

## 2021 VILLAGE ASSOCIATION AGM SUMMARY

The Village Association (VA) AGM was held on Tuesday 23 November at CBCT's Officers Mess building at the entrance to The Village.

The meeting was attended by VA Directors along with representatives from Hazelvine. Residents from circa 15 properties joined the meeting.

Jon Forde chaired the meeting and started by giving a review of the VA's work during the year.

This included:

- Details of the maintenance and repair work undertaken, including repairs to pathways by the play park where tree roots have pushed up the tarmac and the repair and resurfacing of the VA owned part of Gowrie Place.
- An update on the tree survey undertaken in April and subsequent work undertaken to many of the 362 trees within The Village.
- An overview of the work and challenges dealt with by the Warden team over the past 12 months which included a significant number of anti-social behaviour instances and threats and abuse to residents and the Wardens.
- The work and challenges faced throughout the year by our landscaping contractor, Acacia.
- An overview of the VA's work in lobbying Surrey, Tandridge and the Parish Councils and the ongoing engagement of the Police and CBCT.
- Finally, an overview of the VA's engagement with residents and members undertaken throughout the prior year.
- Looking at the financials, the final spend for the year to 31 December 2020 was reviewed and discussed as was the budget for 2022, with a specific mention to the 8% increase in the service charge to build up future reserves in anticipation of future maintenance costs.

The VA outlined its plans and focus for 2022 which includes:

- Planning for further repairs to pathways.
- Review of further large maintenance jobs.
- Conclusion of the work highlighted in the tree survey.
- Recruitment of new Directors to the Board.
- Ongoing resident engagement through Surgeries and other events.
- Progression of new road signs highlighting the history of those the roads are named after.

The final formal agenda piece was the resolution and voting for the re-appointment to the VA Board, which the VA is pleased to confirm the re-appointment of Jon Forde as a Resident Director for the next 3 years.


We followed the formal agenda with a Q&A session where questions included plans for CCTV extension, options for access and exit points for those intent in causing anti-social behaviour issues, representation of ethnic minority groups on the VA Board and additional vehicle access/exit points for The Village.

The VA board wish to thank all those who attended and those who sent in proxy votes for their participation. We look forward to continuing our engagement with residents, businesses, and all users of The Village over the coming year.


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# DIRECTOR VACANCIES

**WHO WE ARE**



**Matt Ashmore**  
Alexander Christie  
Matt has spent his career in the financial industry and is now semi-retired. He has experience in property management.



**Jon Forder**  
Alex Giddens  
Having lived in Caterham since 2004, Jon has been actively engaged in the VA since 2015. He has worked with the neighbours in making changes to the building. Having spent a number of years working for the company, Jon is currently the Chairman of the local branch of the Royal British Legion.



**Andy Bucken**  
Alex Giddens  
Andy has lived in Caterham for over 30 years and has been a member of the VA since 2015. He has worked with the neighbours in making changes to the building. Having spent a number of years working for the company, Andy is currently the Chairman of the local branch of the Royal British Legion.



**Simon Nunn**  
Commercial Property Representative  
Simon has spent his career in the commercial property industry and is now semi-retired. He has experience in property management.



**Jane Stephens**  
Alex Giddens  
Jane has spent her career in the financial industry and is now semi-retired. She has experience in property management.



**Gary Leatherby**  
Business Director  
Gary is a highly experienced business director with over 20 years of experience in the financial industry. He has worked with many clients and has a strong track record of success.

As explained in the Autumn newsletter, The Village Association currently has two resident director vacancies.

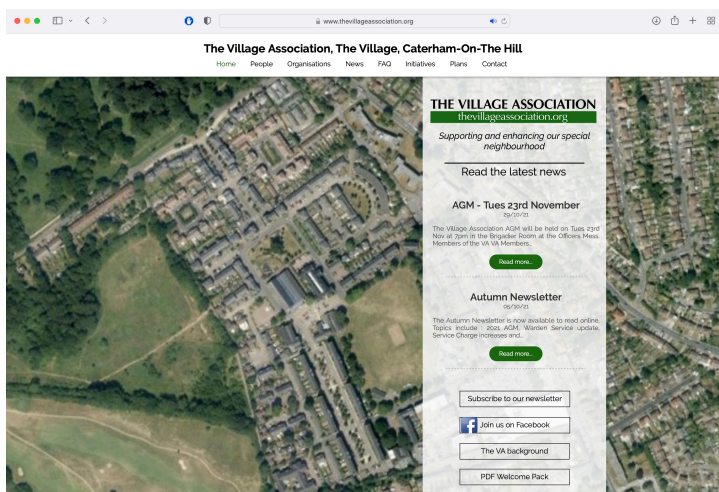
The role of director is voluntary and, while it is not a full-time occupation, a certain level of commitment and proactivity is required. The type of work resident directors might be involved in includes:

- Liaison with contractors including Acacia, who provide our gardening maintenance, and the Warden service.
- Decisions on capital expenditure maintenance projects, including dealing with contractors.
- Communications and dealing with queries from residents.
- Liaison with our appointed management company, local Councils, CBCT, Tesco and other local businesses.

We are keen to add diversity to our current group of directors and where possible to have representation from all parts of the development and so would be happy to meet with anyone who would like to know more about the role.

To find more about joining the team please let us know by emailing the [office@thevillageassociation.org](mailto:office@thevillageassociation.org)

# THE VA ONLINE



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

[www.thevillageassociation.org](http://www.thevillageassociation.org)

All our newsletters are available for download and there is also a comprehensive FAQ section which explains a lot 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. In addition, if ever you need to show people the beauty of The Village, there is also the downloadable 'Welcome Pack' which gives an overview of The Village.

Please do subscribe so that we can keep you informed.



The VA would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. It really goes without saying that '2021' has been another extreme year for everyone, but we have greatly appreciated the support that you have given us during this year.

For 2022 we have many more items on our agenda and, as explained during the AGM, we will continue to work with you to support and enhance our special neighbourhood.