



## **Newsletter 7, January 2013**

### **Annual General Meeting of BHRCG**

All Badger Hill residents are invited to attend an open meeting of the Badger Hill Residents Community Group (BHRCG) on

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.00 p.m. in Heslington Church**

Please make every effort to come along as the larger the membership, the greater the influence BHRCG will have on issues of concern to our community.

Officers for 2013 will be elected. The Chairman, Treasurer and Area Representatives are prepared to stand for re-election but nominations are required for the position of Secretary.

Our Ward Councillors Neil Barnes and Fiona Fitzgerald have been invited and have indicated that they will be in attendance. During the course of the meeting they will have an opportunity to respond to residents' questions.

The intended 15<sup>th</sup> June meeting, 2012, was cancelled because there was no significant news to report. We apologise to anyone who was disappointed or inconvenienced.

### **Maintaining Balanced Communities**

Badger Hill is now covered by an Article 4 Direction, which means that planning permission is required for the conversion of any family house on the estate into a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO), regardless of whether or not building alterations are proposed.

Limits of 20% on a neighbourhood basis and 10% at street level have been set by CYC to prevent entire neighbourhoods being converted into HMOs. These limits have almost been reached on Badger Hill, so there is very little scope for further loss of family housing here. However, residents are advised to be vigilant and ensure that all future conversions have been properly authorised. If in doubt seek advice from you Ward Councillors. It is pleasing to see that new families are now moving on to the estate when properties become vacant.

### **Keeping Our Roads Clear**

Enforcement of a Residents Only Parking Scheme for the eastern side of Badger Hill (Zone 9) commenced in early November and what a difference this has made. CYC, in its wisdom and against the advice of BHRCG, excluded from this scheme that section of Yarburgh Way

between Hesketh Bank and the shops. Vehicles are now parking on the grass verge along this length of road. CYC is supposedly keeping an eye on this situation but a few reminder letters from involved residents would, perhaps, keep officers focused on the issue – please send these to Stephen Hockley at CYC.

Each household in the Respark zone can apply for two permits; (i) a permit that can be used with any vehicle and (ii) a permit that can only be used with a vehicle with a specified registration number.

Inevitably, the introduction of this Respark scheme has resulted in increased on-street parking in Zone 8. It remains to be seen whether or not the results of the most recent count for this zone indicate the need for remedial action.

### **Heslington East Community Forum**

Members of BHRCG committee continue to attend this forum and represent the interests of Badger Hill residents. An application for the construction of a third college, accommodating 620 students, has been presented to CYC and consultation is being carried out regarding proposed changes to traffic flows on Field Lane and the Heslington Hall circulatory system. A combined heat and power centre has received planning approval but, as yet, work is on hold. However, CYC has subsequently approved the construction of a temporary biomass heating boiler and this is now in operation.

### **The Badger Hill Wombles**

Two Badger Hill residents have been out and about on the estate picking up litter, meeting on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. in the park. More volunteers are always welcome and residents are encouraged to keep their own immediate areas tidy. Volunteers please contact Elisa Main or John Nixon. Bags, gloves and litter grabbers are provided.

### **Dealing with Noise Nuisance**

Heslington East Campus site is subject to a planning condition limiting noise emissions as follows. Within homes on Badger Hill there should be no audible noise at weekends between 1.00 p.m. on Saturday and 8.00 a.m. the following Monday; midweek there should be no noise between 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 a.m. the following morning. The Biomass boiler seems to be breaching this condition by starting up in the early hours of the morning. If your sleep is being disturbed you are encouraged to send a letter of complaint to the Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods, 9 St. Leonard's Place, York, YO1 7ET or telephone the Environmental Protection Unit on 551555. You will need to specify the dates and times of the disturbance.

Harry Telfer (Chairman) 56, Yarburgh Way.	(Secretary) situation vacant
Brian Blanchard (Treasurer) 46, Deramore Drive.	Malcolm Dewhirst (BH West) 44, Crossways.
Cathie Odell (BH South) 65, Field Lane.	Sarah Hartley (BH East) 49, Yarburgh Way.

Web site: <http://www.badger-hill-residents.org> (currently being updated)