

## 2023 VILLAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Village Association AGM will be held on **Thursday 23 November 2023 at 7pm** in the Brigadier Room at the Officers Mess (step free access will be available via the door in the Officer's Mess car park).

The AGM 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 raise any issues.

The meeting will include:

- Overview of the VA's activities during the year plus the plans and focus for 2024.
- Run through the accounts for 2022 and hear about the 2024 expenditure budget including details of the increase to the Service Charge in 2024.
- Vote for VA Director(s)
- Discussion on community charging points for electric vehicles in The Village.
- 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 in previous years, formal notification of the AGM will be sent to members about a month before which will include details of how to vote if you are not able to attend in person on the 23 November.

We hope to see you there.



## BIN STORE REFURBISHMENT

There are a number of bin stores located around The Village. Eight of these are managed by the Village Association and three are managed by Hazelvine. They have been in use now for over 20 years and are in varying degrees of disrepair.

Having gone through a process to get quotes for the work, a company was selected, and work began to refurbish the bin stores in mid September beginning with the Toy Store at the end of Brigade Place.

The refurbishment of the bin stores includes, for example, cleaning, wood filling, painting/staining, pillar repair, panel replacement and, where necessary, new doors and locks. Kick boards will also be added to the bottom of all doors.

If you have queries about this please contact the VA at [office@thevillageassociation.org](mailto:office@thevillageassociation.org).



## STORAGE OF BINS

The VA has received a number of complaints in relation to the storage of rubbish and recycling bins. In particular, that these are not being stored away tidily after bin collection day and are being left blocking pavements and, on occasion, left in the road. Please can we ask that bins are stored tidily, as soon as reasonably possible after bin collection day.

Please can we also ask that loose rubbish bags are not left out overnight before bin collection day and that food bins are either placed on top of the rubbish bin or the lid is well secured (perhaps by placing something heavy on top) to prevent foxes scavenging and leaving behind a mess that is unpleasant for all.

## VILLAGE CODE REMINDER

The VA would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of 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.



Follow any advice given by The Village Wardens

## AUTUMN PLANTING

Our gardening contractors, Acacia, are carrying out the autumn replanting, which replenishes plants that are no longer healthy. By planting in the autumn, the new plants can become established over winter without needing to be watered and they typically cost us less at this time of year.

There are approximately 560 new plants this year including some lavender plants to replace an area in Alexander Crescent and replacements for box hedging at the front of the Village Health Club.

As leaves are falling from the trees, please drive carefully around The Village as the Acacia team may well be in the roads clearing the leaves for us.

## TREE SURVEY 2023

We have once again engaged W.J. Kents from Coulsdon to undertake the latest Arboricultural and Tree Management Report (Tree Survey) across all trees in public areas across The Village, which numbers 362 trees in total.

The report has since been shared with CBCT so they can take appropriate action, as per the report's findings for the trees which they are responsible for.

The report highlighted the work that is recommended, categorising it into three categories: Urgent, Amber (within 3 months) and Green (within 6 months). There are two trees needing to be felled, one at the entrance to Alexandra Crescent and the other on Stirling Drive, with the work scheduled for the 13 October.

We are currently obtaining quotes for the 139 trees that require non-urgent work, with the aim being to get the work underway before the end of the year.