



# Willowhayne News

## AGM Update

There was a disappointing turn out for the AGM, which, this year, was held at The Village Hall, East Preston.

There were requests to change the time from 6.00pm to a later time to allow those people who have work to attend. It was agreed at the AGM that next year's meeting would be at a slightly later time to enable those who have work to come along; currently no time has been formalized.

An AGM without residents gets a bit lonely. Unless you come along it means that only the views of the minority, not the majority, are heard. So please do come along as we welcome

your input.

It was proposed at the AGM that we look at adopting a new method of calculating the annual Estate rates. At present, we are still using the out dated rateable values which makes the calculation of rates extremely difficult, expensive and unfair. It is planned for rates to be calculated in line with council tax bandings; the new proposals are to be presented at the next AGM (2012) for implementation (if agreed by the residents) on the 1st of January 2013.

The resolution to adopt a new set of articles of

association was rejected. Although it was acknowledged that the existing articles are indeed outdated, there were certain clauses in the new articles which the residents did not feel comfortable with. The board will now further consider the benefits of updating the articles in line with all the comments made.

A full copy of the minutes relating to the AGM can be found on the website.

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## Gates Update

Our new gates are nearly here!

Orange Planning notices have been displayed at the Angmering Lane, Tamarisk Way & The Ridings Gates.

Planning application EP/58/11/ refers to all 3 entrances and the final date for comments, for and against the application, was on the 22nd of July. To date

there have been 5 letters of objection against the proposal and 29 letters of support.

Only letters from interested parties (such as the parish council), who have been consulted with the design, are shown on the website. If you want to see any of the other letters then you will need to visit the Arun District Council,

who will allow you to see them if you so wish.

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 at the latest on the 10th of August. We will keep you posted of any developments.

## Security Update

Following the publication of the Guards' hours in a previous newsletter, it has been felt necessary to change the shift patterns (in case this information has gotten into the wrong hands). We would like to assure all residents that the weekly coverage, in terms of hours, will remain unchanged. However, the shift patterns will vary on a weekly/monthly basis according to the needs

of the estate. As such you will now not always see the guards at the same times each day/each week.

Our Guards continue to work hard patrolling the estate, looking after our safety interests. However, they can not be everywhere all of the time. Therefore, if you do happen to spot any incident which needs dealing with and the guards are not in your area at the time, please



don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call the guard control centre (number on the back of this publication) and a guard will be contacted and despatched to you as soon as possible. Of course if the incident is an emergency we would recommend that you first call the Police on 999 and then call the control room.

## Dogs !

Most of us like dogs but none of us like the mess that goes with them!

One of our residents in Tamarisk Way is having dog excrement deposited in their hedge on a regular basis, which as you can imagine is extremely upsetting for them.

Ian, our Gardner, is getting covered with mess when tidying the greensward (last week he had to wash himself in the sea!). Unless we can reduce the amount of mess

which is left on the Greensward we will have no other option than to consider reducing or even suspending the grass cutting on the Greensward.

We have contacted the dog warden to patrol the area to try to stop/fine the perpetrators; as directors we are not allowed to issue fines to offending owners.

When you are out and about we would ask that you please



Clean up after me as I can't do it myself!

keep your eye out for dog owners and politely ensure they clean up after their dogs and place the mess in the bins, which are situated on the Greensward and at the corner of Angmering Lane and Cross Road.

## Have you been affected by increased Insurances?

You may remember from a previous Newsletter that we had managed to secure some special insurance rates from a local company "Warwick Davis" . We have had some excellent feed back from our

residents advising that they have managed to save £'s on their insurance premiums. We don't get anything from the referrals just the knowledge that we could save you money. A quick call on 01903 238889

to Neil Kerkhov could save you money, so why not give them a call and see if they can indeed save you money.



**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. 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!

### **Board Director**

We currently have vacancies for 2 directors, to enhance the committee with new ideas whilst maintaining the benefits of living on the Willowhayne Estate.

There are a variety of roles undertaken by directors which include:

Communications, Safety &

Security, Estate Maintenance, Finance, Rules & Regulations, Gates. Whatever your interest we could always use your help. No professional qualifications are needed to become a director; just enthusiasm and a desire to improve the area in which you live.

It is not necessary for you to

work for a specific time frame but rather this can be varied to suit your own commitments. We have a full board meeting every 8 weeks where all directors attend.



### **Project Coordinator**

We are looking for someone, possibly with a Civil Engineering background (current or retired), who could help with the coordination of the drains and road projects. Quotations have been obtained from

several contractors and the final companies have been chosen. We now need someone (or more than one person) with experience in these areas who would be willing to assist the board by liaising with the contractors thus ensuring the work is carried

out, to budget and in a timely and orderly manner.

We are looking for someone to either become involved as a board director or just to act as coordinator for this project.

