



ORRA NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2020

Dear Residents

It has been a tough few months for everyone and, no doubt, we can expect more of the same throughout the winter. It is certainly going to test our resolve and Christmas festivities will be a little different this year but I am sure you will all find a way to enjoy yourselves.

NEW MEMBERS

After nine years on the Committee, and two as Chairman, I would like to use this newsletter to begin the transition allowing someone new to take over. If new members can come forward in the roles of Chairman, Treasurer, etc. we hope to step down with a smooth transition. The interim time can be used for existing officers to bring you up to speed on the various issues.

Taking on a role on the committee allows you to have an overview of the estate, its history and the differing disciplines needed to maintain such a fabulous place to live. Meetings are held about every 2-3 months although over the last eight months we have had to work mainly by email and telephone

As you all know, the Committee consists of residents who give up their time to work on your behalf for the maintenance of this beautiful estate. Ideally we need a minimum of 2/3 people for each role to be effective and sustain the high standards we have achieved.

If any of you feel you are able to make this personal contribution please contact me as soon as possible by email my address is **chairman@orra.online**.

ORRA has run the estate since 1968 but if volunteers do not come forward then alternative arrangements will need to be investigated, perhaps using a commercial management company which will be expensive for all of us and will affect the saleability of our properties.

I would like to thank all those on the Committee for the work they have carried out during my time as Chairman and for the additional hours they spend on writing emails, visiting properties, reviewing problem areas, obtaining quotations for works to be completed, walking the site with contractors and holding companies and the Council to account to upgrade and maintain certain areas on our estate.

Our Treasurer, Angela Potter, deserves particular mention because without her perseverance we wouldn't have sufficient funds to carry out the works that need to be completed. It would be refreshing if residents could submit their payments without the necessity for asking/delivering the requests on multiple occasions. I am sure Angela would prefer not to have to make continual requests but, unless people communicate why a payment is late, it is necessary.

Special thanks also goes to Sandy Boyce Sharpe for investigating the legal commitment of Dudrich Holdings (Garages in Ratton Garden) to contribute annually towards the maintenance and upkeep of our roads. Sandy succeeded in obtaining an annual financial obligation from the company which they should have been contributing for some time.

The work on the pillars at the upper end of Ratton Drive is complete and they look magnificent. Many thanks to Julia Batchelor for all her hard work on this project.

As this will be my final newsletter to you all I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all the best for the New Year. Here's hoping 2021 will be the year when we can look forward to socialising and enjoying life to the full.

Rose Kiley
ORRA Chairman