

# NEWSLETTER



## January 2022

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### 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Your committee is working to get back to "normal" and this means staging our next meeting in the summer, when it is hoped more members will be encouraged to attend, with better weather and Covid rules a thing of the past.

**Venue:** Manor Field School, Junction Road, Burgess Hill RH15 0PZ

**Date and Time:** To be advised nearer the time, usually 7.30pm

**Guest Speaker:** To be arranged.

Cheese and wine social, all welcome, no charge, bring a friend.

An agenda will be posted/emailed at least two weeks before the meeting, but please look out for the date. This is your chance to make your feelings felt and let us have your priorities for the year ahead.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2022

After a "free" year in 2021, subscriptions are now re-instated at the normal rate of £5 per household. Preferred method of payment is by bank transfer or via Standing Order to make life easier in the future. Both forms are attached to this newsletter. Subs. are due in January – please pay promptly, to save the need for any follow-up.

### 2021 AGM - Matters Arising SPEED MONITORING ON OUR ROADS

Concerns were again raised about the high speeds at which some drivers are using the public roads of Worlds End, most notably Janes Lane and Valebridge Road. Options proposed were speed monitoring cameras and pedestrian crossings.

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Two locations have been suggested

1. Janes Lane between The Garage and the Pavilion (subject to traffic regulations about distance from junctions)



2. Valebridge Road opposite the footpath to the Charlwood estate/Ote Hall (Photographs are shown to pin-point the locations)



In order to make one or both these schemes a reality, we would have to demonstrate wide public support to the Highway Authority i.e West Sussex County Council. The schemes come under the heading of **Community Highway Schemes** and are rated in accordance with how they improve road safety, journey times, accessibility, mobility, regeneration, environmental impact, cost and feasibility. If you do support one or both of these then write or email us giving your views, to [gerry.canning@worlds-end-association.com](mailto:gerry.canning@worlds-end-association.com) If the idea has good support among the membership, the next step would be to approach the wider community, perhaps by means of a petition. Our local Councillors are supportive and would give us guidance on an application.

If you want to help build a case for this, then talk to us about it or write in. The deadline for submission to West Sussex County Council for a **community highway scheme** is 31 July 2022, so time is short. It is up to you to make it happen.

### SPEED MONITORING

This could be achieved by mobile speed cameras and the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP) may be able to help with this. If drivers know we are watching, they may take more care and moderate their speed. Delivery and Council drivers can, for example, be reported to their employer. Again, come and talk to us if you feel strongly about it or can help in any way.



### HEDGEHOGS

A member raised the plight of these helpful garden creatures. Their numbers have plummeted in recent years, estimated now to be down by 90%. There are some actions we can take to help - Buy a hedgehog house for the garden, available from most garden centres or The Kiln, The Martlets Centre, via the Help Point. Leave gaps in fences to allow them to move from place to place. Take care when dismantling compost heaps. Put suitable food out in severe weather.



If you find an injured one, there are places where they can be helped back to health. Go to: [hursthedgehoghaven.co.uk](http://hursthedgehoghaven.co.uk) or 07787 515296

## DEFIBRILLATOR

Our local defibrillator is placed on the Worlds End Post Office and Store. The St. John's Ambulance has a useful article on how to use it should the need arise. Go to: <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/how-to/how-to-use-a-defibrillator> to learn the basic technique. It is helpful if local residents know how to use it, in case of an emergency.

## MARNE COURT

Work is almost complete and the housing association expects the handover to them to take place this month. There will be an opening ceremony and we will keep you informed of progress and perhaps get some photographs for the next newsletter. We are working with the Council to get the frontage around the building tidied up, especially where the vegetation overhangs the pavements. Together with the Burgess Hill Heritage and History Society, we arranged to revert to the historical name of the building – Marne Court and there is a plaque at the front entrance telling the story.

## OTE HALL FARM SHOP AND COUNTRY KITCHEN

Planning permission has been granted and the owners can now get ahead with 'breaking ground' and getting on with the project with the aim of having it up and running by the autumn. Thank you to all who supported this very welcome addition to our local attractions.

## THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Takes place this year from 25<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April. We usually choose a Saturday morning, look out for the date in future newsletters or contact Mary Smith for more details. We hope for a good turnout as the litter problem seems to be getting worse, with litter, cigarette ends, masks, chewing gum and broken glass in many places.

## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2<sup>ND</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee takes place this year with celebrations going on over a four-day weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June. How would you celebrate this momentous event? Will it be a street party, communal lunch, tea dance, fair? Or plant a tree?



After all the tribulations of the pandemic, a record reign of 70 years is a reason to celebrate in style. We cannot run our own, but would support anyone who wishes to do the honours locally.

## ST ANDREW'S PLAY AREA

Work has started and you can see the plans on the Mid Sussex District Council website. You can contact them at [parcsopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:parcsopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk)

### St Andrews play improvements



## AND FINALLY

Our website: [worlds-end-association.com](http://worlds-end-association.com), is in need of a competent young person to bring it up to date and keep it relevant by editing and adding local news, as required. If you know of such a whiz-kid amongst your family members, do put him/her in touch. We are on [Facebook.com/worlds end association](https://www.facebook.com/worlds-end-association) for ease of contact.

Our Facebook page is open for business and we can be contacted that way. See [Facebook.com/worlds/end/association](https://www.facebook.com/worlds/end/association).



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