Houndwood Community Group











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The Houndwood Community Group is funded via sponsorship/ grants, stalls at events and by kind donations from residents.

There may be projects in the future, if agreed with our members, that will require resources. So

fundraising will be required. If you wish to help us, you can, by donating via Just Giving.

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Organised Play Sessions

Save the dates!



Tues 27th July 2pm to 4pm Thurs 29th July I I am to Ipm Tues 3rd Aug 2pm to 4pm Thurs 5th Aug I lam to Ipm (Please bring a parent or carer)

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Summer **Picnic**

on the Houndwood Green 14th August 3pm to 6pm Hope you can join us for fun on the green! (bring your own food and drink)

Creepy Cavern is back for our Halloween Spook-tacular! on 31st October 2021

AGM update



In March, we were pleased to convene the estate's AGM and adopted the

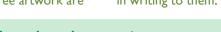
'new normal' by holding it on Zoom. It was great to see so many of our residents take part. Lots of topics close to the heart of the community were discussed, including clearing the swales, tree preservation, access concerns at Cranhill Road and of course the recurring questions over site completion and road adoption. One of Premier Estates management representatives joined the meeting and went away with a better understanding of the

community's priorities and actions. Tom Clark, guest speaker and one of the Clark's founders, was pleased to see our communal spirit and skills in action. If you'd like to know more about any of the areas discussed then head over to the estate's website where the AGM minutes and presentation from the night have been uploaded.

What's Next?

We are all very aware that parts of the estate are now in need of repair or maintenance – the loose blocks in the roads, overgrown pond and swales and the unsafe Shoe Tree artwork are

just some examples. The developers, Crest Nicholson and Barratts cannot hand over the estate until these things are done, but more importantly they need to be done anyway. We continue to raise these issues with both developers and also with Premier Estates and LiveWest, but we think it might be more persuasive for residents to contact them too. If there is something you feel strongly about, we are happy to supply the contact names and emails and also give you support in writing to them.



To find out more about your community - visit www.houndwoodcommunity.org

For the children & the 'kids at heart' on the estate!

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Where am I?

am somewhere on

the estate, but where?

(Answers in the next issue)

How many planters are there like this one on the estate?

What do we have in common?



The Ecology of Houndwood?

The Houndwood Community Group Committee would like to set up an Ecology Group, with the aim, *"to support the ecology of the ICON/Houndwood Estate"*. The estate covers a 10 hectare site with a wild habitat area, as well as a pond and central 600m sustainable reed bed drainage system, to reflect the Somerset Levels. There are not many estates in the country that can boast all this and a village green, orchard and herb garden! Our estate fits into the wider environment of migratory routes both locally (within Street and Mendip) and international migration for many wildlife species, especially birds, bats, and insects including many hugely important pollinators.

As a community do we want to support and generate space and encourage more wildlife? Share your thoughts with us at **getintouch@houndwoodcommunity.org**

Gardening Group update

The Community Gardeners, while not fighting with the weeds, have been busy over the last couple of months in planting out bedding plants and annuals. Some of these have been successfully revived after being found on the bargain shelf at B&Q – while most have been grown from seed and cuttings in the community greenhouse, there have also been generous gifts of plants from residents who have been busy in their own greenhouses and gardens.

We are also collecting seeds and taking cuttings from plants this year to ensure that there are even more plants available next year – especially poppies and forget-me-nots as these have been particularly colourful. Look out for the sweet peas climbing up bamboo poles – they are in 4 beds; Moccasin, Clipper, Flotilla and Eskimo – they will shortly start blooming and should smell wonderful – if you see any dead flowers, then please cut them off as it will encourage more blooms. In the herb garden on Oberon, while the wild garlic has finished flowering for this year, the nasturtiums and feverfew are just coming into flower and the mint,

parsley and particularly the fennel are thriving.

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