



# Avenues & Pearson Park Residents' Association

Craftsmen and suppliers for repairing and restoring your home

## ROOFS

### Roofers

The following local roofers will renew with existing slates

Byron Roofing Ltd tel: 224335

Acorn Ltd tel: 501820 mobile: 07976 827768

L A Hall Ltd Tel: 320367

e-mail: info@lahalltd.karoo.co.uk

J A C tel 218124 mobile 07966 386083

SST Roofing mobile: 07722 047910

### Suppliers of slates, reconstituted slates, clay and ridge tiles

Marley Eternit tel: 01283 722588

www.marleyeternit.co.uk

Supplies Eternit fibre cement slates, Pendennis natural slates, Classic natural slates, Hawkins clay tiles, ridge tiles, decorative finials.

Sandtoft tel: 0844 9395900 www.sandtoft.com  
Supplies Humber plain clay tiles (equivalent to Rosemary clay tiles)

Redland/Lafarge tel:08705 601000

www.lafarge-roofing.co.uk/specmaster

Supplies Cambrian reconstituted slates (very good), Rosemary clay tiles

Spanish Slate Quarries tel: 0208 9617725

www.ssq.co.uk

Supplies Del Carmen natural slates, Riverstone natural slates

## BRICKS AND MORTAR

### Suppliers of bricks

Jewson (local) tel: 826123 www.jewson.co.uk

This firm has a brick library

### Suppliers of lime mortar

Cemex UK Materials (Driffield) tel: 01377 241501

Womersleys Ltd Tel: 01924 400651

www.womersleys.co.uk

## DOORS AND WINDOWS

### Repair and restoration of existing windows

Heritage Joinery Services (local) tel: 712426

Timber Window Services (local)

mobile: 07756 988005 or: 07530 281367

Ventrolla Tel: 0800 0277 454 www.ventrolla.co.uk

### Replacement doors and windows

The following local joineries make doors, sliding sash and casement windows (single and double glazed).

Cottingham Joinery tel: 868145

Brian Fawcett Joinery tel: 01964 670818

Heritage Joinery Services tel: 712426

mobile: 07737 399481

Jubilee Joinery tel: 224275

Paragon Joinery tel: 585205

Brian Parkinson c/o Dairycoates Timber Supply Ltd tel: 329570

G E Rice Joinery tel: 01964 551402

Timber Window Services:

mobile: 07756 988005 or: 07530 281367

This firm also fits windows made by others.

## GLAZIERS

### Secondary double glazing

Granada Secondary Glazing Ltd tel: 01246 261262

### Stained glass

Harrap, Norman & Son (local) tel: 329818

### Conservation roof windows and rooflights

Velux UK Ltd tel: 0870 166 76 76

## OTHER

### Ironmongery

Build Centre Ironmongery (local) tel: 589989

Supplies architectural ironmongery and sash weights

### Reclaimed original materials

Sam Allon (local) tel: 320051

Kevin Marshall, Warehouse Antiques (local)

tel: 326559

### Suppliers of yellow pine timber

Arnold Laver (local) tel: 324525



**Can you recommend a local craftsman?**

If so, please contact APPRA and we will put the contact details in the newsletter.

APPRA contact: Sally Walker: tel 447558

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# APPRA news

APPRA exists to help retain the unique character of the Avenues and Pearson Park conservation area and to support the neighbourhood's strong community spirit

## Chair's Report Autumn 2009



PHOTO IAN COLQUHOUN: Gilbert Scott houses in Park Avenue and Salisbury Street

We have been interested and encouraged by an initiative from English Heritage—"Heritage at Risk: Conservation Areas." They have sent out—free of charge—campaign packs of books and DVDs documenting reported and commonly seen degradations in Conservation Areas, most of which are familiar preoccupations of APPRA. It is both saddening and satisfying to go through the list of top ten threats: sad that the threats are similar and widespread, but satisfying that they are at last being perceived and articulated nationwide and that we have future allies in the fight against UPVC, wrongly-placed satellite dishes, paved front gardens etc. We in the Avenues can tick 'yes' to nine of the ten threats; and the tenth—the impact of advertisements—afflicts Princes Avenue.

