

2022 VILLAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Village Association AGM will be held on Thurs 24th Nov at 7pm in the Brigadier Room at the Officers Mess.

The AGM, along with the Residents Surgeries, is an opportunity to come and hear about the work of the Village Association over the past 12 months, as well as to ask the Directors and Hazelvine questions and put across their points.

The evening will include:

- Overview of the VA's activities during the year plus the plans and focus for 2023
- Run through the accounts for 2021 and hear about the 2023 expenditure budget
- Hear the explanation for increase to the Service Charge in 2023
- Vote for VA Director(s) - Members only
- Question & Answer session with VA and Hazelvine representatives

We welcome anyone who has an interest in The Village to attend and participate in the AGM, but only members (property owners) can participate in the votes at the meeting.

As with prior years, formal notification of the AGM will be sent to members circa a month before which will include details of how to vote if you are not able to attend in person on the 24 November. A copy of the 2023 budget and 2021 financial actuals will also be included.

We hope to see you there.



HERITAGE ROAD SIGNS

Fifteen new road signs have been installed at various locations in The Village, formerly Caterham Barracks and home to the Grenadier, Coldstream, Scots, Irish and Welsh Guards. The new road signs were installed to reflect the rich heritage of the estate.

The costs for the design, purchase and installation of the 15 signs were sponsored by local organisations. The project was managed by two Village residents.

The first four signs were officially unveiled on 31st July. The unveiling day event was attended by Village residents and guests of the Village Association (VA). The unveiling statements/citations read out at each unveiled road sign are available at www.thevillageassociation.org/heritageroadsigns along with a slideshow which details the day.

The VA's thanks goes to everyone involved in this project.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

As highlighted in the last Newsletter, the planned work to repair the footpath around the cricket green, which had been damaged as a result of roots from nearby trees, was completed in June. Other larger maintenance projects are now being considered including a number of repairs required in the area of the car park behind Townhill Medical Practice.

Several smaller maintenance projects have been undertaken during the spring and summer and we will continue with these over the coming months.

If residents or any of the businesses have views on areas requiring urgent attention, please get in touch via office@thevillageassociation.org.

NEW DIRECTORS

The VA is delighted to announce that Sue Pozzoni and Livia Ralph have joined the Village Association Board of Directors, filling the vacant resident director roles. Sue has been a resident of the Village since the development first opened and has been an active supporter of the VA for many years. Livia is a new resident to The Village having moved here just over a year ago.

Both Sue and Livia bring a wealth of experience and insight from their professional careers but also from their involvement in the local community.

We look forward to having Sue and Livia on board and to working with them both over the coming months and years as the VA continue to work on its numerous projects to further enhance the environment and standard of The Village.

TREE SURVEY

There are over 350 trees in the public areas and front gardens within The Village. Every 3 years we arrange for an arboricultural survey of the trees to enable us to maintain and where possible enhance the treescape. The survey prioritises any work identified and then consent is needed from Tandridge Council for work to be carried out.

Most of the trees are protected by restrictions which can consist of planning conditions, Tree Preservation Orders and also part of The Village is in a Conservation Area.

We will be carrying out our next survey in 2023.

WARDEN SERVICE

Our Wardens continue to address issues including inconsiderate parking, anti-social behaviour, the security of property, health and safety issues when they arise, monitoring the ANPR and CCTV systems and liaising with local police and other services when needed. Thanks to Alasdair and Matt for helping to keep residents and users of The Village as safe as possible.

In the last Newsletter we reported the issue of large groups of non-resident youths who were gathering in The Village causing alarm and distress to residents. Following discussion with the Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team and other authorities, Tandridge Police put in place dispersal orders over several weekends in May following which these large groups of youths seem to have dispersed or no longer frequent The Village.

We are aware that groups of youths gather in the Green Lane area and acknowledge that their behaviour is a nuisance and is distressing for residents whose properties back on to that area. Unfortunately, as this is not VA owned land the Wardens are not able to intervene or report incidents on behalf of residents. There is still an element of anti-social behaviour within The Village and the Wardens make regular reports to Tandridge Police and, when required, provide CCTV and Body Worn Video evidence so the Police can take necessary action.

We urge anyone who witnesses any type of anti-social behaviour to please make an official report to the police via the Surrey Police online reporting scheme.

VILLAGE HELPING HANDS

Now the Village estate is over 20 years old, some things are looking a little tired. As you might expect, there is always more to be done than there is money in the budget to cover it.



Before next Spring we will be asking Village residents to volunteer a few spare hours to form The Village Helping Hands group. With your support we wish to establish a working party/parties for a few hours, from time to time, to give some TLC to elements of our communal areas to restore some of the sparkle and freshness that has been eroded over time.

This will be in addition to the work of our landscape team and excludes specialised maintenance work and work on private properties. If you have any queries or ideas please email at office@thevillageassociation.org.