



Willowhayne News

Update on Gate Refurbishment

We are pleased to keep you updated on the current position with regards the replacement of the estate's gates. A revised planning application was submitted to Arun DC on the 14th December and validated on the 21st December. A new planning reference number has now been allocated, this being EP/137/11/. Orange planning notices will shortly be displayed.

The development description as listed on the Arun planning portal is as follows and exactly as listed on their website: *To remove the worn out metal gates to the entrances, to replace with oak gates and oak post and rail fences. The plans include soft landscaping and reinforced grass paths for pedestrian and wheelchair access. Each gate will have a sign-board "The Willowhayne" approximately 600mm x 400mm. Gates will be positioned North end of Angmering lane, North*

end of The Ridings, and the East end of Tamarisk Way. This application also falls within the parish of Rustington.

There are some key dates for your information.

29th December— Application has been advertised in the local press.

We are currently waiting upon the planning officer to make her final decision; it is not yet known whether the application will have to go to committee for approval or not. A decision is due by the latest on the 15th February 2012. We will keep you posted of any developments.

We are hoping that after having consulted with the local planning officer and with us having taken into consideration all the previous comments that the revised application will be

acceptable to the local planning authority and agreed.

Full details of the plans can be viewed by accessing the Arun DC website www.arun.gov.uk and searching either by the application number or inputting "Angmering Lane East Preston". We hope that you will find the opportunity to view the plans and we would very much welcome any letters of support being sent to the planning officer. Letters of support can be sent either by writing to Arun DC or submitting your comments via the website — under "comment on this application".

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Arun Lifeline

Arun District Council have reduced the cost of Lifeline, its telecare service that supports people to live safely and independently, in their own homes. Prices now start at just £3.50 a week for a basic unit and pendant, compared to £4.19 previously.

There is no installation charge or contract to enter into. The Lifeline service connects, through your own telephone to a locally based control centre, where a team is on hand 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to deal with your emergency. A simple press of a button can

bring help and peace of mind within minutes. For more information or to arrange a demonstration contact Arun Lifeline, Arun DC. Tel: 01903 737970, or visit <http://www.arun.gov.uk/main.cfctype=LIFELINE> where you can find out more on this service.

Planning Procedure—Reminder

In the interests of all the residents on the estate, all property covenants have included the requirement that all proposed additions and alterations should be approved by WRA Ltd before any such works commence.

The approval procedure is not onerous.

In summary, if you wish to alter your property in any way - i.e. additions, new buildings, swimming pools, new windows, walls, drives, fences etc, we have categorised this in three ways.....SMALL and LARGE Building Works and NEW BUILDS.

Small Building works

These would generally come under the category of works, which would not require the local authority's permission. In these cases, we would ask for a simple plan of your existing property, the boundaries of your land, the proposed works (in a different colour if possible) and a

covering letter explaining your intentions. These should be sent to Hobdens at their usual address with a cheque in their favour for £75 plus VAT to cover administration costs.

Large Building works & New Build

These are any that require local authority approval. At the same time as you apply to the local authority you should send three copies of the plans to Hobdens with an administration fee of £150 plus VAT. The procedure will be similar to the small building works although a site visit will almost certainly be needed. If there are objections from the WRA then representation will be made to the local authority and consultations will take place with the applicant.

All works in this category will be reviewed by the WRA Planning Committee but the

decision (either for or against the works) will have to be approved by the full Board. When the plans get the go ahead the applicant will be expected to sign a formal contract, with the WRA agreeing to simple conditions such as fees, hours of work, washing down of roads etc.

A full list of charges can be found on the Willowhayne website or can be obtained from Hobdens. We hope that this reminder will alleviate some of the problems experienced through residents not fully understanding the current planning rules and procedures.



Security Update

The new Non emergency contact number for the police has changed to "101", a much easier number to remember.

What you can report using 101: Call 101 to contact the police to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to your local officers. For example

- if your car has been stolen
- if your property has been damaged.
- if you suspect drug use or dealing in your local area.

