

Agenda HRA Committee Meeting Tuesday 16 June 2026
Highfield Church Halls 19:00h



- Annex.i. HonSec Update
- Annex.ii. Councillor Report – Cllr Kat Barbour and Cllr Lori Foster
- Annex.iii. Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group Report

Prof. Roger Brown will chair the meeting

1. **Welcome:**
2. **Apologies:**
3. **Declarations of interest:**
4. **Minutes**
 - a. May 2026 Committee Meeting circulated in advance:
5. **Matters Arising, not covered elsewhere**
 - a. Report of the latest Portswood Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, (RB)
 - b. Portswood Shopping Centre
 - c. HonSec Update (Annex.i.)
6. **Information Reports from Councillors**
 - a. Expected Impact on the Council through Local Government Reorganisation
 - b. Councillor Barbour, Portswood (Annex.ii.)
 - c. Councillor Savage, Portswood (including an update on the Waste Food Recycling scheme)
 - d. Councillor Foster, Portswood (Annex.ii)
 - e. Councillor Walsh, Swaythling
7. **University**
 - a. University Report
 - b. End of Year waste management programme
8. **Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group Report**
 - a. Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group Report (Annex.iii.)
9. **Planning**
 - a. 26/00584/FUL Replacement front fence and gates 2, Russell Place (RJ Mitchell House). Heritage Statement: https://planningpublicaccess.southampton.gov.uk/online-applications/files/4065984D9EEDA06C618BB3B917396EAA/pdf/26_00584_FUL-HERITAGE_STATEMENT-2304206.pdf

10. Reports

- a. Finance (MB) – income/expenditure for the last period. Current Account Balance £48887.60: High Interest Account Balance £26,406.30
- b. Membership (NM) - Members recorded on Database 346 . Paid up members: Jan 29, Feb 9, Mar 45, April 79, May 22 = 184 paid in total
Not renewed in Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 13, April 16, May 14 = 56 not renewed
- c. Digital Communications Report Facebook/Website
There are now 1296 followers on the HRA Facebook page. An increase of 10 since the meeting of 12 May 2026.
Thank you to Ken for photos, and also to Barbara and miscellaneous others for news items.

eNews emailed to members

Two eNews / Events Updates were emailed to members - on 21 May and on 4 June.

Local businesses

Some good news - K's market have re-done their shopfront sign - in green. They are, for the moment, staying put!

Nadine Johnson
Digital Communications

11. A.O.B.

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Dates of the next meetings:

Tuesday 14 July- *A volunteer note taker will be needed for this date*

No Meeting in August

Annex.i. HonSec Update for Committee Meeting 16 June 2026

This short report summarises a number of issues carried forward from the previous meeting or new.

5c. HRA member Simon Fidler has recruited three other members to date who are interested in the Community Speedwatch Scheme on Highfield Lane (in the first instance). Ref:

<https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Home.php>

Simon is also coordinating with Cllr Savage about setting up a voluntary litter pick scheme.

6. Additional Information from other Councillors: Councillor Fielker contacted me to inform HRA that she was supporting a student resident of an HMO in the area to have the Council take action against the landlord for his poor management of the property. NB Renters Rights Act
7. End of Year waste management programme – this has eventually been sorted out although I think information sharing between residents groups and the University has not been as effective as usual. The University will not be organising the additional waste collections with their own contractor but SCC have again been engaged to carry this out. HRA (and OARA) are waiting for a final list of roads and dates.
8. a. Nadine had been receiving regular updates from the police in a KINs network during the regular asylum seeker protests at the Highfield House Hotel. Once the protests began following the Henry Nowak trial, IRB was emailed by Belmont Road resident (not a member) asking for HRA support in securing police protection should the rioting happen again. I was copied into a different KINs group. HRA now receives advance notice of protests and policing strategies in advance which Nadine is continuing to post. This is very helpful.
9. a. Planning. Please see the application for replacement fence and gates at 2 Russell Place (26/00584/FUL) which is the original RJ Mitchell House. Sent to PRG.

197 Portswood Road – See Cllr Barbour / Foster Report last item

ELDC 3/3A Brookvale Road. The issue of spilled over rubbish in the front garden has been expanded to include 5 and & Brookvale Road both of which are also large HMOs.

Kirsty Bobbett (SCC Waste Disposal Development Officer) responded very positively to the problem. She visited the properties and spoke to residents (Not No.7). 3/3A had the wrong size dustbins which did not match the SCC data plan. An industrial white bin is now of the front drive and the rubbish is largely cleared for now. 7 Brookvale is still very untidy.

Other items

HRA should have a Committee representative at the PACT Meeting on Thursday 2 July (Nadine and I are away)

HRA should have a Committee representative at the Enhanced Bus Partnership Meeting on Tuesday 30 June (09:00 – 11:00)

Barbara Claridge 14/06/26

Annex.ii. HRA meeting Councillor Report – Cllr Kat Barbour and Cllr Lori Foster June 2026

Riots in Portswood

Kat and Lori were deeply disturbed by the riots in Portswood on Tuesday the 2 June 2026. They went out following morning to help with the clear up and to listen to local residents

- police station
- Student and sheltered housing blocks
- residents' homes along Belmont Rd
- Sainsburys
- Now Student housing – Portswood/Belmont road

In the afternoon they went to the local school listen to parents concerns and to offer reassurance. Lori wrote a piece on St Denys Rocks about the events of the preceding day.

Since then they have been responding to concerns from local residents and have met with John Savage to discuss a cross party ward response.