However, we can also tick an affirmative to many of the 'what you can do' points—for instance, we do have a regular newsletter and we are producing a

welcome pack for new residents; and we have taken instant note of the power vested in Amenity notices to deal with broken walls and fences. Our Design Guide is absolutely in line with English Heritage thinking—celebrating good design and practice which speaks for itself in comparison with unsuitable or poor quality work and materials. We have sent copies to English Heritage as fair exchange and grist to their mill; and we are running our own 'Hull's Heritage at Risk' event on Saturday, 3 October (see page 3).

English Heritage is clear that local authorities and conservation officers are not alone responsible for our Conservation Areas; individuals and their individual decisions are as powerful in preserving or neglecting our heritage. It seems that residents appreciate this, and take pride in their property and the area; there are issues, of course, where public and private interests conflict—verge crossovers being an obvious example. Maintaining the value of our properties is in all our interests; estate agents

consider that a well-maintained Conservation Area increases the prices of individual houses. Therefore the price of living in a Conservation Area and abiding by its rules is...worth it! It is one of my wearily repeated arguments when we oppose landlords with investment properties in the Avenues; no-one forces them to buy in the Conservation Area, but they must respect it and its historic buildings if they do.

We were invited by the owner and the architect to view a large house in Park Avenue and to discuss the plans to redevelop it. How pleasant and courteous, we thought. But there were so many ideas and reactions bandied about that our hosts might have thought better of their gesture; and I realised that involvement, albeit at an early stage, might hamper our eventual judgment.

There is an intriguing retrospective application from Farnley Square, where a portion of the drain has been enclosed into a private garden. The house is apparently vulnerable to passing vandals, so it seems reasonable to protect it with a small slice of land that represents no particular loss to anyone. But—it would set a precedent. But—again—there are precedents, further up Victoria Avenue. The officer recommendation is 'Refusal'.

At a recent committee meeting, one resident asked if others had any use for a quantity of spare rosemary tiles. They were snapped up...which made us wonder if we could organize similar exchanges, thus retaining and reusing original materials in the area. We think that the website would be the most efficient method of 'advertising'.

We continue to worry about the blocked drains in tenfoots. Since we cannot draw on our local budget (empty coffers), we wonder if we should use our own subscription income to hire a contractor to clear them. What do you think?

Stephanie Wilson MBE

### Planning permission is needed for felling/pruning garden trees

Remember planning permission is required for felling or pruning trees which are over 75mm in stem diameter, 1.5m above the ground. Hull City Council will give you advice. Write to: Planning Services, Kingston House, Bond Street, Hull HU1 3ER with your proposals. They will let you know in writing if you need planning permission or not. Informal advice can be given by telephone: 612345.

The committee thanks residents for submitting requests for felling/pruning their garden trees. We approve most of them.

## Hull Screen

is now at **Reel** cinema in St Stephen's

**If you are interested in film, please make a point of going to as many Hull Screen showings as possible—or the arthouse provision at Reel will be withdrawn.**

Join the *Friends of Hull Screen*, for only £5. Tickets are £3.50 on production of your membership card, plus a monthly newsletter and special events for Friends only.

Visit the Friends' comprehensive website for full details of the Hull Screen programme and to join the Friends. You can also suggest films to be shown.

