

# Broomgrove Road News



From your local Labour team: Peter Chowney & Tania Charman

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## New Residents' Association



A group of local residents in Broomgrove Road are proposing to set up a new residents' association.

Problems with anti-social behaviour, criminal damage to cars, dog fouling, and other local issues have led some residents to come together to organise for a better Broomgrove Road, and to put their case to the authorities.

Tania Charman said:

"I welcome this idea. I'm particularly interested in urging the county council to properly adopt Broomgrove Road—it's unfair to residents that, after putting up with the disruption of having the road made up, they find it's still not adopted, simply because of the behaviour of the dodgy developers who built it. But a residents' association would help with other issues too, like working more closely with the police to tackle anti-social behaviour, as well as reporting litter and flytipping problems. I have a lot of personal experience in running a RA at Halton Estate, so I know how useful they can be. I'd be willing to help establish one here."



*Cllr. Tania Charman*

If you're interested in getting involved, contact Tania, or Rob Goldsmith at 20 Broomgrove Road.

## The Broomgrove Space

The area of land bounded by the curve in Broomgrove Road has long been a problem. It's frequently used for



flytipping, it's overgrown and untidy, and car parking on the edge is unregulated and often troublesome, with untaxed cars left there. A land search has revealed that the land is unregistered, and appears to have no owner, so there's no-one who can be held responsible for its upkeep.



*Cllr. Peter Chowney*

Peter Chowney said:

"This land has always presented problems. The council recently used a grab lorry to clear flytipped rubbish, but this is expensive to do. There's even a registered right-of-way down through the land, to Ore Station, but it's completely overgrown and unusable. However, as the land has no owner, there's nothing to stop a local residents' association from taking control of it, organising and regulating car parking, perhaps re-opening the footpath, and managing the land so it can be used as an open space for local people. An established RA could potentially apply for grants to do the work, either from local organisations or national bodies. In time, they could even take on ownership of the land, and hold it in trust for the benefit of local residents. Areas of abandoned land like this are difficult to deal with, but there are potential solutions."

## My Hastings Online



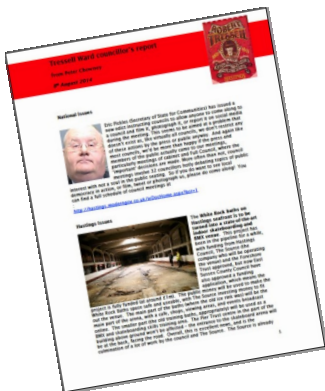
You can now report problems via 'My Hastings Online', an online reporting system for litter, flytipping, dog fouling and other local problems. The system uses maps so you can precisely pinpoint the problem and report it. Reports go directly to the contractor, so they get dealt with more quickly. You can also set up an account and follow progress of issues you've reported. Find it on the front page of the council's website at: [www.hastings.gov.uk](http://www.hastings.gov.uk)

**For all other issues involving Hastings Council, phone 01424 451066, and just say the name of the person or department you want to contact, or the problem you want to report. You will then be put through to the right person.**



### Crime and anti-social behaviour?

You can contact the Safer Hastings Partnership by e-mail at: [communitysafety@hastings.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@hastings.gov.uk). Or you can contact the Community Support Officer for Tressell Ward directly: Chi Yau (07770 443014). He works shifts, so leave a message if he isn't on duty. And you can also phone 101, the police non-emergency number. But don't forget, if you see a crime in progress, ring 999!



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