



Bramcote Hills Community Association

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Affiliates/Section Reports 2017-2018

Neighbourhood Watch Report 2017-2018

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators

Your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators are:

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Bramcote Hills – There is a vacancy.

Sue Sambells Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch writes:

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) schemes, today, are set up and run by residents. Their purpose is to help prevent and reduce crime & anti-social behaviour and the fear of them, and to develop stronger, supportive & safer communities.

My 17-18 report regarding Bramcote is very similar to last years. To my knowledge, despite my support being offered and funding being available, there have not been any new schemes set up this year and existing schemes have continued to suffer from apathy/complacency. Details of our Neighbourhood Beat Team and our Inspector's monthly blog, giving an overview of the borough, can be viewed at www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/neighbourhood/stapleford.

Bramcote has recently suffered a further spate of garage/shed thefts. Generally speaking, acquisitive crime types across the borough have seen an increase in offending. For localised crime stats see <https://www.police.uk/>.

For crime prevention advice see www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention. Also, common sense advice – don't leave doors/windows open/unlocked. Take keys and valuables to bed and set alarms when leaving home and going to bed. Don't leave boxes on show, following expensive purchases. If you have internet access, see <https://sbscf.wordpress.com/links/friends-against-scams/> for a variety of organisations dedicated to keeping you safe online. If you follow social media – add Notts Police and NottsWatch to your list.

A new Police tool has been introduced to allow residents an online alternative to 101, for non-emergency reporting of crime/intelligence at <https://report.police.uk/>.

Police and community representatives (e.g. councillors & neighbourhood watch leads) meet in South Brompton, currently twice per year, to review crime trends and discuss actions and outcomes. Details, along with community safety advice/links and a blog to address issues throughout the year may be viewed at www.sbscf.wordpress.com.

I took over as Chair of Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch (NottsWatch[®]) last May and, since then, have worked closely with our national team as well as other county organisations interested in making our communities safer. I recently attended our Police & Crime Commissioner's Stakeholder event to review his Crime Plan Strategic Framework (2018-21). Crime has changed, so must neighbourhood watch and community. Effective partnership working is the future.

Friends of Bramcote Ridge Report 2017-2018

Last January we circulated to our members the new Bramcote Ridge Management Plan produced by Charles Langtree. During the year we started to include some of the ideas into our working sessions but it is work in progress and the ideas have to fit in with annual maintenance schedule. Our first project was the clearance of two areas of small trees and shrubs on the Markham Road site and beneath the outcrop near the bridle path.

The application for Lottery funding to create a new entrance to the Markham Road site was rejected. This was a disappointment and frustrating as it was a lengthy process and took many hours of work to prepare. The path is not suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and for those with mobility problems but we were turned down as our group do not own the land. We may try to seek funding from a different source.

On a more positive note we did gain our ninth Green Flag Award. We received encouraging feedback and the Judge had observed a group of hard working volunteers as his visit coincided with one of our working sessions.

Another real success this year was being selected by the Wollaton Rotary Club for the "Service above Self" award. I received the engraved cup on behalf of the "Friends" at a ceremony in July. They also donated crocus corms which we planted on the grassland opposite the old golf course car park on Thoresby Road. We sold an additional 24 bags of bulbs to support the Rotarians "End Polio Now" campaign.

Our future plans include the creation of a new wildflower area on Thoresby Road, thinning trees in Ivy Wood and continuing to maintain the two LNRs to the standard required for the Green Flag Award. Our membership remains healthy and we still meet on the first Sunday of each month for anyone interested in joining.

Norman Clyde-Watson

Summer Play Scheme Report 2017-2018

The 2017 Play Scheme was again a roaring success, without the hassle and worry of last year's school double booking.

Our new visitors this year were a clown, complete with lots of equipment for the children to try and a children's yoga instructor- both were brilliant. Bugs 'n Bones, the climbing wall, face painting, fencing, Lowland Search and Rescue and a fire engine were a great success. There were 48 different crafts, no bake cookery and an excellent food quiz.

This was the last Play Scheme and, even though it was a huge amount of work, it was probably one of the most enjoyable.

Sheena Powell

Orchard Theatre Company Report 2017-2018

Orchard Theatre Company announced that we closed in 2017, very regretfully, for many and varied reasons. However, it was decided to hold a farewell party. Gwynneth, our Secretary managed to

contact many former members to invite them to celebrate with us. We were pleased that 3 of the founder members from the 1964 Bramcote Hills Drama Group.....we have been through several name since then.....were able to attend. Winding up the group takes time and effort, but the flats, large props, costumes etc. were all donated to another Amateur Group. The smaller props are being donated to Charity shops as appropriate, and the remaining funds are also going to Charity, so we feel able to say that we have helped others from our closure. For so many years we have produced good plays, entertained many, made friends and had fun doing it, So it really is farewell to Orchard Theatre Company.