- to report a minor traffic accident.
- to give the police information about crime in your area.
- to speak to the police about a general enquiry.

In an emergency always call 999.

You should call 999 if:

- a crime is in progress.
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby.
- there is danger to life.
- violence is being used or

threatened.

In case you are wondering as to why, some Saturdays, The Ridings gate has been left open, this is not due to forgetfulness on the part of the gate rota helpers but more to our phantom super gluer who has taken to inserting Super Glue into the Padlock. We hope that whoever is doing this will soon become bored.



Update on Drain Repairs

Our contractor P.I.M.S will be on site from Monday 9th January to start the job of tackling the most urgent drains repairs.

It is anticipated that the contractor will be on site for approximately 8 weeks (weather and any problems dependent).

If access is required to your property by P.I.M.S a calling

card will have been left, requesting you to contact them on **01494 437164** between the hours of 8am-8pm Monday - Friday to arrange a convenient time to return.

Permission has been granted for these necessary works to be undertaken between 08.00—17.00 Monday—Friday with the understanding that

should there be a need for work on a Saturday due to health and safety requirements, i.e. not leaving a large hole exposed then permission has been granted in this respect and work will be allowed on a Saturday. The contractors will do their best to minimize any disruptions.

Covenants

Continuing our theme of covenant reminders, we would remind all residents that it is prohibited to set up or run a business from any property on the estate. Whilst we appreciate that today many people work from home, this

is an entirely different scenario to operating a business from home. If you rent out your property it is your responsibility to ensure that your tenants do not breach this most important covenant. The Willowhayne

Residents Association has a responsibility to its members to ensure that covenants are upheld.

Ditches

We would remind all property owners that have ditches and watercourses around their property that they have a legal responsibility to keep these clear. This is particularly important at certain times of the year, such as Autumn/Winter when fallen leaves can cause blockages, or during spells of heavy rainfall when saturated ground can not soak up any

more water. If you have a drainage ditch which has not been properly maintained or at worse has been filled in, Arun DC have the powers to make you as the land owner reinstate the ditch at your cost. We would therefore urge all property owners that have ditches and watercourses to undertake an inspection to ensure that they are complying with their legal

requirements. If you are affected by a poorly maintained/filled in ditch we would ask that you contact Arun DC directly with your concerns as they have the powers to pursue your complaint/concerns. Please contact Arun DC Mr Paul Cann, Senior Engineer (Drainage & Coastal) 01903 737819

Home Composting

West Sussex County Council have teamed up with evengreener.com to offer residents home composting bins and water butts at greatly reduced prices. Having reviewed the various offers available we have found the best offer to be the 220L Blackwell home compost convertor at an

amazing prices of just £2.00!! Composting is an inexpensive, natural process that transforms your kitchen and garden waste into a valuable and nutrient rich food for your garden. Did you know, composting at home for just one year can save global warming gases equivalent to all the CO2 your kettle

produces annually, or your washing machine produces in 3 months? Full details on home composting and the offers available can be found on the following website.



www.wsussex.getcomposting.com

Christmas Lights

Thank you.

It was great to see many of our residents entering into the spirit of Christmas by decorating their properties



with Christmas lights, so a big thank you to all those

residents for going some way to brightening up the estate.

February Facts

February is known as the month for Valentine celebrations and chocolates but what else does February offer. The flower which depicts Febru-

ary is the Violet and the birthstone is amethyst (which represents sincerity). February is named after the Roman god Februus. The Latin root

word februa means purification; the Romans held their celebration of purification during the time of the month February.