Contact Val Brady: 321895 Susan Harr: 07767 495832 email: ssnharr96@googlemail.com

[www.friendsofhuilscreen.co.uk](http://www.friendsofhuilscreen.co.uk)

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## WEBSITES

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| APPRA online       | <a href="http://www.avenuesonline.org.uk">www.avenuesonline.org.uk</a> | news + pictures of all Avenues events incl Open Gardens; info on Conservation, planning matters; APPRA committee minutes; back issues of APPRA newsletters, and much more... |
| Art in the Avenues | <a href="http://www.hullsangel.org">www.hullsangel.org</a>             | complete record of tree sculptures; fountain rescue; Advent Calendars  |





## Tenfoots could come alive again

### WE CAN IMPROVE OUR TENFOOTS AND MAKE THEM EASIER FOR US ALL TO USE.

Many of us walk and cycle in the tenfoots around the Avenues but because they are private property they are often poorly maintained and the individual owners are understandably reluctant to spend their money on making our collective lives easier.

If we can show the council that the public have walked and cycled over the tenfoots without the owners objecting, we can require them to be registered as rights of way. Once that

happens the council and not the landowner becomes responsible for the upkeep of the surface. The ownership of the land does not change but the community takes on the responsibility for the good maintenance of the tenfoots that we as Avenues residents use.

Greater use of tenfoots listed as public rights of way by walkers, cyclists, mobility scooter users, etc. would benefit us all both individually and collectively. The health benefits of walking and cycling are well known but it is also the case that there is less vandalism in well-used spaces.

If you have used the two tenfoots running just behind Princes Avenue from Westbourne across Park and into Victoria, which then lead on to Newland Avenue you'll already know that they are in poor condition, especially after it has rained. If you would like to see them improved, perhaps even lit, please contact us. A simple witness statement from you and we will do the rest.

Bob & Rose Sandham  
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The views expressed in this column are those of the writer(s) and do not necessarily represent APPRA policy.

## Good-neighbourliness

The first thing you will see on approaching our house in Westbourne Avenue is our splendid, gleaming and, most importantly, safe ramp. There's been a ramp in place for over a year, ever since my husband Mike got his mobility scooter. It's been a sodden, slippery wooden thing whose untreated surface sometimes precipitated the unwary visitor down its slope faster than they had intended, and matters might have continued like this until a serious accident had brought the situation to a head, or until a good-hearted man like John Clements of Clements News took it upon himself to sort out our ramp.

Early one wintry morning John Clements came to deliver our weekend newspaper with all its heavy supplements. The ramp had frozen, in the heavy frost, making it twice as treacherous as it previously was and John, being

the kind of person he is, was concerned about our safety. It was much too early to disturb an elderly couple, so he determined to ring us up later to warn us about the slippery ramp. It was then that he discovered that we were ex-directory. A lesser being would have shrugged and thought that, well, they had done their best and left it at that; but John was different. He came back, leaving a busy shop, and not only did he warn us about the dangers of the ramp but told us what he proposed to do. He would collect the ramp, allow it to dry out before coating it with bitumen. Then he would paint it and strategically place nonstick pads on it to make it safe. He did all this in a pure spirit of good-neighbourliness. And so we now have the smartest, safest ramp in the Avenues.

Alison Draper, Westbourne Avenue

## Problem of satellite dishes in conservation areas

We are lucky enough to live in a Conservation Area, but that privilege brings certain restrictions on what we can and cannot do with our properties. One of the lesser-known restrictions concerns the positioning of satellite dishes on houses and flats in the Avenues. The council has issued an explanatory leaflet, but so far as we know it hasn't been circulated to all residents recently.

**In Conservation Areas any satellite dish must be fixed in such a way that it is not visible from the street.** This means that dishes fixed on the front or the side of the house are not allowed; even those on chimneystacks might be contravening the law. If it is not physically possible to follow these rules, you can apply for planning permission.

Because satellite dishes in this area need to face south this is a particular problem for those living on the north side of the four main avenues, the even-numbered houses. Those living on the south side, odd numbered houses, will naturally have them placed on the rear which is the right thing to do.

The council is responsible for enforcing this law, which dates from November 2005. It has the power to issue an Enforcement

Notice if it believes that there has been a breach of planning control. This would mean the removal of the dish, or re-positioning, at the householder's expense. The council has already been in contact with some Avenues residents to discuss their dishes.

