

# DEEPDENE VALE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter October 2016

This newsletter is prepared by the Deepdene Vale Property Owners Association (DVPOA) Committee and is sent to all property owners in the Vale. Should you own a tenanted property, please pass this newsletter to your tenants. The newsletter will be published yearly – just before subscriptions are due. Further information is at [www.dvpoa.org.uk](http://www.dvpoa.org.uk)

**New Residents** The Committee extends a warm welcome to any new residents in the Vale. If you have any questions about the Vale or Dorking itself, any member of the Committee is very happy to help.

**Subscription** The annual subscription to DVPOA is due in October. The Committee has decided the annual subscription should be raised from £42 to £43 to reflect inflation and the cost of expected work.

**Maintenance** The surface was last dressed in 2006 and is starting to deteriorate. The Committee will investigate options for resurfacing the road with a view to work being carried out in 2017.

### SAFETY

Deepdene Vale is busy place and the Committee's aim on behalf of residents is to keep it safe for all. One of the selling points of the Vale is that the road is used by children to ride their bicycles, skateboard and play. Another is that it is an attractive, green and pleasant place to live. It's important that The Vale keeps these features.

**Dangerous Driving** Sadly there are occasional reports about speeding and dangerous driving in the Vale. There's no pavement and the road users include pedestrians, children and cyclists – please drive slowly and with care for other users.

**Verges** The verges are part of the character of The Vale. The road and grass verges are collectively owned by the Association and the Trustees and:

- Any alteration to the verges needs permission from the Trustees before any work starts.
- Property owners are responsible for keeping the verge in front of their property grassed and mowed.
- If you need further information, please speak to the Trustees.

**Parking** The Vale is narrow and it can be difficult for residents, emergency services, bin lorries and delivery vans to get through. Please:

- Park on your own drive whenever possible.
- Avoid parking opposite other parked cars.
- Encourage contractors to follow the same guidance.

**Turning Circle** Vehicles parked in the turning circle cause an obstruction. Please do not park or allow visitors or contractors to park in the circle. Sometimes cars have been parked on the circle all day and have caused real problems.

**Grit/Salt bin** The Committee makes sure that the grit bin at the junction with Reigate Road is kept stocked. It is locked to prevent the bags from being stolen. Residents at numbers 1, 8 and 25, are happy to hold a key and help spread the grit if the conditions are icy.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The 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. There have been no issues to report in the last months.

There is a Neighbourhood Watch page on [www.dvpoa.org.uk](http://www.dvpoa.org.uk)

## TRUSTEES, COMMITTEE AND HISTORY

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 such as road maintenance, speeding, parking, road lighting, planning applications affecting the area and the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

The Trustees are :

- Tom Smail,
- Dennis Strudwick
- Bernard Hawkes
- Maria Stanley.

Committee members are:

- Gina Dewdney (41)
- Tom Smail (39)
- Alec Dewdney (25)
- Fergus Craig (27) (Treasurer)
- Hamish Cameron (24) (Secretary)

Many thanks to Bernard Hawkes for setting up the website and acting as webmaster.