

THE OLD RATTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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AUTUMN 2013 NEWSLETTER.

Another year has rolled on by and like me you may be saying, "where did that one go!" Of course much has happened and I trust this latest account of ORRA finds you well.

May I welcome those of you that may be reading this Newsletter for the first time and wish you every happiness in your new home.

Roads.

I am pleased to report that in the most part the tarmac roads have held up relatively well this year and have not cost a huge amount of money to maintain. Having said that we still have the worst of the weather to come and will not have a final figure until early spring.

In anticipation of snow and ice we have recently ordered a quantity of salt/grit which, as normal, will be distributed around the Estate at Committee Members homes.

Those of you that attended the AGM in May will recall that there was considerable discussion with regard to the further maintenance of the tarmac roads and the potential of resurfacing all of them. In response to this we set up a Sub-Committee along with two co-opted residents, with particular expertise, to explore the options and establish the costs. This group has met twice and has now come to a conclusion which will be discussed by the Membership of ORRA at an EGM in February 2014. There is a letter attached to this Newsletter which explains this matter more fully.

I must unfortunately repeat the request that the parking of vehicles on the verges should be avoided, especially in the coming months, as it does cause considerable damage to the grass surfaces.

Trees.

Chaffins continue to maintain the trees belonging to the Association and keep a constant watch on their welfare and updating the survey report with any potential work required. During the high winds recorded over the 27/28 October we suffered no major damage to any of our trees which is some testament to how they have been cared for over recent years.

Once more a reminder that you do require permission to fell or lop any trees to the front of your properties. That permission is not usually withheld unreasonably by the Association.

Development.

It will not, I am sure, have escaped your attention that a large number of properties have recently changed hands. This has resulted in a number of these new families making applications to alter or enlarge their homes. By following this procedure it may well save you both time and expense.

Under the terms of the Estate Covenants you do require the Associations approval to these changes and it is always helpful if you notify the Committee in good time and **before** submitting a planning application to Eastbourne B C so that any concerns that we or your immediate neighbours may have can be fully discussed.

Finances.

You will be pleased to hear that we are in a good financial shape but there are still a small percentage of residents who have not paid their 2013/14 annual maintenance charge which is now several months overdue. Do please get your cheque to Tim Norfolk without further delay.

Private Street Works.

I am aware that a huge number of you have now received your refund of the deposit monies back along with the accrued interest. In some cases the sum has been a considerable windfall and very well worth a letter and perhaps a few phone calls.

Can I say that if anyone who is entitled to a refund has not contacted ESCC does so without further delay because it will be well worth your while!

Committee Members.

A number of the existing Committee Members will be retiring at the AGM in May 2014 and we will require some new people to come forward to fill the spaces. I have said before that it is not overly onerous with four meetings per annum and you will find it a great way of networking with your neighbours and furthermore putting something back into the Association and the lovely Estate where we live. If you are interested please do give me a call and I will be delighted to give you an insight into what is involved.

Thank you for reading this and may I urge you to make the time to attend the EGM as we do require your input and support.

Finally have a great Christmas and a very happy New Year.

John Cudd
Chairman