


# DEEPDENE VALE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter August 2014


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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 our also recently 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.

We are planning a General Meeting in either February or March. Once the date and the venue has been confirmed you will be notified.

There will be the opportunity for new committee members to be elected. We will send more information out about this with the meeting notice at the end of January.

### Verges

The committee would like to remind property owners that the road and grass verges are collectively owned by the Association and the Trustees.

The verges are an important part of the character of The Vale.

Any alteration to the verges will need permission prior to any work commencing.

Please discuss this with any of the trustees if you would like further information.

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

## **Parking**

Parking issues are ongoing within the vale, particularly as families grow and children start to drive and have their own cars.

Please do try to park off the road if possible and not outside your properties The Vale is a narrow road, and when cars are parked outside it severely obstructs the roadway.

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.

## **Turning Circle**

Every effort should be made to keep the 'Turning Circle' at the bottom of the road clear of parked vehicles.

There have been several cars recently parked there all day causing particular problems. It has been brought to our attention that some people have been parking up to then head to the station using The Vale as a free parking space instead of paying at the station or in town.

If you see anyone please do ask them politely not to park in the road.

The committee has made some parking notices and would be happy to email them out to residents if they wish to print off and place on cars.

Several residents at the top end of the road have these notices to put on to the Dentist customers who currently are parking less in the road since the footpath and double yellow lines have been installed.

## **State of the road**

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

There are several pot holes appearing and they will be filled in , if they have not already at the time this newsletter has been sent out.

There will be a new Grit/Salt bin installed at the top of the road during the autumn. It will have to be locked due to the last bags we had being stolen. There will be several keys which will be distributed to residents who are happy to own a key and take responsibility to help spread the salt/grit if needed.

## **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.

## **Finances**

Attached are the audited accounts for last year.

**Subs**

Subscription requests will be sent out in the next week. The subs will be £42.00. Payment will be due by End of October.

We are currently changing our bank account so that we can log in online. As a result of this we will offer the account details out for you to pay your subs online.

More information will be sent out with the sub request in a few weeks time.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

Martin Thomas (26) is our Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for the Vale.

The police communicate directly with Martin should any 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.