

DEEPDENE VALE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Firstly we would like to **welcome** those residents who have moved into the Vale since our last Newsletter. Should you have any questions about the Vale or Dorking itself, you will find any member of the committee and the other residents very approachable and willing to help. We have also recently launched a website for the Vale, please see www.dvpoa.org.uk. We aim to populate this site with information relevant to Deepdene Vale residents. Many thanks to Bernard Hawkes for setting up the website and acting as webmaster.

The **Deepdene Vale Property Owners Association** was formed in 1931 and indirectly owns the road itself and the verges alongside through Trustees who are residents of the road.

The Association is run by a committee which concerns itself with matters affecting the residents as a whole such as road maintenance (including gritting when needed), speeding, parking, road lighting, planning applications affecting the area and the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

General Meeting and New Committee Members

The Trustees are currently Tom Smail, Alec Dewdney, Bernard Hawkes and Maria Stanley. The Committee consists of the three office-bearers listed at the head of this newsletter along with Barbara Witts (59) Tom Smail (39), Bernard Hawkes (15), Dennis Strudwick (53) and Chris Hatton (20). An additional change is the appointment of Martin Thomas (26) as the new Neighbour Watch Officer.

The committee would like to thank Craig French for all his input with this previously and wish him the very best for the future as he has now returned to his native South Africa.

State of the road

The Road surface is holding up and it is not planned to resurface for another 3 years if necessary. Pot holes will be repaired on an annual basis.

Salt will be available in the winters snow and ice.

We are grateful for all residents who helped with keeping the snow on the road down to the minimum.

Verges

The committee would like to remind property owners that the road and grass verges are collectively owned therefore any alteration to the verges; permission is required prior to any work commencing. So please discuss this with any of the trustees.

It is the responsibility of the property owners to keep their grass verge mowed and tidy.

Proposed Alteration to the main entrance

As the majority of the residents were in favour of the proposal with only two residents in opposition, it was agreed by the committee to go ahead with some slight adjustments to the original plans.

The adjustments would be to move the 20mph post to a more suitable position allowing the path to marry onto the Reigate Road path, to reduce the path back to the lamp post and to create a ramp onto the new path at approx that position. With Yellow hatched lines to prevent parking. The overhanging trees branches will be cut back & new 'no parking' signs will be installed. A copy of the plan is attached for your reference.

Parking

Inconsiderate parking is still an issue. We would also ask residents and their guests to park off the road if possible and not outside their properties.

Please impress on all visitors and workmen that it is a nuisance to the residents of the Vale and a danger to us all if access for the emergency services and to private driveways is blocked. Every effort should be made to keep the 'Turning Circle' at the bottom of the road and the area at the entrance to the road clear of parked vehicles.

Annual Subscription

The **annual subscription** for 2013 will be increased by £1 to £39. The subscriptions are used to build up a 'sinking fund' so that the next time the road needs to be resurfaced, there will hopefully be funds available. The fund is used for the maintenance of the road, including signage, etc., administrative costs and public liability insurance. Subscriptions are due by 30th September and the request for payment will be sent out in August along with the Account statement.

Dangerous Driving

Concern continues to be expressed about speeding and dangerous driving in the Vale. With pedestrians, including young children, having to walk on the roadway in the absence of pavements, it is imperative that everyone is made fully aware of the dangers of driving too fast in our road.

Neighbourhood Watch

Martin Thomas (26) has taken over from Craig French as Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for the Vale.

The police communicate directly with Martin should and issues arise.

In addition there is a Neighbourhood Watch page on the www.dvpoa.org.uk Vale website where any relevant communications will be posted.

The police have alerted us again to thefts from cars in the Dorking area and residents are asked not to leave valuables in cars, and to be especially vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour.

Olympic Cycle Race

Parking on Saturday 28th July & Sunday 29th July could be a problem due to people parking in the vale to see the cycle races. We suggest residents be vigilant as possible to prevent uninvited parking within the vale, and politely ask them to park somewhere else.

If residents have guests could they urge them to park off the road, or directly outside of their house and not double park.

It would also be helpful if they leave a note on their dashboard of the house they are staying at.

Also see attached note.

Dangerous Driving

Please do not speed above the designated 20mph

Dogs

We have had complaints from several residents regarding dogs barking late at night and very early in the morning. Please can those dog owners be more considerate when letting their dogs out during these hours.

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