If you want to speak to somebody in the council's planning office about this, or other Conservation Areas issues such as Article 4 controls, contact Jon Hayton on 612341, or jon.hayton@hullcc.gov.uk.

Responsible aerial-fixing companies already know about the rule and APPRA has contacted as many as possible to remind them that they should be careful when working in The Avenues. Unfortunately we cannot be certain that we have reached every firm nor that they have remembered to train their workforce. If you have a satellite dish that might be in the wrong position it would be worthwhile contacting the firm responsible and asking them why they failed to comply with the law.

There is a useful website about planning regulations at [www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk). Go to the General Public section, which explains this and other issues in more detail.

The APPRA Committee

## Join our 8<sup>th</sup> APPRA Advent Calendar!

We need **24** households to create an Advent Window each. You choose your starting date, from 1 December to 24 December. Create a festive picture, incorporating the date, to be illuminated brightly in one of your front windows. Illuminate the window from your starting date until at least Christmas Day. *Many opt to illuminate their windows to Twelfth Night and beyond!* To volunteer, just complete the form below and send it to Lesley!

### Advent Calendar 2009 - Application form

**Closing date: 8 November 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred date 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred date 2: \_\_\_\_\_

To: **Lesley Longworth, 57 Westbourne Avenue**  
**Tel 342516 Email: longworth@lathkill.karoo.co.uk**  
or apply online at: [www.avenuesonline.org.uk](http://www.avenuesonline.org.uk)



Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this year's Open Gardens, which raised £7,500.

The gardens were, as always, diverse and creative and inspired all who visited with different gardening ideas. The hard work the Open Gardeners put in is what makes the event so successful and enjoyable, so thank you to them.

As well as the open gardens there were lots of other activities. Music, teas, cakes and art were some of those on offer. There was a great show of music from the Hull Ukulele Orchestra at St Cuthbert's Church with local artists exhibiting alongside artwork done by the congregation. The gardens offering teas raised around 20% of the overall money taken, with the plant sales from Mires Beck and Outlet raising substantial sums too. A fantastic Indian BBQ was put on and St John's Ambulance and Scrapstore offered activities for children and apart from one heavy shower the first weekend the weather was kind and the gardens and extra activities were well attended.

We will be donating **£5,100** to charities and organisations this year. Unfortunately, because the grants normally given to help fund Open Gardens were withdrawn this year and because we may have to fund next year's event ourselves, we have been unable to donate the full amount raised. The accounts are available to anyone who wishes to view them.

**The total raised for charity was £5,900.** The breakdown of donations follows:

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| <b>Dove House Hospice</b>  | £2,500               |
| <b>Oxfam</b>   | £500                 |
| <b>St John Ambulance</b>   | £500                 |
| <b>Guideacres Building Fund</b><br>for the rebuilding of East Yorkshire's<br>Girlguiding County Campsite at<br>Raywell near Cottingham.  | £750                 |
| <b>Carnegie Heritage Centre</b> , Anlaby Road<br>registered charity providing a venue for<br>local and family history research for the<br>people of Hull <a href="http://www.carnegiehull.co.uk">www.carnegiehull.co.uk</a>                                      | £150                 |
| <b>Hull Ukulele Group</b><br><a href="http://www.hullukulelegroup.co.uk">www.hullukulelegroup.co.uk</a> . Here they are<br>at the Avenues Open Gardens this year<br><a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mg8hX9VY7I">www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mg8hX9VY7I</a> | £100                 |
| <b>Local Neighbourhood Watches</b> in<br>Victoria,<br>Park,<br>Westbourne and<br>Marlborough Avenue  | £100<br>£100<br>£100 |
| <b>Hull Churches Home from Hospital</b>  | £200                 |

Mires Beck Nursery raised around **£800** themselves. In addition to selling plants, they are a registered charity whose "primary purpose is to provide a pleasant enjoyable environment where people who have a learning difficulty or disability can develop their skills, increase their self esteem and confidence." [www.miresbeck.co.uk](http://www.miresbeck.co.uk)

Looking ahead to next year, the event will be on the first two Sundays of July, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in opening their garden who hasn't done so before or just wants information about what it all entails please do get in touch via the website or telephone 492230.