Doris Bannister representing Orchard Theatre Company.

NWR (National Women’s Register) Report 2017-2018

NWR is network of local groups, which meet to enjoy lively discussion and conversation, both serious and light hearted. The Bramcote group meets weekly in each other's homes. The discussions revolve around topical issues, art and culture. We also have a monthly walking group, and a Supper Club to which partners are invited. We give new members a warm welcome.

Meetings in the past year have covered topics such as the History of Dance, Internet Safety, Nudity - acceptable or not, Famous Susans, and also a visit to The Lakeside Theatre to see a production of Blue Stockings. Future meetings include The first Woman in her field e.g. doctor, Twins and The History of Papplewick Pumping Station.

Anita Howarth

Wine Tasting Groups 1 and 2 Report 2017-2018

Group Report for the Annual Meeting of Bramcote Hills Community Association	
To be held in the Grangewood Methodist Church	
On Tuesday 20th February 2018 7.00pm for 7.30pm	
Name of Group	Bramcote Hills Wine Tasting Group
Contact details	Group 1: Roger Bray (tel. 9257869) rogerbray@hotmail.com Group 2: Christopher Constantino (Tel 9257550)
Main activity(s)	Wine Tasting evenings and events
Level of activity	Group 1: Approximately 8 Meetings per year. Group 2: Approximately 7 Meetings per year.
Where?	Members of the group take it in turns to host the evenings / events at their homes
When do you meet ?	Group 1; Every 6 weeks or so, usually on a Sunday evening starting at 8 pm

	Group 2 Mainly Saturdays. Evening starting at 7.30pm.
Average attending?	Group 1: 16 to 20 Group 2: 13
Possibilities for new members	Although - for house capacity reasons – Group1 is full and has no vacancies, a second group has been set up and provides an opportunity for more people to enjoy wine tasting. The contact for the second group is Chris Constantino.
Report on 2017	In 2017 Group 1 met 9 times. Even after over twenty years we still found new and imaginative wine topics for our evenings and had an enjoyable year. Group 2 has met 7 times. We have enjoyed a varied selection of wines including some top red and whites from as far afield as Kent to Tbilisi.
Other Comments?	Both groups have a Christmas meal although not necessarily at Christmas. Usually January. Increasingly this is at a local restaurant.

Roger Bray (tel. 9257869) rogerbray@hotmail.com and Chris Constantinou

Bramcote Care Group Report 2017-2018

Report covers the period 28/12/2016 - 20/1/2018, apologies for inconsistencies in date intervals for sequential reports, this is due to my travel plans.

There are 22 volunteers of which 2 are non-drivers.

Some volunteers have stood down, we have secured new volunteers, some are inactive due to current personal circumstances but have requested to remain on the list.

Continued grateful thanks go to the Deputy Co-ordinator for her ongoing support, and to my family for managing phone calls in my absence.

There have been 80 calls but some are for multiple dates, from 25 individuals or family groups, this includes 12 new referrals. The busiest month was April with 12 calls. Comparing with previous years, there is no discernible pattern in frequency.

There are a small number who receive regular support with activities such as shopping and laundry. A very small number have been declined as inappropriate.

There have only been 6 requests that we have been unable to do due to lack of volunteer availability, and the last of these was in August and I continue to do a lot of signposting to other services.

The volunteers have done between 0 - 14 requests each, but one household has taken over 25% of the total, in my opinion, this is not sustainable in the long term.

SUMMARY

The demand for our service continues to increase with more residents requesting help, although we are meeting more of the requests. We are struggling to meet the requests for befriending. More volunteers are always welcome.

Due to my plans to travel more in the future it would be really helpful if there was an additional Deputy Co-Ordinator.

Elaine Morris. 07850 985 349.

Bramcote Hills Community Association Planning Committee Report 2017-2018

The planning committee continued to maintain a watching brief on planning activity and community efforts on behalf of BHCA members. Thanks to Steve, Jez, Paul, Mick, Tom and Simon for their support. We acknowledge the much more active role of the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum in facilitating the development of our Neighbourhood plan to help shape our future - Bramcote Hills being well represented throughout its creation. We are grateful for the hard work and commitment of Paul Nathaniel and his team. Over 200 residents made comments and suggestions during the consultation phase and the plan is well on its way to adoption as an important guide to what is desirable, acceptable and no doubt at times not acceptable in the development of the Bramcote area.