Kat went to the protests at HHH on 9th June and spoke to Craig about the impact this is having on local residents and to ask them to stop protests in this area. They talked about the incident in Belfast the previous day and said she should go and look at this before speaking to them.

There will be a peace march on Sunday 28th June meeting at the Peace Fountain at 12.30. All are welcome to attend this.

Herbert Collins Housing Tenants Association -HCHTA

This group is currently dealing with a security issue at the property on Brookvale Road by Highfield Lane which may mean some additional security will need to be installed on this site.

A social is planned for this group on Friday 29th July at 7pm at the Brookvale Road site and it would be good to have an HRA rep attend.

Portswood Planning Strategic Group - PPSG

A meeting was held on 1st June, and the planning framework was discussed. This continues to be a cross-party working group and with representatives from local communities and businesses. A subgroup is now looking at some data collection from September to November to include the student community, residents and businesses. Kat has written to Amber Trueman, senior strategic planning officer for SCC, about the plans for the Local Plan given LGR.

Kat will be attending the meeting and is happy to answer any questions

Avenue Campus

Kat and Lori are meeting with G Giles on 17th June to discuss ways to enhance this space for all the community.

Waste Water treatment site

Councillors are meeting at a stakeholder meeting with Southern Water on 23rd June, 12:00.

197 Portswood Road (Planning)

Council have been informed that upstairs will no longer be residential above the unit. I have chased the planning officer to ask about how much grace the owners have to apply for planning for the existing AC Units and compressors/ducts and what we can do as Councillors and HRA to find out more – I will update once I have a response.

KB and LF

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Annex.iii. HRA Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group

1. Reported incidents since the last HRA Committee Meeting of 12 May 2026 - (47+)

There were 47+ reported incidents since the last HRA Committee Meeting on 12 May. An increase of 4 when compared to the previous period.

(i) Incidents in Portswood (39+)

39 incidents were reported in Portswood Broadway between 12 May and 16 June. This figure also includes those incidents collected immediately prior to the meeting of 12 May and not included in the report to that meeting.

- Very near miss accident with illegal e-scooter coming up behind on pavement (1)
- Man seen punching a couple of windows out at The Mitre; lots of female students at the window (1)
- Street drinkers in seating area and immediately outside Flagship Coffee - Groups of up to 12. At least one incident could have involved men who were drugged (12)
- Street drinkers on the corner of Brookvale Road (1)
- Street drinkers outside former The Broadway pub; former Farm Foods; former Atlantic Cleaners; and former Sue Ryder shop. One incident outside the former The Broadway pub reported to PCSOs who were patrolling who said they would report (5)
- Street drinkers outside former Cancer Research shop - Groups of up to 12. NB One person nearly tumbled into the road with passing traffic (5)
- Graffiti outside the former The Broadway pub (1)
- Rough sleepers outside the former Flagship Coffee/Roebridge Farm shop (3); outside the former The Broadway Pub (1); outside the Victory Gospel Church (1)
- Street furniture/trolley(s) full of stuff and bedding outside The Broadway pub area / former Farm Foods - includes large corner sofa / possibly building a small encampment (6); some outside former Flagship Coffee (1); some outside Admiral Casino shop (1)

Note: Data on street drinkers / rough sleepers / street furniture continues to be collected separately outside of the WhatsApp Group. Thank you to some HRA Committee Members and some members of the WhatsApp Group for their continued reporting.

(ii) Incidents outside Portswood (7+)

- Attempted break-in Crofton Close. Man found lying in pathway to back garden having possibly fallen over the side gate. Ambulance and police called. Man taken to hospital. Sledgehammer found near gate (1)
- Lots of rubbish in front gardens/driveways of HMOs 3/3A, 5 and 7 Brookvale Road. Barbara reported to HMO Enforcement (1)
- Key safe boxes ripped off walls in Furzedown Road and in one case a key was removed (2)
- Person trying car doors in Donnington Grove (1)
- Car broken into in Grosvenor Road - nothing stolen (1)

- Two teenagers in Woodstock Drive walking around suspiciously and looking intently at people's windows. When questioned they said they were looking for customers to buy farm milk! (1)

(iii) Incidents reported in the press/social media - (1)

Daily Echo 2 June 2026: Crime and anti-social behaviour incidents from violence and disorder that erupted into a riot from a protest about the murder of Henry Nowak in the Belmont Road (home of convicted Vickrum Digwa and family) and St Denys Road area and outside Portswood Police Station. At least 21 people have been arrested and charged to date:

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/26157394.two-men-appear-court-protests-henry-nowak-murder---live/>

It is understood that the above incidents, except where stated, were reported to the relevant authorities, i.e. the Police and/or Community Safety.

All crime and anti-social behaviour incidents are listed here: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/crime-incidents/>

2. WhatsApp Group membership

Councillor Lori Foster, Portswood Ward, has now joined the WhatsApp Group. An invitation has been sent to Councillor Jon Walsh, Swaythling Ward.

3. PACT Meeting

There will be a PACT meeting on Thursday, 2 July at Highfield Church Centre. I will be away from Southampton on that date and no one from the WhatsApp Group has volunteered to represent HRA at the meeting. Would anyone from the HRA Committee like to attend to represent HRA?

4. Important communications from the Police

These continue to be received but from an apparently difference source. Barbara now receives these email updates which to date have been very regular and useful.

A dedicated page is being set up on the About Us (front page) of the website just for communications from the Police. The link will be communicated when available. These police communications also continue to be posted on the News/Events page of the HRA website: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/news/>

5. Reporting anti-social behaviour - which authority to use

Barbara and I have updated this key document which can be found here: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/reporting-anti-social-behaviour-which-authority-to-use/>

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