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Hawkwell Residents Association Established 1994
Community Voice Covering - Hawkwell, Ashingdon & Rochford

In Brief

Bus service 7 & 8

After much effort we have been unable to convince Arriva, Essex County Council and Rochford District Council to return the number 8 evening bus through Hawkwell. A six month trial of running an additional number 7 bus to Hockley has been added but this does not benefit anyone that lives in Hawkwell.

New 18 bus to Tesco's

Did you know there is now an additional bus number 18 that runs only on Fridays to Tesco's? It services the Woodcutters in Leigh, Hockley, Ashingdon, Hawkwell and Tesco's on the A127. The bus makes five circuits on a loop from 10.17 to 14.38. We have no information on how popular it is but we are sure it's another case of use it or lose it.

Bus complaints form

Essex County Council now has an online Bus Passenger Complaints Form. The form can be accessed from the Hawkwell Residents Association and Hawkwell Parish Council websites.

RDC Core Strategy for additional homes

As you may already know, David Wilson Homes part of Barratt Developments want to apply to build 370 homes in Rectory Road on the Christmas Tree Farm area. This stretches from Clements Hall Way across to Thorpe Road and from Rectory Road to Spencers Park incorporating 27.5 acres of green belt land. Rochford District Council originally proposed 350 new homes for Hawkwell by 2021 and they reduced this to 175 after pressure from the residents of Hawkwell. We would like to see no new homes built on green belt land in our area and we have stated our objections in our response to the RDC Core Strategy.

We attended the presentation at Clements Hall and were surprised at the lack of information given. As far as we can tell, the only proposed road improvements are an additional lane added to Rectory Road at the mini-roundabout. Traffic

currently tails back at this roundabout at peak times in Rectory Road and Hall Road and this will only get worse if development at the airport goes ahead. As we all know, the access to this area is poorly served by a traffic light controlled single lane at the railway bridge which would be turned into a continuous traffic jam if these homes and the homes proposed for the Brays Lane area are built.

Even if 175 of the proposed 370 homes are approved for the Rectory Road area, we believe a development of this proportion would require a number of infrastructure improvements that we have outlined on our website including:

- * Computer controlled traffic lights at the Rectory Road / Hall Road junction.
- * Replacement of Rectory Road Railway Bridge for two-way traffic.
- * Rectory Road adjacent to the Christmas Tree Farm to be widened and

wider pavements added.
* An assurance that the evening number 8 bus will be reinstated and a half hour daytime service provided.

We would suggest everyone in your household writes to Rochford District Council and David Wilson Homes (addresses below) with any concerns you may have. You may also get in touch with the Hawkwell Resident Association. Please write to:

Rochford District Council,
Council Offices, South Street, Rochford, Essex SS4 1BW

David Wilson Homes, Freepost: RRRL-GLUR-KXXH, HardHat Communications, The Building Centre, 26 Store Street, London WC1E 7BT

Please also attend the next RDC Central Area Committee meeting at 19.30 on the 15th October in Hawkwell Village Hall.

NHS PCT news update

"Help Us to Help You"

* After pressure from the Hawkwell and Hockley Residents Associations on the NHS PCT we now have an additional NHS dentist working at the White Hart Lane practice but we are afraid it's a case of use it or lose it.

* We are very pleased that the new contract has now been placed for the Rochford & Hawkwell Surgeries (Dr Sen's).

* We have now been informed that it is unlikely that a replacement for the health centre in Hockley will be built due to financial cut backs but extensions and improvements to the current building may be considered.

Please visit our website: www.hawkwell.org

Neighbourhood Action Panel

We now attend both the Hockley and Hawkwell Police Neighbourhood Action Panels (NAP) run by PC Steve Joynes. If you have any issues you would like us to bring up at these meetings please contact us. Generally compared with areas such as Southend we are a low crime area but we do get a few burglaries and car thefts. Some of the recent police issues are:
* Speeding – public operated speed guns are now available, if

you would like to volunteer phone 0300 3334444 ex 494104.
* Neighbourhood Watch recruitment drive – If you are interested in joining or starting one phone 0300 3334444 extension 490576 – Be on your guard as there has been a thief posing as neighbourhood watch rep.
* The sale of alcohol to the under eighteens - Please do not buy any alcohol or cigarettes for minors.
* Crime Stoppers – Crimestoppers is an independent charity working to fight crime phone 0800 555111.

Hockley Area Action Plan (HAAP) Survey

Hockley Residents Association, Hockley Under Threat and Hockley Parish Plan Group, together will be carrying out a survey on what changes residents would like for the centre of Hockley. As Hockley is for many residents in Hawkwell their nearest shopping centre, we are sure they would like to contribute their preferences for the area. Please look out for the survey form coming soon to shops, the library and our website.

Wyvern Community Transport

Are you unable to access conventional transport due to either having restricted mobility, temporarily unable to access public transport, living in an area not served by public transport or where your transport needs are not met by existing timetables. If you are a permanent resident of our area then Wyvern Community Transport for Rochford District can help you. The scheme utilises drivers and the vehicles provided to meet the special transport needs of residents of Rochford District.

To book the service phone 01702 544551 between 9.15am & 2.30pm (Mon - Thur) 9.15am & 12.00 (Fri). Email: manager@wyvernct.co.uk
A yearly membership fee of £5 is payable and £2.50 per journey up to 4 miles. For journeys over 4 miles, 50p per mile is charged. See: <http://www.ravvs.org.uk/transport.html>.

Coach trips with pickup points in Hawkwell

Hockley Residents Association still has coach trips for 2009 with pickup points in Hawkwell. For details please visit Local News on our website at hawkwell.org or contact Brian O'shea. Phone: 01702 204334.

Thank you to our newsletter volunteers

We would like to thank our folders, distributors and deliverers that make our newsletter possible and affordable. We are always looking for volunteers to deliver to every home in our area. In order for this service to continue we need more help. If you can spare an hour every 6 months we would be very grateful.

Local events for our newsletter or website

If you have any events or items of interest that you think would be suitable to be included on our website please let us know via the website [Contact Us](#) or drop it into 2 Englefield Close. Only electronic documents and digital photos please and if we believe they are appropriate we will include them.

Suscriptions Due

If you have not already paid your subscriptions for this year, please send it to: Hawkwell Residents Association at 2 Englefield Close, Hawkwell, SS5 4LE or 25B Belchamps Way, Hawkwell, SS5 4NT. We have kept our subscription at 50p since we started in 1994. Please remember that even though our subs are low, without these funds we cannot help you the residents of Hawkwell.

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No cash by post please – however 1st and 2nd class stamps, postal orders or cheques payable to Hawkwell Residents Association are fine.

I enclose £..... being my / our subscription for this year (50 pence per person per calendar year) together with any additional voluntary donation. In order to reduce costs a receipt will not be issued unless a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Hawkwell Residents Association has donation and subscription information held on a computer system. If you would rather your information be held as a paper record please contact the Association at the above address.

Would you deliver the Hawkwell Residents Association Newsletter in your road or another road? **YES / NO**

Is there an issue in Hawkwell that you would like us to address or help you with?

I am Interested in joining the committee **YES / NO**

Name.....Address.....

Post Code..... Telephone Number.....