Suspected Rogue Traders

SOURCE: SUSSEX POLICE

Whilst the below incident occurred in November we feel it is important to alert our residents to this potential problem. A lady in Rustington had a property maintenance company knocking at the door trying to convince her that her walls should be re-pointed. They were told on 29th November she did not want anything done but

nevertheless came back the following day. They also called at a neighbour. There were two males, both aged approximately 19 and spoke with an Irish accent. They were seen in a white Ford Transit type van with 'J & P Property Maintenance' marked on the side. In addition they were offering drive and patio cleaning, as well as general maintenance work. The lady was a little worried as, after

having told them that nothing needed doing, they proceeded to sit outside the house in their van for a while. This van has been seen in Rustington on a few occasions but no registration number is available.

If you see this van or anything suspicious or worrying, please call Sussex Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

2nd AGM Reminder—12th June 2012 19.15

To ensure that as many residents as possible are able to attend the 2012 AGM, we have, as requested, changed the time of the meeting, to the slightly later time of 19.15.

We are reminding you of the date and time again so you can make a note in your new 2012 diaries! Venue will be the same as 2011, Village Hall, 52 Sea Road, East Preston.

To ensure that all residents

are aware of certain AGM protocols we would remind you that if you wish to have any subject included in the AGM or wish to propose any resolution, details must be made in writing (and received by Hobdens) at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the AGM., this being no later than Monday 30th April 2012. In terms of a resolution this must be supported by at least 10 paid up members and you must include the full names and

addresses of the residents who are supporting your resolution, otherwise it can not be included.

We would urge all residents to attend the AGM.

If a vote is required on any subject you need to make sure that you are represented in any decisions taken. We would please encourage you to support the estate by coming along to this important annual meeting.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



With an extra Bank holiday (5th June) having been granted to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, it is not too early to start thinking how you may wish to celebrate this event. With last years

Royal wedding, the residents of The Roystons held their own street party; with great success so if you would like to organize a street party for your road, do let us know. If your road can not be closed

off, because of the need for access and safety please don't let this put you off organizing something. You may wish to join forces with a neighbouring road or close.

Vacancies Are you able to fill any of the below vacancies? With your help and support we can ensure the estate is well managed and maintained, for us all to enjoy and benefit, but for this to be a reality we do need more people to come forward. Please don't be shy about volunteering, your estate needs you!

Committee helpers

Would you like to keep the estate charges to a minimum? Your views are important to us. Can you spare about 2- 3 hours per month?

We are looking for help in our various teams. These teams are friendly groups consisting of a small number of people working together. Your involvement can be as much or as little as you feel comfortable with.

To ensure that we can continue providing the current services and facilities that

residents want, we need more volunteers to assist us in the running of the estate.

As you must realize it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the high standard of the estate without added costs to the residents and we are looking for willing helpers to join various teams. The important thing is that jobs/issues which arise are dealt with by people who have a personal interest in the estate. Without more helpers, in the long run we will be forced to

employ outside contractors to undertake some of the basic tasks which in turn will increase the estate fees.

To find out more about the numerous types of jobs we are seeking helpers for please contact either Hobdens in the first instance or e-mail us directly via the website on www.willowhayne.org

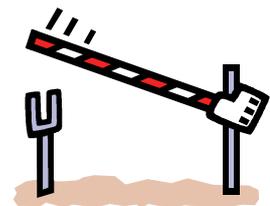


Gate Rota helpers

Without our band of willing volunteers we would not be able to organize the opening and closing of the gates at the weekend. We do, still, need more people to help with this job; it only involves

opening and closing the gates at 08.00 & 18.00, no more than once every two months. In particular we are looking for help with the Saturday opening and closing of The Ridings Gate. The padlocks on the gate are a combination style so you do not

have to worry about the responsibility of looking after any keys. Please get in touch if you are willing to help.



East Preston Festival week (1st—10th June 2012)

Whilst the 2012 East Preston Festival week may seem a long way off, it is not too early for the organising committee to be planning this summer's festival. A popular attraction is the garden open days where visitors purchase,

in advance, tickets to visit the open gardens. Details of opened gardens are only given once tickets are purchased. If you are interested in opening your garden for one afternoon and one evening, please contact Mary Bartram

(01903 786787) Mary will be able to answer all your questions and arrange to visit you and your garden to discuss any questions.



