



ORRA NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021

Hello Everyone

..... bet you didn't expect to receive another newsletter from me in the role of Chair.

I was hoping to receive lots, well maybe that's a stretch; several maybe but, again, that's probably pushing it; a few then! **A few what you may ask?** - Names of volunteers to help maintain this lovely area we live in. Truth is, it was a big fat **ZERO**. A couple of people I approached confirmed they would be happy to help out but they didn't want any particular responsibility.

So, without Committee members the only options available to us are: Firstly, to employ a managing agent, which of course will increase our annual payments and the Committee have obtained three quotations for this. Secondly, to dissolve ORRA completely. These options will be discussed when we are able to organise an AGM when Covid restrictions allow - hopefully some time in June/July.

TREES

The tree survey was completed in 2020 and the first phase of maintenance work was completed towards the end of 2020. The second phase in WTW and RD has recently been completed. Two small trees had to be felled in WTW and, I am sad to say, a very large, old tree in RD will have to be taken down sometime during the second half of the year. Replanting will take place in the Autumn.

ROADS

The road survey was completed last year and a specification and request for proposals was distributed to three companies. We are currently in the process of choosing the contractor. A decision is imminent, the order will be confirmed and the first phase of works will commence soon after. The contractor will inform all residents as and when their properties will be affected by the work. Please assist the process by cooperating with the contractor.

REAR GARDENS

I have been asked to specifically remind residents to give consideration to how overgrown trees and hedges in rear gardens affect others. Trees and hedges are an important resource but need managing.

FINANCES

This year's maintenance charge requests have been delivered with half of residents already paying promptly. Thank you for this. Last year's accounts are being audited and a copy will be available soon. Whilst the bank balance presently looks healthy, the works outlined in this newsletter will reduce it dramatically.

TRAFFIC DATA

The information from the speed camera has been collated and transferred on to a spreadsheet and will be presented at the forthcoming AGM.

LEANING LAMP POST

The lamp post on the top bank in RD will be restored and restituted in a more stable position. The date is to be confirmed by the Highways Department. The post will be painted once the work has been completed.

GRASS VERGES IN RATTON DRIVE

The bank in RD opposite Manor Way is being slowly eroded by inconsiderate drivers. We have placed wooden posts on the corner opposite to deter parking on that corner. Grass verges are constantly being damaged by delivery vehicles, non residents parking to walk either the Golf Course or The Downs and the occasional resident actually parking on the verge. Please can I ask everyone to be mindful of the situation, parking on the grass creates problems for the verge and damages the tree roots.

FINALLY

As we come out of this third period of 'lockdown' and we slowly begin to return to some form of normality and are able to socialise please take care. It would be really something to hold a street party when the time is right.

Rose Kiley
Chairman

(Below) A beautiful display of Spring tulips at 45 Ratton Drive.
This house was once home to the Butler at Ratton Manor.

