. French

需要翻译? 请在这方格内划勾, 并送回任何市议会的办事处。Mandarin

Тлумаченне? Zahnaciz to okienko i zwróć do któregokolwiek biura samorządu lokalnego (council office). Polish

Tradução? Coloque um visto na quadrícula e leve a uma qualquer repartição de poder local (council office). Portuguese

Tercümesi için kareyi işaretleyiniz ve bir semt belediye bürosuna veriniz. Turkish

other (please state)

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