

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Work has been underway for several weeks now repairing some damaged pathways, paved areas and drainage gullies around the Village. The work is being done by Mr Ade Tullet ably assisted by his dog Ella, We are grateful for all their efforts.

So far repairs have been made to the path at the rear of Boundary Point and the playground, the paved area in front of the Health Club and all the drainage gullies in the central section of Brigade Place.

Work to come will include damaged paving near the war memorial by the main entrance, repairs to brickwork behind the GP's and also a path in Anzio Gardens.

The new litter bins will also be installed as part of this project and should be completed by October.

All the existing bins around the Cricket Green will be removed and replaced with 5 new large ones.

The other 8 small litter bins located elsewhere around the Village will also be replaced. These bins are for litter only and not for household waste or dog mess. We hope that you will like the improvements.



NEW CCTV CAMERA

A new camera is soon to be installed in Brigade Place at its junction with Guards Avenue and Grenadier Place, thanks to Julia and Roger at No. 21 for their help in making this happen.

The consultation with nearby residents has taken place and the necessary data protection documentation completed to ensure we comply fully with ICO and Surveillance Camera Commissioner's requirements.

The computer has also been upgraded to handle the increased data flow from the new camera and any other additional cameras in future.

This new camera will be a valuable addition to the Village CCTV set up and apart from covering all of Brigade Place and Guards Avenue it will also pan down Grenadier to the Village entrance from Green Lane. The safety and security of all residents and users of the Village is a top priority for your VA.



REPORTING CRIME

The VA have recently held a meeting with our Wardens and Tandridge Police, including their Borough Commander to discuss anti social behaviour and other issues within The Village. We are very grateful to the Wardens for the excellent service that they provide for our community, which is recognised and appreciated by the Police. There are times when it's important for us to call the Police to report an incident immediately and before contacting the Wardens. Timing is critical to give the Police the best chance of catching suspects so we request that Wardens are only called after the Police in the case of 999 calls.

In an emergency, or if a crime is taking place now, please call 999 or otherwise you can call 101. To make it easier to report crimes that have taken place you can now use the "chat" facility on the Surrey Police website (www.surrey.police.uk) or report on Tandridge Beat sites on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn. All crimes need to be reported to help Police to prioritise their patrols.

STIRLING DRIVE

Residents in a section of Stirling Drive have been reporting problems with the Scots Pine trees on land owned by the VA. The issues include rapid growth taking light from windows, heavy cones causing damage to cars below and excessive amounts of needles and pollen.

We have obtained specialist advice which has told us that these trees were not ideal for this location and that the only practical solution is to fell and replace the trees. We have been investigating the options and the costs involved and will be consulting with the residents that are affected. We recognise that the street scene is important and valued by residents so are very keen to achieve a solution that satisfies all residents.



AGM

In light of the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and concerns of a resurgence in the number of cases, the VA has taken the decision to move the AGM to being online this year. The AGM will therefore be held on Tuesday 24 November at 7pm and will be held using 'Zoom' video conferencing.

We appreciate that not all residents may be familiar with Zoom but over the coming weeks we will make it as easy as possible for those Members who want to participate to do so, both on the night but also to have the opportunity to cast their votes and ask their questions in advance.

We are confident that with the right planning and good administration & facilitation on the night that we can make the meeting work. We have a lot to plan and arrange and will share more information when we can, we will also endeavour to keep as much of the meeting the same as prior years for continuity and familiarisation purposes. The agenda will therefore include:

- Overview of the work of the VA in 2020 & our plans for 2021
- Review of the 2019 financials and money spent
- Review and approval of the 2021 budget
- Election of Directors
- Question & Answer session

We will share more information via our Facebook page, email distribution list and the website www.villageassociation.org over the coming weeks.

