

# CHALKLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 2003 NEWSLETTER

## April 2015



Dear Residents,

As most of you will already have seen, National Grid have now followed up on their commitment to add Chalklands to their local programme of gas main replacement. This is a country-wide 15 year safety programme that the government have put in place in order to replace all old, deteriorating metal pipework with safer plastic pipes.

You will have seen from past Newsletters that the Committee, and particularly Margaret, have been very active, on your part, in persuading National Grid to carry out this pipe replacement now before we continue with our own road repair programme. After all, the current pipework has been in place circa 1937 and is cast-iron and in very poor condition.

We were expecting work to start sometime later in April – you all received a letter from NG - but they appeared without warning a couple of days ago and work is now well underway.

Details of the work plan are still a little sketchy but it seems likely that the engineering work will be completed within 4 or 5 weeks. After that, the excavations must be left open for a while to ensure that there are no problems or leaks. Backfilling and reinstatement by a NG contractor is therefore likely to extend well into May, perhaps even June. We will keep you advised as further information is provided.

Naturally, this will cause a great deal of disruption, particularly with car parking since many driveways will be inaccessible, necessitating cars to be left on the roadway. We ask that residents are very patient and show consideration during this disruptive period. This will be particularly important on days when the refuse-collection lorry is due.

Please note that all the work including any necessary installation of new meter boxes, pipework etc. is free as it is covered by the National Grid programme.

Trust this is clear

Your Committee