

TREE SURVEY

With a large number of trees in The Village, we need to look after them and ensure that they don't present any danger to people or property. The VA has just had a full survey carried out for trees in public areas and in residents front gardens. The full survey is carried out approximately every three years with interim surveys carried out as required. The survey assesses the condition of trees, identifies work that needs to be carried out and prioritises the recommendations.

The survey assessed 328 trees and while 151 trees were in good condition, 2 require tree surgery within 6 months, 58 require work within 18 months and 117 require work within 36 months. The work involves removing several dead trees, tree surgery for some trees and cutting back trees too close to homes, particularly in Alexander Crescent.



We are planning to get the work carried out as soon as practicable bearing in mind the costs involved and that most of the work will need permission from Tandridge District Council.

Please ensure that we have your email address to help us to keep you informed when work is going to be carried out.

AGM SUMMARY

The Village Association held their AGM on Wed 7th Nov at Elizabeth Court Care Home.

The event was chaired by Jon Forde, supported by the other VA Board Directors. Members of the Hazelvine team and the Warden service were also on hand to field questions. Jon gave a comprehensive overview of many of the projects the VA have been involved with during 2018 which included Wardens, Parking, Trees, Playground, Landscaping and increased engagement with residents.

Jon went on to present the key VA project objectives for 2019 which included Parking, The Village Code, CCTV expansion, Road safety, Tree survey and the renewal of several key service contracts. Simon Nunn presented the VA service charge accounts for the year ending 2017, and the service charge budget for 2019. The voting on resolutions took place. Jon Forde and Matthew Ashmore were re-elected to the Board, and Richard Williams was voted in as a new VA Director.

The Board received several questions from the floor relating to parking, bins and Hazelvine. Ian from Hazelvine advised the audience of the Hazelvine contact phone number (01628 529765).

The meeting was attended by around 25 residents and the VA thank those who came for their positive feedback and support. The VA also thank Elizabeth Court Care Home for hosting the event.

NEW VILLAGE SIGNPOST

To assist visitors to The Village navigate to find key facilities, the VA has been granted planning consent to erect a direction sign panel at the corner of Guards Avenue and Coldstream Road and it is anticipated that this will be erected before Christmas.



In addition, more signs are being placed around The Village to bring awareness that CCTV is in operation.

SERVICE CHARGE DIRECT DEBITS

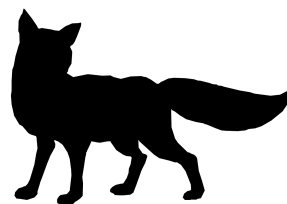


Hazelvine remind members that quarterly Service Charge payments can be made by Direct Debit at no charge, or payments can be spread over 12 months for which there is an admin fee of £16.50+vat.

If you would like to take advantage of the Direct Debit option then contact Hazelvine (01628 529765). They will then send a direct debit mandate to you to complete.

FOXES

We have had reports of people feeding foxes which apart from encouraging them it encourages rats, so please don't feed them. Please don't leave bags of rubbish out overnight and be careful where you leave your food bins as the foxes have worked out how to unlock and open them!



THE VILLAGE CODE

The Village Code has been in place since The Village was established. To ensure it is still a valid and relevant code, the VA seek residents feedback on the proposed updates of the Village Code.

The proposed Village Code is as follows.....

Protect and respect our neighbourhood. Follow The Village Code.

Undue noise and nuisance is not acceptable.

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. Failure of an owner to remove dog mess is illegal.

Please do not litter. Put all litter in the bins provided.

Fly tipping is illegal.

Household bins should be stored discretely and rubbish bags should not be left on streets other than on collection days.

Please drive responsibly - A maximum speed of 20mph is advised.

Please park considerately - particularly at junctions and do not block pavements.

Visitor parking bays may not be used for more than 48 hours continuously.

SORN vehicles must not occupy unallocated residents or visitor parking spaces.

The Village Association reserves the right to move on individuals or groups whose behaviour undermines or challenges the ability of legitimate users to use the area. In the communal areas, if requested by the Wardens, you must follow their instructions.

If you have comments about the proposed updates then please mail office@thevillageassociation.org or complete the consultation survey on www.thevillageassociation.org.

Merry Christmas

The VA would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. We have greatly appreciated the support that you have given us during 2018.

For 2019 we have many more items on our agenda and we will continue to work with you to support and enhance our special neighbourhood.