What's on?

If you know of a local event please let us know so that we can let our residents know, how many times have we all said "I didn't know that was on or I would have gone along?"

January

Friday 13th January 2012 - 14:30 Wildlife of Sussex (Conservative Hall, East Preston) Many people will be familiar with Richard Williamson's articles in the West Sussex Gazette on aspects of wildlife in our county. In this informative talk, illustrated with 150 slides, he will share his knowledge of local plants and animals. Entry is free to EP&KPS members; entry for non-members is £3.

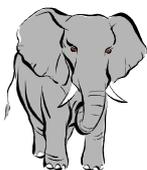
February

Monday's & Friday's - 18.45 Arun Duplicate Bridge Club, welcomes new members and meets every Monday and Friday evening at the Village Hall, East Preston. Costs are £15 per year membership and £1 per session table money (£2 for visitors).

If you would like further information please contact Mary Bartram 01903 786787

Did you know?

African elephants only have four teeth to chew their food with. Each tooth weighs about 5 kg (11 lb) and measures about 30 cm (12 in) long.



Wednesday 18th to Sunday 22nd January 2012 - 19.30(plus weekend matinees) Traditional fun packed family pantomime at the Windmill Theatre, Littlehampton. See how Robin Hood defeats the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham to save the Babes. Lots of colourful, lively song and dance numbers to banish the winter blues. For advance bookings please call LMCS 01903 730775 Tickets priced between £9 - £12

13th & 15th February 10.00—12.30 Conservative Hall—Sea Road.

The Parish Council is once again going to run its popular February half-term play scheme, in conjunction with the Arun Community Church. The scheme will be loosely based upon the very popular book *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. Open to children aged between 4 and 11, accompanied by an adult.

To make one kilo of honey bees have to visit 4 million flowers, travelling a distance equal to 4 times around the earth.



Thursday 19th January 2012 19.00—22.00

East Preston Festival Films (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston) Film : My week with Marilyn

Tickets £5.00 from Sea View Stores & Hedgers News-agents. Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. All profits will be used to part fund the 2012 East Preston Festival Week

Wednesday 29 February 2012 - 19:00 to 22:00

East Preston Festival Films (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston)

Film: The Iron Lady.

Tickets £5.00 from Sea View Stores & Hedgers News-agents, both in Sea Road from 20th January 2012. Doors open at 7pm, and the film starts at 7.30pm.

Fleas can jump 130 times higher than their own height. In human terms this is equal to a 6ft person jumping 780ft into the air.



Useful Numbers

Police Non Emergency
Number : 101

Assured Control
Room (Guards):
01903 277345

Hobdens:
01903 724040



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Hobdens, 41 Beach Road, Littlehampton,
West Sussex, BN17 5JA

Or send a message using the website

www.willowhayne.org

(If you have forgotten the password please
just give Hobdens a call and they will advise
you; for security reasons we don't want to
publish this information in the Newsletter as
the website is for Residents use only)

Directors : George Schlich (Chairman) Kerrie Peskett (Vice Chair)
Amanda Adams Graham Amos Jorge De Silva (Co-opted director) Steve Robinson
Darren Street Garry Styles (Co-opted director) Mike Warnock

What do you want from your Newsletter and board of directors?

The purpose of the Newsletter is to keep you informed as to what is happening on the estate and for us to make sure we give you the information you want and need. It would be helpful if you could let us know what you wish us to include in the Newsletter and what you want us to leave out. We welcome articles to be submitted for inclusion in the Newsletter, but please bear in mind that they may need to be edited for content and suitability (depending on content and space available). Please submit your articles via the website or post to Hobdens.

All the directors are volunteers and work many hours (often without any recognition and in addition to their day job) trying to improve the estate and ensuring we all benefit from living on such a lovely estate. Our sole objective is to serve the estate to the best of our ability so if there is anything you want us to consider or think we could do better then please just let us know.

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