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# **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

As explained in previous newsletters, the Village Association's focus during 2021 was to replenish the financial reserves and to plan for maintenance and repair work needed in 2022.

For the work in 2022 we will be using the report by local Chartered Surveyors, Fairclough & Dyer who we engaged in 2019/2020 to identify the future maintenance and repair work required. One of the areas identified as requiring maintenance is the footpath around the cricket green which has been damaged as a result of roots from nearby trees. Work is planned to undertake repairs to the footpath in late spring/early summer. Other larger maintenance projects are being considered including repairs to the surface of the car park behind Townhill Medical Practice.

Smaller maintenance projects will also be undertaken during the spring and summer including repair or replacement of bin store doors, maintenance work on a number of timber posts around the development, and replacement of worn signage.

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

#### **UPCOMING RESIDENTS SURGERY**

To be held on the green by the playground - 10am to Noon, Sat 11th June

This 'drop-in' session is designed to provide an opportunity for residents to hear and engage in the work of the VA and to further improve the transparency of the VA and the projects and work we are involved in.

The VA surgery will be open to all residents and businesses within The Village to come and discuss any relevant topics and ask questions. We hope to see you there!



## **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

We have seen a significant increase in anti-social behaviour over the past months. There have been a number of cases where large groups of non-resident youths have been gathering causing alarm and distress to residents. The Warden has either intervened directly or provided CCTV footage and Body Worn Video evidence to the Police.

There have also been a number of other incidents where non-resident youths have caused damage to the children's playground, planted shrubs, properties and cars. Again, CCTV and Body Worn Video evidence has been given to the Police and a report submitted to the Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team.

To provide a greater security presence and support to the head Warden we have re-introduced double manning at the weekends when this type of behaviour generally occurs. Representatives from the VA are also meeting regularly with the Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team and representatives from Tandridge District Council and Surrey Police to discuss the issues.

If you witness any type of anti-social behaviour, please first contact the police on 101 (for non-emergencies) and then contact the Warden and he will attend and disperse trouble makers. BUT it's vital that residents also make an official report to the police via the Surrey Police online reporting scheme. If it feels like the situation could get heated or violent very quickly or someone is in immediate danger you should contact the police on 999.

# **ENHANCING ROAD SIGNS**

We have made good progress with our plan to inform residents and visitors about the history of The Village by placing a fresh road sign in each road, with some detail of the history of the person, regiment, etc, after whom the road was named.

The Council have given permission for this, and we have been able to obtain sponsorship of fifteen road signs, from generous local businesses, the Parish Council and Caterham Barracks Community Trust.

We are planning an unveiling 'event' in late July, during which the first four new signs will be unveiled. All residents will be invited to this event. The other road signs will be installed soon after.

## **WELCOME' TO THE VILLAGE**

The Village Association "Welcome pack" explains a lot about the workings of The Village. It gives an overview of the different organisations and service providers involved in the running of The Village, along with useful contact numbers and email addresses.

This 'Welcome pack' is supplied to local estate agents and conveyancing solicitors to help with their understanding and presentation of The Village.

We believe this is a useful brochure even for those of us who have lived in The Village since the beginning.

Download your copy from thevillageassociation.org website.



#### THE VA ONLINE



As a reminder, the VA website is a great resource for information and the latest news.

www.thevillageassociation.org

All our newsletters are available for download and there is also a comprehensive FAQ section which explains alot about the management of The Village.

You can also subscribe to our mailing list there to ensure that you get the latest information straight to your email inbox.

Please do subscribe so that we can keep you informed.