



## Roundswell Residents Association Getting Involved

### *RRA Achievements and Aspirations for the future*

#### *February 2021 Our achievements:*

*As with all organisations and community groups 2020 and 2021 have been and will continue to be exceedingly difficult for us and our members. We have been unable to have our monthly meetings since the first lock down in March 2020. However, we have been keeping our members and the wider population of Roundswell updated with newsletters and via our Face book page, which is now becoming extremely popular and is widely used by our community.*

*We have however been able for the majority of last Summer and Autumn to continue with our weekly Monday morning working parties, although they are suspended for the moment. We have continued our work on the Cycle paths, walkways, underpasses and occasionally highways keeping them cleared, unblocked, trimmed, and maintained where needed. We also continue with our litter picking and have encouraged as many residents as possible to assist with this when out walking with their children or their pets, and we have handed out several litter pickers that were kindly donated by the District Council. We are also active in keeping the underpasses free from graffiti and trying to get more of the unpainted walls and surfaces decorated with murals to deter any further graffiti. We have also come to an agreement with North Devon Homes to supply us with paint so that we can paint some of the walls connected to their properties at the junction of Meadowbrook and Cedar Grove, as the people in these properties are either elderly or disabled. Lastly and most recently with the help of Councillor Frank Biederman we finally got the last remaining unmade up footpath at the end of the Tews Lane playing fields near Cavanna Homes finished and properly tarmacked so that people and mothers with children do not anymore have to walk in the road.*

*We are finding from the comments on our face book page that more and more people want to become involved in what is going on in their community and we are working on new initiatives to get more young people involved.*

## ***Our Aspirations:***

*Over the coming year we would like to be working closely with our local Parish Council and to help and encourage other Residents Associations especially those on the new housing estates in our area, some, of which have already contacted us for help in setting up. However, we think our main concentration this year will have to be our proposed new Community Pavilion at Tews lane Playing Fields.*

*We envisage that this will be a cross between a sport and recreation facility and a health and wellbeing Centre.*

*We would like it to provide a safe and welcoming environment where people of all ages and abilities can meet and participate in social and physical activities, support groups and learning with the objective of improving the health and well – being of our community.*

*We would like it to have a tie – in with local GP practices to set up well - being clubs and any other services such as mother and baby clubs etc. clubs to address loneliness amongst the elderly, maybe even a lunch club, and services which could use the facilities to the greater benefit our residents.*

*We would like the Parish Council to talk to Barnstaple Football Club about providing more for local people, particularly the young during the school holidays to help reduce anti – social behavior. We would like them to promote more footballing opportunities for women, girls and for those with disabilities and Walking Football for our older residents and over fifties.*

*This pavilion is a once in a lifetime opportunity to give our area a facility we can be proud of and will be the hub of our community. We have been promised many things over the years, I have lived here since 2006 and we have been promised a doctor's, a clinic, a dentist, and a new community center, none of which have so far materialized. Let us hope that this Community Pavilion will be the start of a new era, with all the new housing we have had over the past few years this has become one of the largest estates in the area and we deserve the facilities and infrastructure that a community this size merits.*

*Ken Sharman Co/Chairman*

*On behalf of Roundswell Residents Association*

