



RESIDENT SURGERY

Saturday 20th May 2023 – 10.30am -12.30pm at The Boundary on the Green.

This 'drop-in' session is designed to provide an opportunity for residents 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 hope to see you there.



NEW CHAIR



The VA are pleased to announce that Jane Stephens was voted in as Chair of the Board following Jon Forde's decision to step down from that position at the end of 2022.

Jane explained, "I have been a director on the VA Board since 2019 and I am delighted to have the opportunity to become Chair. I have enjoyed living in The Village since 2009 and I look forward to continuing to work with the other Directors in maintaining the upkeep and standards of The Village to ensure it remains a desirable area to live".

The Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank Jon, who has been Chair of the VA Board since 2017, for the commitment and time he has given to this role over the last 5 years.

We are pleased that Jon will be remaining on the VA Board as a resident Director.

VISITOR PARKING SPACES

Parking causes a lot of frustration for residents and is an area that the VA receives a lot of communication about.

The VA does not intervene in individual parking disputes but does support residents in providing clarity on the entitlement and use of parking spaces and will, through the Wardens, look to address cases of inconsiderate or dangerous parking. A particular issue is the use of Visitor Parking spaces. The VA would like to highlight the following:

- **Visitor Parking spaces should not be used by residents as a personal space. These are intended for the use of visitors to The Village.**
- **Visitor Parking spaces are not allocated to the road within which they are located. Any visitor to The Village may use any available Visitor Parking space.**



TREE SURVEY 2023

We will shortly be engaging local firm W J Kents once again to commence the next survey of trees which are looked after by the VA as part of our tree management work for maintenance and safety.

The survey will identify and prioritise the tree work required to maintain the health, look and safety of the trees. Once the survey is completed, we will then need to obtain the necessary consent from Tandridge Council as most of the trees are protected and we need permission before any work can be carried out.

Tree surgery work will then be undertaken in accordance with the recommendations.

CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL INCIDENTS

Unfortunately, the number of crimes and incidents of anti-social behaviour are on the increase across The Village, with the Warden team responding to and de-escalating a range of issues.

The number of cases of drug usage, dealing drugs and nitrous oxide usage have increased, with the area around the cricket pavilion remaining a venue of choice for usage and the car parks being used for dealing. The Police have attended, following up with some of the known individuals and have engaged with CBCT with recommendations for deterrent lighting around the pavilion. Experience informs us that crime and anti-social behaviour increases with drug and nitrous oxide usage.

Other incidents this year have included vehicle thefts, targeted harassment, and intimidation of residents at their properties including attempted forced entry, the pouring and lighting of petrol on roads within the development and an attempt to pour petrol on the Warden Hut. Lesser anti-social incidents have included damage to the playground, groups of youths involved in threatening behaviour and damage to street signage.

The Wardens will intervene where they deem it safe to do so, and they will monitor and film incidents where it is deemed unsafe, contacting the Police where they witness crimes directly. The Wardens are frequently targeted with abuse and threats of violence and have recently been assaulted as they have gone about their work.

To assist the Wardens and help ensure Police responses, as well as informing the Warden of any incidents, it is essential that residents also contact the Police themselves and do not rely on the Warden team to report incidents. The Police have been very clear that residents need to be contacting them directly. Use 999 if you are a victim of or witness a crime and only then contact the Wardens. Other incidents should be reported by calling 101.

The Wardens also appreciate an email or voicemail outside their normal working hours (3pm to midnight) advising them of anything unusual so that they can follow up when they are on duty.

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THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION ONLINE



The VA website is a great resource for information and the latest news. 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.
