

# DEEPDENE VALE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter December 2018

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 the newsletter to your tenants. Further information is at [www.dvpoa.org.uk](http://www.dvpoa.org.uk)

**Date for diaries - General Meeting** The Property Owner's Association will hold a General Meeting on 10 March 2019 at 2.00pm at Pixham Old School. All residents and property owners are invited. An agenda will be sent in the New Year. It will include a consideration of the state of the road.

**Committee** The committee includes trustees and other residents who help maintain the character of the Vale and ensure that the road is in a fit state for all residents. Details are at the end of the newsletter:

**Contact** Please e-mail the committee at [dvpoa1@gmail.com](mailto:dvpoa1@gmail.com)

**New Members** The committee is keen to have new members to ensure the ongoing upkeep of the road and low subscription cost. It is a small commitment and we encourage every property owner to be involved at some point during their residency of the Vale. If you have served as a committee member in the past, we will welcome you back for a second term. We meet 2-4 times a year for about an hour. To join, please talk with any committee member or email [dvpoa1@gmail.com](mailto:dvpoa1@gmail.com).

**Thanks** The committee and trustees would like to thank Gina Van Der Westhuizen for her sterling work as chair in the last years. This has included extended and sometimes lively discussion with contractors and an appearance at the Mole Valley Planning Committee.

**Dennis Strudwick** The Vale lost a long serving and very supportive neighbour and friend when Dennis died in September 2017 after a long and bravely fought fight with cancer. Dennis and Audrey moved into the Vale on their marriage in 1966. Dennis was an active member of DVPOA from then and, in 1981, became a trustee following the dissolution of the Chance estate. He was a keen supporter of the association where his financial expertise proved invaluable and, for a period, served as Chair. He is greatly missed by all his friends and neighbours and our sympathies go out to Audrey and the family.

**Maintenance** The committee arranged for the road to be resurfaced in 2017. Sadly the work was not done properly. Following an extended discussion with the contractors, it was resurfaced this year at no extra cost. Some residents have commented that there is now too much gravel on the road – others say they like the current position. The committee will ask for comment at the General Meeting.

**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, any member of the Committee is very happy to help.

**Subscription** The annual subscription of £45 was due in November - almost everyone has now paid. The treasurer is contacting those who have not yet paid.

**Facebook** A resident of the Vale has set up a local Facebook group called 'Dorking Deepdene' as an informal way by which local residents can communicate with each other. Please search for the group and apply to join if this is of interest.

## SAFETY

Deepdene Vale is busy road. The Committee's aim is to keep it safe for all. One of the selling points of the Vale 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 incidents of 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.

**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.
- Don't park in the turning circle. Parking here is inconvenient and increases wear and tear on the road surface because there are more three-point turns.
- Encourage contractors and visitors to follow the same guidance.

**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 a committee member before any work starts.
- Property owners are responsible for keeping the verge in front of their property grassed, mowed and tidy.
- If you need further information, please speak to the Trustees.

**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 27, hold a key and help spread the grit if the conditions are icy.

## 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. Trustees were appointed in 1981 when the Maurice Chance estate was dissolved. Maurice Chance owned and developed part of the Deepdene Estate in the 1920s.

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
- Bernard Hawkes
- Maria Stanley

Committee members are:

- Tom Smail (39)
- Fergus Craig (27) (Treasurer)
- Hamish Cameron (24) (Secretary)

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