Happy gardening!

Pippa King  
230 Marlborough Avenue

Avenues residents are invited to come to  
a **RESIDENTS' EVENT**  
on Saturday 3 October 2009, 2.00–4.00 pm

at Hull City Council Wyke Area Team Office, Newland Building,  
Reynoldson Street, Hull HU5 BH

## Hull's Heritage at Risk?

Conserving the special character of our historic housing

### Programme

Chair: **Elaine Reed**, Townscape Heritage Initiative Co-ordinator of the Hull and East Yorkshire Community Foundation

2.00–2.05 pm **John Netherwood**, Chair Hull Civic Society

**"Welcome - the importance of conservation to Hull"**

2.05–2.20 pm Keynote Speaker: **Keith Knight**, Chartered Architect and Specialist in Historic Building Restoration and Urban Regeneration, Dean Knight Partnership Ltd, York; Chair of the Yorkshire Region of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation

**"Conservation in Practice"**

2.20–2.25 pm Questions from residents to Keith Knight

2.25–2.40 pm **Hilary Byers**, Conservation Advisor to St Andrew's Townscape Heritage Initiative (Hull)

**"Conservation initiatives in the Boulevard and Coltman Street areas"**

2.40–2.45 pm Questions to Hilary Byers

2.45–3.10 pm Refreshment break, opportunity to circulate and look at a photographic display of original period features and unsympathetic alterations

3.10–3.30 pm **Tony Mercer** (architect) and **Paul Dodsworth** (both Avenues residents)


**"Examples of loss of original architectural features and advice on how to renovate sympathetically"**

3.30–3.55 pm Plenary session, led by **Gisèle Bone** of Arc. Opportunity for residents to give their views

3.55–4.00 pm Keith Knight closes the meeting

**Organised by:** APPRA (Avenues and Pearson Park Residents' Association) with St Andrew's Townscape Heritage Initiative, and support from Wyke Area Team and Arc (Hull and Humberside Centre for Architecture and the Built Environment).

## AdAqua - water management

 This concerns an idea for a citywide scheme to promote the domestic collection of rainwater. The purpose is to make it easier to have rainwater available for garden and household use, particularly during drought. Importantly, it can reduce the risk of flood by helping to prevent the main drains from becoming overloaded. Good water management can help save us from extreme flooding, according to Jacob Tompkins, Director of Waterwise (an independent NGO focused on attempting to reduce water consumption in the UK). Installing water butts that take up water pouring off roofs in heavy downpours (providing they are not already full!) can help slow the water down and reduce flood risk, he says. This, too, is the message AdAqua is sending to residents, and the council. We would like water butts to be available to householders at low cost (or even free) in a similar way to compost bins, and are lobbying the council to that effect. During our subscription collection we asked householders what they thought of this idea. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Many people already use one or two water butts and would like to install more. Other measures householders can take to reduce flood damage are to install airbricks with removable covers, and to install non-return valves in drainage pipes to prevent sewage backing up into the house (unfortunately, these one-way valves need regular maintenance).

For an authoritative analysis of the current situation regarding the adequacy of drainage arrangements in Hull, see the final report of the Independent Review Body on the 2007 floods at [www.hull.ac.uk/geog](http://www.hull.ac.uk/geog)

Alan Worsley

[www.waterwise.org.uk](http://www.waterwise.org.uk) [www.adaqua.org](http://www.adaqua.org) [www.waterbuttsdirect.co.uk](http://www.waterbuttsdirect.co.uk)