

NEWSLETTER



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14th JUNE 2023

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 38th Annual General Meeting of your residents' association will be held on Wednesday 14th June at 19.30 and will be followed by a talk on the Burgess Hill Programme Successes and On-going work and after by a cheese and wine social. This is your opportunity to bring your opinions, positive and negative, to the committee, which looks forward to seeing many of you and to meeting our new members. Entrance is free and you are welcome to bring prospective members along with you.

Venue: Manor Field School (Group room)
Junction Road, Burgess Hill RH15 0PZ
Date and time Wednesday 14th June 7.30 pm
Guest speaker: To be confirmed. An agenda will be posted/emailed at least two weeks before the meeting, but please make a note of the date in your diaries. We want to hear from you on issues of concern to you.

NEWS ROUND UP

SPEED MONITORING ON OUR ROADS

Temporary Speed Indicator Devices (SID) were installed on both Janes Lane and Valebridge Road towards the end of last year. We have asked for the exercise to be repeated for Janes Lane, but in the opposite direction ie; coming in to Worlds End. It is hoped that this will increase speed awareness on our already busy local roads. We are still awaiting the outcome of our Community Highway Scheme (CHS) application lodged in 2022, which has been delayed as WSCC is awaiting the completion of the current road works in Leylands Road.

PLACE AND CONNECTIVITY WORKS

The current road and pavement works are well under way and causing the inevitable inconvenience to local businesses and others. It is to be hoped that it will be worth it when

completed. The scheme is designed to encourage active travel i.e. walking, cycling and using the buses and will certainly look better than the old tarmac pavements, which are showing their age. Brick paving is better from a drainage point of view and it will chime in with our recently completed pub pavement in traditional brick.



ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The environment of the 'Bumpy' bridge has deteriorated since it was given a reprieve by Network Rail some years ago. The surrounding woods were once home to foxes, hedgehogs and even a pair of owls but since the trees near the bridge were cleared away for no good reason, it has become a barren place. The new tree plantings by the allotments were not taken care of initially and have virtually all died off and brambles now cover everything. An opportunity missed.

Whilst specialist Officers of the West Sussex County Council were involved at the time, the managing body was, in fact, Network Rail, who originally came up with the idea of demolition of the 180 year old brick built bridge, in favour or a new open steel structure, which would involve the pathway being 're-aligned' to the south, hence the encroachment on the allotments and the destruction of a functioning natural area.

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After obliteration of the trees, such that regrowth is precluded, Network Rail changed their minds and decided drop the project, leaving the bridge to serve for years to come. The loss to the local environment has been considerable. None of the official bodies seem to have any interest in trying to restore what has been lost.

One piece of good news – we managed to get the graffiti covering both walls removed.

More generally, we are considering local environmental issues and we want to find an eco-friendly solution to improving air quality (especially near the school), to try and manage noise levels and begin to create an environment which residents strive to protect. First steps will be to get the new Councillors and local authorities on our side.

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the litter pick in March. There were about 10 people in all and a large quantity of litter was collected, especially around the Manor Road bridge opposite the old garages. We put up two notices explaining the work we had completed there to clear litter, but they were torn down by the following day.



Station Garden

DEFIBRILLATOR REFRESHER COURSE

Our local defibrillator is placed outside Worlds End Stores and Post Office. This is the only one in operation now as the Station one is out of service. We wish to run refresher course to make sure as many residents as possible are confident in using it. Do come forward when details are available. Non-emergency room resuscitation has very low success rate as things stand, so anything we can do will help. **The date for this is now confirmed as Monday 3rd July at 3pm in the Watermill Inn.**

FOOTPATH 8 (ALONG THE RECREATION GROUND BY THE SCHOOL)

A big win has been the cutting back of the tall Leylandia hedge on the path by the school. The lighting was bad here due to the height of the hedge, which blotted out the light



and made the path unsafe, especially on dark evenings. Our thanks to member Emma Abrams and the school for getting this done.

RENEWALS FOR 2023

If you have not renewed yet, it is not too late to do so. Bank transfer is preferred to Worlds End Association Account 08703085 sort code 09 01 55. Please show your surname and initial as reference. This will be the last newsletter you receive if we do not hear from you. Subscription is £5 per household.

AND FINALLY

Our re-designed website is now up and running. We hope you find it a useful way of communication with the association. Go to worlds-end-association.com or find us on [Facebook.com/worlds/end/association](https://www.facebook.com/worlds/end/association)

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