



Parish Notes for 9 April 2018

Rottingdean Medical Practice: correspondence continues with enquiries from residents & councillors asking: *How on earth can closing the only surgery in the village be right?*

Martlets Hospice <https://www.themartlets.org.uk/> The Martlets has asked if 'Rottingdean' could consider sponsoring a Snail, as this year they are looking to extend a *snail trail* beyond central Brighton as a follow-up to their iconic 'Snow-dog' fundraiser.



A large snail, say on the Village green, would be £5000 and could attract a lot of interest from residents and beyond.

Community Resilience: Contact information to help at times of crisis such as extreme weather, transport disruptions is on the RPC website <http://www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk/noticeboard>

Children coming into care: There is a shortage of in-house foster carers, and an increase in the number of children coming into care which means having to place children further away from their communities and using Agency placements which cost more. The City Council is trying to increase numbers of in-house foster carers to ensure local children are cared for by BHCC' carers and to reduce costs of Agencies. See https://secure.toolkitfiles.co.uk/clients/24209/sitedata/2018/2018_other_updates/12066-6124-A5-Fostering-flyer.pdf Leaflets will be available at the RPC Annual Village Meeting on 19 April 2018

Ovingdean 'Green Festival' takes place on 23 June. Councillors have also been informed of a *Plastic Free Ovingdean* initiative just started. There is also the Ovingdean Annual Village meeting on Thursday 26 April. 7pm Village hall for local residents to attend.

A259 Big Petition & press release RPC issued a press release as a way of drawing attention to a key meeting of the 3 local Highways authorities. BHCC confirmed that a presentation at the meeting referenced the A259 queuing survey undertaken on behalf of RPC.

[Water Futures in the South East: Towards 2050](#), reported challenges & opportunities facing an already water-stressed region. Climate change, population growth & the needs of a dynamic economy all mean that finite resources, especially water, must be managed far more efficiently. **[Southern Water Futures](#)**, sets out steps being taken to build a resilient water future.