

# Houndwood Community Group

## Newsletter

July 2021



For full details of all our events  
- look out for the posters on  
the noticeboards and on our  
Website or Facebook page.

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### Houndwood JustGiving™

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.

[www.houndwoodcommunity.org/Fund-Raising/](http://www.houndwoodcommunity.org/Fund-Raising/)



Houndwood Community Group - Street - Somerset  
Our Aim: Making Houndwood a better place to live in.  
Caring for our environment and neighbours.  
We Group for the Residents of Houndwood (Houndwood Community Group) is a registered charity.  
Houndwood Community Group - Street - Somerset

### Save the dates!



#### Organised Play Sessions for Kids under 11s

on the Houndwood Green

Tues 27th July 2pm to 4pm

Thurs 29th July 11am to 1pm

Tues 3rd Aug 2pm to 4pm

Thurs 5th Aug 11am to 1pm

*(Please bring a parent or carer)*



#### 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](http://www.houndwoodcommunity.org)**

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

TELL US WHAT YOU  
WANT TO SEE IN  
THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER  
[getintouch@houndwoodcommunity.org](mailto:getintouch@houndwoodcommunity.org)



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**Houndwood  
Community Group**  
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## Kids Corner

### Where am I?

I am somewhere on  
the estate, but where?



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](mailto: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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