

The Village Newsletter

FOR THE RESIDENTS
ISSUED BY THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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CCTV in The Village

The Village Association Board of Directors has approved the budget for the CCTV installation which was discussed at the AGM.

Having undertaken the Privacy Impact Assessment required by the CCTV Commissioner, the CCTV system will be implemented during March 2018. In addition, the Warden service, at their own cost, will also be implementing Body Worn Video (BWV), using the same equipment as Surrey Police.

CCTV and BWV will be deployed in The Village for the reasons of: -

1. public safety
2. the economic well-being of the estate
3. the prevention and detection of disorder and crime
4. the protection of morals
5. the protection of the rights and freedoms of others to live without fear or intimidation

The system will be operated under a Security Industry Authority Licence by the Warden Service and will comply with the CCTV Commissioners and Information Commissioners Code of Practice. Subject Access requirements are in place and anyone who believes that that images of them are retained can apply for subject access by emailing the Warden at villagewarden@gmail.com.

The Village Association believes that this use of technology will bring long-term benefits to Village residents, businesses and the users of the Village facilities.



PLAYGROUND PROGRESS

As announced in the Dec 2017 newsletter, the playground freehold was successfully transferred to Tandridge District Council.

The project to re-new this area started on Monday 5th March and we can expect to see our playground completely regenerated during the Spring. The new playground will not only have safe and engaging equipment, but will also benefit from annual inspections to ensure its long term maintenance and safety.

A grand opening is also being planned and will be announced shortly.

SUE GUYON - VA BUSINESS DIRECTOR

The VA announce the appointment of Sue Guyon as VA Business Director. Sue is the Home Manager of Elizabeth Court Care Home in Grenadier Place and is already actively involved with local commercial activities.

Elizabeth Court is a significant business within the Village, so we are delighted to have Sue, and her management skills, on board with the VA.

SERGEANTS PLACE



The three trees were successfully removed from Sergeants Place during February. This was a complex logistical project and the VA thanks everyone involved for their patience and contribution which resulted in the project coming in on budget and within a shorter time than was originally planned.



The trees have been mulched and will be used for landscaping projects around the Village in the future. This 'recycling' will help to keep gardening costs down while enhancing our environment. A minor replanting scheme is currently under consideration.

ALEXANDER CRESCENT

Two large horse chestnut trees in Alexander Crescent will be trimmed and crowned on 4th April. Although we do not expect significant disruption, please be aware of this work as there will be contractors working at height in the area.

VANDALISM

There have been more issues with vandalism around the Village. This results in increased repair costs for all VA Members.

If you see anything being vandalised or have been a victim of vandalism then please do report it directly to the Village Warden.

VillageWarden@gmail.com / Phone 01883 770611

With this information we can continue to take appropriate action and, together, we can remove this issue from our neighbourhood.

FLY TIPPING

Another social challenge faced in Caterham and within the Village has been fly-tipping.

When Fly tipping starts - it rapidly spreads and it does not take long for an enormous pile of rubbish to collect. Even an old Christmas tree, a broken microwave or an old car battery left outside a property can encourage random fly-tipping. The VA has already removed many fly-tipped items which incurs fees and costs. This therefore impacts us all.

To avoid this, please immediately report any fly-tipping incidents to the Warden and, for larger domestic waste, please use the council services to remove these items from the Village.

Fly-tipping is a criminal offence punishable by a fine of up to £50,000 or 12 months imprisonment if convicted in a Magistrates' Court. The offence can attract an unlimited fine and up to 5 years imprisonment if convicted in a Crown Court.

VA SURGERIES

The date and venue is now set for the April VA Surgery.

Saturday 14th April

10am - 12pm

**Elizabeth Court Care
Home
Grenadier Place**

This 'drop-in' session is designed to provide an opportunity for members to hear and engage in the work of the VA as well as 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 look forward to seeing you there!