

# Badger Hill Residents Community Group



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## Newsletter February 2024

**Welcome** to the latest newsletter from the Badger Hill Residents Community Group. We hope that you find it useful.

The BHRCG works for the good of the Local Community. It consists of a small group of enthusiastic members who are able to commit variable amounts of time to suit their own working and family commitments.

The team work within the group is carried out with a great deal of pragmatism and humour. However we are always in need of additional support. If you think you would like to join in, please contact us via our email [badgerhill.rcgroup@gmail.com](mailto:badgerhill.rcgroup@gmail.com)

## Abandoned Ambulance

Many residents have complained about the abandoned ambulance on Eastfield Crescent which continues to be an eyesore and health hazard.



Following a number of approaches to our ward councillors we have now managed to force the council to take action. A legal notice has been served on the property owner requiring them to remove the ambulance and to tidy up the garden area. This includes cutting back the

grass and shrubs/hedges and removing and rubbish and waste materials.

No appeal has been lodged against the notice which means that the council can undertake the work themselves and bill the property owner.

We have asked our ward councillors to make sure the council do the work as soon as they are legally allowed.

## Nice and Trim

Overgrown hedges are one of the main issues that local residents contact us about. Recently City of York Council wrote to some residents reminding them that hedges must not overhang footpaths and force pedestrians to walk on the verges. This can be especially dangerous this time of the year when they are wet and muddy.



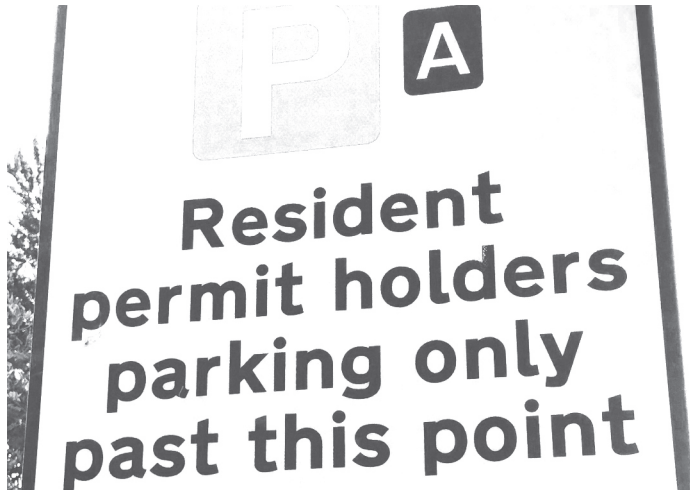
BHRCG support the council and have previously worked with them to have an overgrown hedge on Vanbrugh Drive trimmed.

Now, before the birds start nesting, is the time to make plans to cut back hedges and make sure that everyone can use the footpaths around Badger Hill safely.

If you are a tenant of a property in Badger Hill please make sure your landlord is aware of any work needed.

# Residents' Parking Update

The Residents' Parking arrangements for Badger Hill come to an end in September when the funding from the University stops. City of York Council will be consulting with residents of Badger Hill, Windmill Lane and Newland Park areas to agree what should happen next.



We have spoken to our ward councillors about the issue and hope that they will be able to ensure that local residents' views are considered properly.

As a reminder there is a 10 minute period of grace for anyone parking without a permit. This time can be used for dropping items with friends or for anyone collecting pupils from one of our schools. If however you are affected by anyone abusing Residents' Parking you can contact the council parking hotline on 0800 1381119 between 8am and 9pm daily.

The council have recently re-painted the zig zag lines outside the entrance to Archbishop Holgate's School on Yarburgh Way and outside Badger Hill Primary School. If you know anyone who has children at the schools please encourage them to abide by the road markings and keep the roads safe and passable for all users.

## HMO Development

While the new University campus was being built property developers bought lots of houses on Badger Hill - and Hull Road - and turned most of them into Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs).

Because so much happened so quickly the authorities struggled to keep an accurate

picture of how many houses were to rent and HMOs and thus to enforce laws. Pressure from Harry Telfer and the Residents Group led to better laws about density of HMOs and finally to a register of such properties. The final deadline for registration is now approaching.



We have maintained our own 'map' of HMOs and use it when we review each planning application. It has also been vital in our work to plug the loophole in planning law we call 'Permitted Development' of HMOs. Many of you signed a petition on this last year. Our paper on this should be assessed by CYC later this year.

## AGM plans

For several years now we have held our AGM in June. We are keen to involve as many residents as we can and it has been pointed out by student residents that June is when most of them are about to leave. So this year we shall be holding the AGM in mid October and see how it goes. We hope it will, as this year, be held in person and on Facebook stream.

At this years AGM we will be looking for new members to help in any way. If this is something that may interest you please get in touch.

## Facebook

We have two Facebook groups for the local community to use. Please do join both groups to keep up to date with any local issues, businesses, sales, etc.

*Badger Hill Residents' Group*  
A local community group for the residents of Badger Hill Estate in York, to keep up with local news, events, or to ask questions/advice from other locals.

*Badger Hill Residents' - Sales Group*  
A local community group for the residents of Badger Hill Estate in York, to sell/donate and buy items, whether it be furniture, children's clothes/toys, appliances etc. Also, for advertising local and independent businesses.