

Amery Hill Residents' Association

Founded 1984

Representing the residents of Amery Hill, Amery Street, The Cloisters, Cromwell Gardens, Kingdon's Mews, Oliver Rise, Steeple Drive, Tanhouse Lane & Vicarage Hill, Alton

Autumn Update

As our Community Meeting has not been held, we wanted to provide a short update on some of the highlights from recent months. Don't forget that if you want to raise anything, do send an email to ameryhillresidents@hotmail.co.uk. We may not be meeting in person, but AHRA is still carrying out a range of activities on behalf of our residents.

Flood Meadows – Lenten Street entrance

Following on from the Pocket Parks Scheme that completed earlier in the year, work has commenced to complete the project. With assistance from the Friends of Flood Meadows volunteers who meet monthly, the ground has been levelled and seeded with grass. The final stage is to carry out sympathetic planting with appropriate meadow plants. Fundraising is still ongoing – if you wish to donate to this project, search [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) for 'Flood Meadows Lenten St Entrance Improvements'.



Flood Meadows – Bridge Works & Footpath Maintenance

Four of the wooden bridges have been replaced alongside the river Wey and the old watercress beds in the Flood Meadows. We are very pleased with the result and thank the Town Council for acting swiftly to replace them after the damage they suffered last winter. We hope that funds can soon be found to replace the fifth bridge which is in a very bad state. Equally, the heavy rainfall has eroded some sections of the footpath alongside the river and we hope that funds and volunteers can be found to carry out essential works to the footpath over the next few months before the river level rises again in the new year.

Hopfield Place / Redrow Liaison Meetings

The regular Liaison Meetings for the Redrow Homes development have now restarted, and we are continuing to press for answers about future ownership and management of the Lower Field, landscaping of the Lower Field, and potential future flood risk. Residents of the new homes now also have representation at the Liaison Meetings and share our concerns about needing clarification on the questions we have raised which are of importance not just to immediate residents but the wider Alton community.

Flood Action Plan

Following the flash floods in August which affected many parts of our town, flooding has suddenly gained a lot of focus by our local councillors (Town, District and County). Currently evidence is being gathered so that it can be presented to specific departments to enlist appropriate support for, and to facilitate the development of, a Flood Action Plan for Alton. At the appropriate time, a local Steering Group will be set up. We have been assured that AHRA will be involved from the outset.

Gothic Cottages

As we approach the winter, we continue to be concerned about the deteriorating state of one side of Gothic Cottages. We are liaising with the Enforcement Officer at East Hampshire District Council and our local Councillor, Steve Hunt, to prevent any further damage to this notable building.

Wey Walk

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have seen that the Town Hall highlighted the Wey Walk as part of the town's Autumn Walking Week, and the information panels have now been installed across the route. If you would like a copy of the descriptive leaflet of the Walk, get in touch, as we have copies due to the Town Hall being closed to visitors at this time.



We are trying to re-engage with CALA, the developers of the Brewery site as this is the missing piece in the middle of the route linking King's Pond with the High Street. Watch this space for further details over the coming months...

Useful Contact Information

If you would like to receive more regular updates, please send an email to ameryhillresidents@hotmail.co.uk to be added to our mailing list.

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East Hampshire District Council 01730 266551, www.easthants.gov.uk

Hampshire County Council 0300 555 1375; info@hants.gov.uk; www.hants.gov.uk

The Alton Society: www.altonsociety.org.uk

Alton & District Residents' Association: www.adra.community

Various Facebook Groups:

Love Alton Alton Matters

Alton News Alton Coronavirus Support Group

Alton Covid-19 Mutual Aid