

# DEEPDENE VALE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter February 2013

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The Committee have decided to send the newsletter out to residents twice a year rather than annually to keep you up to date with any news and developments.

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](http://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 Committee Members

The Trustees are currently Tom Smail, Dennis Strudwick, Bernard Hawkes and Maria Stanley. The Committee consists of the three office-bearers listed at the head of this newsletter along with Tom Smail (39), Bernard Hawkes (15), and Chris Hatton (20). Martin Thomas (26) is our Neighbour Watch Officer.

Barbara Witts (no 59) has recently resigned from the committee.

The committee would like to thank Barbara for all her input and contribution over the years.

### State of the road

Unfortunately, the repairs to potholes and the like will need to wait until early in Spring when the weather and temperatures will be more suitable.

The Road surface is holding up and it is not planned to resurface for another year or two if necessary.

We were very disappointed to have several bags of salt/grit stolen from the bin at the top of the road, this left us without any for the first few days of the recent snowfall. Hence the delay in getting that part of the road cleared.

We are very grateful for those residents who got salt and cleared some of the main areas – in particular Shaun at No 1, who salted and cleared the slope at the top of the road.

Also to Dennis who cleared the turning circle.

Thank you also to everyone else that helped clear the road.

It would be beneficial if all residents could help to clear the snow and ice away from the road by their properties therefore helping to keep the road safe.

If we all do our bit, then it won't be such hard work for the few who currently do the clearing. The grit/salt is available for us to use and replenished as necessary.

### **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 verge grassed and mowed.

### **Pathway at the top of the road.**

The Pavement has been received positively and is safer for residents walking at the top of the road. It has also limited the number of cars & vans parking at the top of the road, therefore making it safer for all.

### **Parking**

We would also ask all residents and their guests to park off the road if possible and not outside their properties. The Vale is a narrow road, and when cars are parked outside it severely obstructs the roadway.

There have been several incidents recently where guests have parked in the road for the majority of the day causing hazards and obstructing that part of the road.

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.

Please be considerate and do not park outside other residents houses unless absolutely necessary.

### **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) is our 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](http://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.

Please be considerate of your neighbours if having a party. A note letting them know that the party is happening and the estimated time to finish is courteous. If possible keeping loud music down past midnight.

### **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.

Alec Dewdney (Chairman)

On behalf of the committee

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