



January 2015 Newsletter

Welcome to New Residents!

The Badger Hill Residents' Community Group would like to extend a warm welcome to all new long-term and short-term residents. Please visit our website at <http://www.badger-hill-residents.org> where you will find a wealth of information about amenities on Badger Hill and links to information on bus timetables, bin collection times, shops, doctors surgeries, local schools and much more.

The Group was established a few years ago when the University expansion gathered pace and there was a rapid increase in the number of rented properties on the Estate. Things are less active now but there is still plenty going on and plenty to justify our Group's existence as we aim to encourage the continuance of a **'balanced, safe, and pleasant environment for all'**.

Most of all, we hope you will attend our 2015 Annual General Meeting on 13 February -

All residents are warmly invited to attend the
2015 Annual General Meeting
on Friday 13 February at 7pm
in Heslington Church

please bring this document with you for the Agenda

Provisional Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Comments on last year's Minutes
3. Committee Election
4. Finance
5. Main Events of 2014
6. Being a student resident of Badger Hill
7. 2015 and beyond
8. Questions for Councillors
9. AOB / Refreshments

Please send other proposed agenda items, questions or nominations for Committee membership to the Secretary by 5th February.. e-mail: bhrcg@hotmail.com,

We hope our Ward Councillors will be in attendance.

Would anyone like to help us serve tea and coffee, please?

Here's a summary of what happened in 2014:

- ✓ Committee members attended various meetings in neighbouring Wards and with local Councillors
- ✓ We urged the resurfacing of Crossways and Brentwood Crescent
- ✓ We successfully opposed the one way traffic plan round Heslington Church
- ✓ We proposed a compulsory Council Registration scheme for HMOs (Houses of Multiple Occupation), similar to Oxford and Nottingham. The Council decided on a voluntary one
- ✓ We welcomed the opening of 'Costcutter' on Badger Hill
- ✓ We pressed for and finally saw the replacement of the bus stand in Field Lane, opposite Sussex Road!
- ✓ Two Committee members were invited to join the Langwith College Council to explore ways of bringing the Estate and the College closer together
- ✓ We responded to the next stage of the Local Development Plan, notably:
 - plans for Persimmon to build 193 houses on Hull Road, opposite B&Q
 - J Sainsbury's proposal to turn B&Q into a new store
 - plans for a Doctors' Surgery and shop on Heslington East Campus

Here are what we see as the main issues for 2015:

- ✓ We will continue to monitor the Local Development Plan and drive feedback of its consequences to residents
- ✓ We want to encourage increased Community involvement in voluntary litter picking schemes
- ✓ We hope to help build meaningful links with Langwith Students
- ✓ We need to give you better ways to feed concerns and information back to the Residents' Group

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