

CRA NEWSLETTER - April 2021

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We trust that everyone has been keeping well and that you were able to enjoy the dry weather and the new-found relative freedom over Easter. Your committee continues to function well, mostly thanks to technology and social media. We have tried hard to maintain “Business as Usual” and as you will see below. I am delighted to report that committee member Avril has agreed to take on the Neighbourhood Watch function on behalf of the CRA so

please keep an eye on our website for crime prevention “Alerts” and other advice.

NEWSLETTER by email

This edition marks a milestone for us – after 18 years this newsletter will, in future, be distributed by email. The change was delayed while we sorted out GDPR consent forms but 93 households have now signed up leaving only 17 who still require a paper copy. Going ‘paperless’ makes life much easier for the Committee and saves some members having to cover the cost of the paper and ink from their own pockets, so thank you all for accepting this change. If for any reason you wish to revert to a delivered paper copy then please do let us know and we will switch you back.

ROAD RESURFACING / KERBS & PAVEMENTS PROJECTS

These two linked projects remain on track although delayed by the impact of Covid. The road resurfacing, paid for out of your general subscriptions, will follow on after the kerbs and pavements have been replaced for those residents who opted in and paid individually for their upgraded pavements and dropped kerbs. We are delighted to announce that the resurfacing will now extend from the existing limit near No.28 up to the roundabout and part way round. This marks another milestone event - we have reached over half-way on our 10 year project to resurface the whole of our road. Details are:

MONDAY 26th APRIL : Start date

- Western section of road to be closed.
- Residents **must** ensure that the roadway is kept completely clear with cars parked on driveways or on an unaffected part of Chalklands.
- The industrial-sized road planer enters by the bollards - will be on site for this **one day only**.

TUESDAY 27th APRIL – FRIDAY 14th MAY (estimate)

- Pavement work / **watch out for workmen in the roadway**
- Machines / materials to be stored on the roundabout South side

FRIDAY 14th MAY

- Resurfacing (**one day only**) – again, **Industrial-sized machinery**
- Road to be closed and **must**, again, be kept completely clear

****We will keep you informed and give detailed guidance to those in the affected part of the street.**

Yes, 3 weeks of disruption but the result will transform that side of Chalklands and will make a great improvement to the estate for the benefit of us all. Thanks again for your continued support.

SSE / UTILITY COMPANIES

The recent work carried out by SSE when connecting the electrical supply to the new house at No.13 gave rise to quite a few issues and complaints from local residents. This was non-emergency work and appropriate consents should have been obtained from the CRA on behalf of all residents and from each of the individual households affected. The CRA will, therefore, be writing to ALL utility companies to provide clarity on the status of the road and to explain the procedure we require for appropriate permissions to be given **before** the commencement of any work.

DRAINS

In mid-March Tim organised our now annual drain cleaning event. In a 4 hour visit a commercial company emptied and flushed all 32 drains and the Pond Corner floodwater chambers removing some **8.5 tonnes** of silt and debris. This maintenance of our drains is essential for us all and also helps to minimise the flooding at Pond Corner.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's that time of year again but we're delighted to report that all but a few of the 2021 subscriptions have already been paid. If you have over-looked yours it's not too late to pay and prompt attention to this would be appreciated.

These voluntary payments (recommended range £60 - £120) can be made by cheque (payable to ***The Chalklands Residents' Association*** - please pass your envelope to our Treasurers, Matt & Jennie, or by direct bank transfer or Standing Order. For either method please be sure to include a reference in the form '**House No / Resident name**'. Our account details are:

Account No. 49020137

Sort Code 60-13-35

ANY HELP NEEDED?

Remember, if you or a neighbour needs any form of help please contact one of your Committee members or contact us via the website email address at: info@chalklands.uk

STAY SAFE, STAY WELL and thank you all for your continued support.

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