Although it's important to acknowledge that not everyone was against the building of a retirement village on the old golf course land, I think the majority of residents will have been disappointed with the planning inspector's decision to overturn the Council's earlier rejection of the planning application. We now await the detailed planning application. Some of you will have seen the posting on Bramcote today of early excavation work on the site a few weeks ago, a reminder that the detailed application cannot be too far away. Let's hope that if and when it does move forward in anger that all of the expected benefits to the community and none of the potential down-sides do materialise. The public will again have chance to comment on the detailed plans.

There were two other, related, activities of note in 2017. Firstly, the council have recommended removing a significant swath of land from the Greenbelt, making the possibility of building on Bramcote Hills land more real. Secondly, the Bramcote School continues to pursue its redevelopment plans which are dependent on the sale for building of much of the land surrounding the school - including previous Greenbelt land. The Park School closed its doors over the summer and the Bramcote School and 6th Form College are now blessed with porta-cabins. I don't think anyone would deny the dire need for better school facilities in the area, but the loss of a large amount of green space seems a very large price to pay.

I'm personally very excited about the plans for the Community Cafe. I think this will be a great focal point for our community as well as for Bramcote Park. A number of fundraising events have been arranged over the last year. All great fun and I hope there are more in 2018.

Finally, please, please - as well as supporting community efforts like the Forum and the Community Cafe - make use of the opportunities you have as individuals to comment on planning matters. The easiest way being via Broxtowe's planning web-site.

Ian Radmore. Chair - BHCA Planning Committee.

The Sports Groups

Bramcote Hills Badminton Club Report 2017-2018

At the end of the 2016-2017 season, the Club's Chair, Keith Dinsdale, stepped down following 15 years of service. The Club was very grateful for all his hard work in the role. Subsequently, Pauline Guild was nominated to the post of treasurer and Heather Buckley to the post of Secretary.

This time also marked an end to being able to play at Bramcote Hills College since, from the autumn, the hall was being used for other purposes. Alternative courts in the area were researched and a short period was spent playing at Chilwell Olympia. However, difficulty in securing courts for a guaranteed time each week led to a move to Harvey Hadden Sports Village in Bilborough.

It is unfortunate that we have lost our local venue but some members have continued to play at Bilborough where one court is booked from 7.30 to 9.00 on Thursday evenings.

For more information, contact Pauline Guild/Tel: 0115 9229168 or email:
pauline.guild@hotmail.co.uk

Bramcote Cricket Club Report 2016-2017

The Club plays at Bramcote Park and runs two Saturday teams playing in Division D and Division K respectively of the South Notts Cricket League. Our junior section continues to flourish and this season we will be running teams at under 10, under 11, under 12 and under 14 level. Young cricketers are always welcome for coaching, kwik cricket and playing in the teams. For anyone interested in coming along, please have a look at our website <http://bramcote.play-cricket.com/>

Norman Jowett

Bramcote Netball Club Report 2016-2017

Bramcote netball club are still on the map for netball in the area. We regularly attract new players to the club of all levels and the junior section continues to bring girls from different catchment schools.

We have 88 players affiliated to England netball with over three quarters being U18 showing that we are encouraging as many young girls to play sport. We entered our tenth year anniversary this year and are planning to have celebration later on in the year. We continue to field three teams every Saturday in the Notts league held at NUSA and then we have one team in the Sunday league. In addition, we play in the comfort of indoors on a Monday night in the Derbyshire league and have continued to play in the top division finishing a pleasing mid table last season.

We continue to work closely with local schools and only last week the U16 team of the Bramcote school, all of whom are members of our club, qualified for the first time in the national finals to be held in Hertfordshire next month. The girls have done so well to get to this point beating many private schools and it is a weekend that not only the school, but the club are looking forwards to,

The juniors went to Conover again netball festival last summer and a further trip is planned in May. We have brought in a fitness coach for the juniors for once a month to add to their training. The

juniors enter the local two counties tournaments and leagues and we are well supported by parents and helpers.

A great start to our anniversary year and we hope the club continues to grow and continue to provide friendly areas for women to play sport and have the opportunity to build great friendships as well as keep fit. We have lots of players who have been with us for years and unfortunately at times players are unable to commit.

We welcome new players at any time of any ability and it does not matter when you last played or if you never have and just want to give it ago. Contact: Emma Peebles 07919 308484 or Cate Holmes 07963 406883.

Cate Holmes