

Big Society Friends of Sunningdale

The programme aims to play its role in strengthening Sunningdale's warm and friendly sense of community. It will do this by focusing on building a list of residents wanting to get involved as volunteers in the village, as well as raising awareness of any beneficial community activity/project we would like to initiate in the village. It will also assist residents who want to initiate and lead community-based activities and projects or support existing projects by matching volunteers and projects seeking volunteers.

Residents who attended the focus groups suggested good ideas to start the ball rolling, and we are starting with some of these. Others are added, like the request for a rota of volunteers for our Friday Library in Sunningdale.

Adopt-a-street is based on encouraging community interaction and action whilst promoting an anti-litter mentality. Neighbours along your street could choose an area, gather other like-minded volunteers to help, and decide on a regular litter picking time or day. Equipment such as litter pickers, plastic bags and gloves will be provided by the Council.

Charters Youth Club is looking for an enthusiastic volunteer for the role of Committee member, attending 4 committee meetings a year to support the Youth Club's activities. The Club offers a wide range of sports and extra-curricular activities. Their youth sessions are open to Year 7-11 students. Website: www.wamster.org.uk/yc_ascot_sunningdale_sunninghill.htm

ASCENT – Ascot Community Environment Network which includes Sustainable Sunningdale, took an active part in Climate Week and sponsored Climate Scientist Dr Manoj Joshi to present the science. The website www.ascent-transition.org.uk communicates the activities you could get involved with – Green Drinks, Solar PV installation, energy audits, more bicycling, local food, Recycle Bank, film showings. Please get involved.



Joyi Chan-Meeson

Joyi Chan-Meeson, our BS Coordinator, looks forward to meeting and working with fellow residents and local groups in the village. She'll be working on recruiting and coordinating a team of volunteers, raising awareness and supporting Big Society activities.

Her work background is in university research, especially in grassroots community development, community social psychology and local governance. Her practical grassroots experience and voluntary work includes working with community groups in Bristol and running a mentoring project pairing school children with university students.

There are therefore many interesting and rewarding opportunities for volunteering in the village with the **Big Society Friends of Sunningdale**, so it'll be great to hear from you. If you are interested in getting involved but are not sure how, contact us to discuss what is possible. The amount of time that volunteers can offer to any activity or project will be very clearly defined and agreed, so don't worry about being over-stretched. Getting involved as a Friend of Sunningdale is all about meeting new people, learning new things and having fun. Email Joyi at mmjchan@yahoo.co.uk for more on how to get involved.

New Cardio Play Equipment



With funding from S106 Developers contribution, the Parish Council is able to plan for the development of equipment in the public open space. We start off with eight pieces designed for all ages to improve your fitness. Please come down and give it a try. Tell us what you think.

New notice board at the Station

Thanks to the sponsorship of Waitrose, Council is proceeding to erect a new double sided notice board in the area by the station. There was an absence of public notices despite this being a heavily visited area. This new notice board, with a map of Sunningdale on the back, will allow for more community notices so we can give more prominence to all those charitable activities undertaken in Sunningdale and beyond.

Tennis – the new arrangement with Charters Tennis is starting to work well now that players can book online. Those not wishing to become members can still use the courts by paying Monika in the kiosk the £5 court fee (per hour) up to 5pm. After 5pm you must register and pay online at www.charterstennis.co.uk. Send an email to sandsgrass@aol.com giving your full name, address and telephone number. We will then register you and inform you of your password. You can then book your courts online with a paypal account or send a cheque and your account will be credited.

On a Wednesday evening adults can come along from 6.30pm to join in a fun session, free of charge. Contact: www.charterstennis.co.uk