

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 also have a website for the Vale at 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.

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), Alec Dewdney (25), Fergus Craig (27). David Dewdney (41) is our Neighbour Watch Officer.

The Committee and Trustees would like to thank Maria Stanley who has recently stood down as Secretary.

Virgin Cable

In these days of many people working from home and the more widespread need of fast broadband connections, the committee has been investigating the possibility of Virgin media laying cable down the Vale so that residents who wish to use this service will be able to. If 15 residents register an interest at the following site <http://cablemystreet.virgin.com> then Virgin will consider doing so. This does not mean that you will be obliged to take the service up and also, those who do not register will still be able to access this service at a later date if they so wish. If you do register then it would be helpful if you could let one of the committee members know (email: dvpoa1@gmail.com) so that we can follow up progress with Virgin.

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.

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 later in the Spring.

The Grit/Salt bin was installed at the top of the road last Autumn. It is locked to prevent the bags from being stolen. There are several keys distributed to residents who are happy to own a key and take responsibility to help spread the salt/grit if conditions get slippery. Keys are located at numbers 1, 8, 25, 26.

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

Our Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for the Vale is David Dewdney at number 41. The role involves being a point of contact for the police to communicate with directly should any 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.

BBQ – Sunday 12th June 2016

We would like to invite all residents of the Vale to another of our excellent street parties, this time set to co-incide with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. Every resident of the Vale is encouraged to come along, meet other residents, relax and join in the fun. More details to follow – look out for the flyer in May.