

The Village Newsletter

FOR THE RESIDENTS
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PLAYGROUND

Residents will be aware that earlier this year CBCT agreed to transfer the lease and responsibility for the playground to the Parish Council/Tandridge District Council. As soon as this transfer is completed the playground will be made safe and completely refurbished. You can see the designs at www.thevillageassociation.org/playground.

The Village Association is fully committed to supporting Tandridge District Council in the transfer of the playground as soon as possible. In this respect the VA is pleased to report that its solicitors, (together with those for Tandridge, Linden Homes and CBCT) have settled the necessary transfer documentation, and we signed our part in readiness for an agreed signing that was set for 1st December. The signing was cancelled at the last minute by CBCT. Any further developments on this will be published on the VA website and The Village Facebook page.

WARDENS

Work is still proceeding to undertake the planned re-tender of the wardens contract in 2017.

PARKING

Parking is the subject that we receive most complaints about.

There are three main causes of complaint:
1 - Parking at junctions (obstructing access for larger vehicles and restricting visibility)
2 - Misuse of marked bays for visitors
3 - Parking on pavements without leaving room for mobility scooters or buggies

If we all consider these issues, it will make life easier for everyone.



AGM

Following the very well attended AGM at the end of October, the minutes of the meeting are now available to read online at thevillageassociation.org

The main voting issue was the option to change landscaping contractor; the majority of residents present and voting by proxy were in favour of retaining Acacia, best known to the residents by the Acacia 'Boss', Roxy.

A productive question and answer session took place after the formal part of the meeting covering many matters, large and small. The main new project your VA announced for 2017 will be examining the options to re-tender the management contract for the Village, which has been held by Hazelvine since the development was first started in 2000.

BINS

There have been several occasions where foxes have attacked black bin bags left out overnight before collection day. This has caused a lot of mess and unnecessary cleaning up.



Can we therefore take this opportunity to remind residents that putting out unprotected black bags the night before collection should be avoided.

CBCT

Residents will probably have seen that the Pavilion has been repaired as was negotiated as part of the mediation in May between the VA, Lindens and CBCT.

One outstanding key matter from the mediation is that CBCT undertook to treat the outbreak of Japanese Knotweed on their land known at the Rifle Ranges.

The VA is still waiting to see satisfactory evidence that this has been done with a suitable warranty.

THE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Village Society (the newly formed social committee) had hoped to arrange a small Christmas Fair for residents in early December in the newly refurbished cricket pavilion. Although the Pavilion was available, unfortunately, the collective costs to run the event were prohibitive. The committee will now consider options for outside events on VA owned and insured land for the spring and summer which would be less costly.

A book club has been formed by 8 residents supported by the excellent services of the Westway library. If anyone else is interested in starting a book club and would like some information about how to run one and the library book club service, please email office@thevillageassociation.org.

If you would like to be involved in the social committee then please email office@thevillageassociation.org.



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As this is the last scheduled newsletter of the year, 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 2016.

For 2017 we have many more items on our agenda and we will continue to work with you to support and enhance our special neighbourhood.

Merry Christmas

