

## Roundswell Residents Association Getting Involved



## Our achievements for 2022/23:

We are delighted to advise that we have had a surprisingly good 2022/23 so far, with a very encouraging increase in the number, variety of people and organisations following us, and commenting on our Facebook page. Our work groups have had an especially noticeable following increase with lots of positive comments, from residents from the new developments. I've developed a very close and productive relationship with Mike Jones NDC Parks dept. We have been collaborating on several projects around the estate and we hope that this will continue with his replacement when he retires in March, this year.

We have also collaborated with LiveWest housing association and held a 'skip day' where we helped the residents to get rid of unwanted white goods and have a good clear up around Beech Close, and a bulb planting day at the cleared bank, behind Beech Close.

We have seen a big increase in people litter picking around the area and we have formed a constructive relationship with residents' groups on the Redrow and Glenwood estates, as well as being followed on our Facebook page by Bickington and Instow residents' groups. We have also now developed a working relationship with the local police who have attended a couple of our meetings and have assured us of their future involvement.

## Our aspirations for 2023:

We hope to continue our positive growth throughout the coming year with closer ties with like-minded groups especially from the recently developed parts of our area. We are also extremely keen to see progress on the much-promised extension to the Tews Lane Community Pavilion, which seems to be further away than ever. We would desperately like to see a much closer working relationship with our Parish Council who seem to want to work against us, rather than with us on our goal to have a community hub at Tews Lane that would benefit the whole of the community here on Roundswell. Unfortunately, as it stands our representatives at FPC are threatening to ask the District Council to take back the running and management of Tews Lane playing field and Pavilion because of the uncomfortable questions being asked of them by our Association.

What we need is engagement and openness from our Councillors who need to represent the whole of Fremington Parish which includes the very extensive area that we call Roundswell.