### **Guard Rota signatory**

We are looking for people who would be willing to assist with the signing on of the guards 1 or 2 nights a week. The role would involve a guard visiting your house so that you can

sign their report sheet confirming they are indeed on site. For safety and security reasons we do not wish to publish the time they will visit you in this newsletter, but it is not an unsociable hour. If you are interested in this

small but highly important role please contact us so you can check if the time is suitable for you.

As you can see we have a variety of vacancies available and if you are interested in either finding out more information or applying for any of the above roles, please contact us by either writing C/O Hobdens or via the website. With your support the Willowhayne Residents Association can continue to preserve the very essence of the Willowhayne Estate.

**Gate Rota** Whether you are a new or long standing resident it is not easy to remember at the weekend whether the Angmering Lane or The Ridings gate is open and if so what are the times and days

Angmering Lane gate is closed every Sunday between 8.00am and 6.00pm

The Ridings gate is closed every Saturday between 8.00am and 6.00pm

**The Ridings Gate will remain open all day Saturday 6th August**

Without our band of willing volunteers we would not be able to organize the opening and closing of the gates, so a big thanks to Brian Mason and his team.

We do, however,

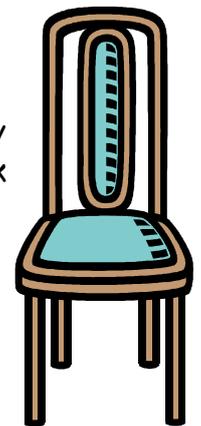
need more people to help with this job; it only involves opening and closing the gates at the above times, no more than once every month or two (depending on how much time you wish to commit) If you are able to help please let us know by either of the methods on the back page. Thank You.

## Goodbye to your old Chairman

Most of you will know Stan James or at least be familiar with his name. He has worked tirelessly over the last 5 years in his role as board

director and later on as Chairman. His enthusiasm for all things "Willowhayne" will be greatly missed and I am sure we would all like to take

this opportunity to say "Thank you Stan."



## Meet your new Chairman and Vice Chair

George Schlich is the new Chairman of the Willowhayne Residents Association. George lives in Tamarisk Way with Lyn and between them they have two daughters, at Brighton College, and a son at East Preston Infant School. George has lived on the Willowhayne for more than 10 years and sails at the Open Dingy Club whenever he can. He works as a patent attorney at his own firm, based in Littlehampton. He can often be spotted cycling through the estate on his way to work.



Kerrie Peskett is the new Vice Chairman. Kerrie lives in The Ridings along with her husband Alan and their young daughter. She has lived on the Willowhayne for a little over 5 years. She is an avid supporter of the local Gold

Wing supporters club and hosts their annual BBQ. During the day Kerrie works as a Marketing executive for a local electronics company which she has been doing for the past 16 years. In addition to the WRA, Kerrie is also a Governor at East Preston Infant School.



## 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?"

### August

**Wednesday 3rd August 2011**  
- 09:00 to 12:00

East Preston Food and Craft Market (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston)

This is a local food and craft market with many independent stall holders.

**Saturday 6th August 2011 - 14.00 to 16.00 (General Public)**

East Preston and Kingston Horticultural Society (Village Hall and cricket ground Sea Road, East Preston) Summer Show, which will include displays of all things Horticultural, Dog Show, Brass band and a lot more. 50p entrance fee.



**Wednesday 17th August 2011 - 14:30**

Our Coastal History (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston)

If you missed Margaret Gilbert's oversubscribed talk in June on East Preston & Kingston's Coastal History, here's another chance to hear her illustrated presentation of our coastline's colourful past. Entry is by ticket only. On sale from 27th July at Hedgers or Seaview Stores. £3

### September

**Sunday 11 September**  
**Chestnut Tree House 10K Coastal Run—starts 09.30**

Littlehampton Sea Front  
The Chestnut Tree House 10k Coastal Run returns for the 8th year in a row. Last year, almost 1,000 runners took part and helped raise a fantastic £42,000 to help support local life-limited children and their families. Open to anyone over 16 years

old. It costs just £12 to enter in advance or £15 on the day.

Do come along either as an entrant or supporter.



**Tuesday 6th September**  
**10.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 16.30**

Blood Donor Session - Sainsbury's Rustington  
Do something amazing and give blood.

You do need to book and the simplest way is via their website [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or call 0300 123 23 23

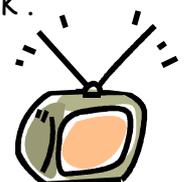
## Did you know?

West Sussex is officially the sunniest county in Britain with 1,902 hours of sunshine every year.



The Length from your wrist to your elbow is the same as the length of your foot.

There are more Television sets in America than there are people in the UK.



## Useful Numbers

Police Non Emergency  
Number :  
0845 60 70 999

Assured Control Room  
(Guards):  
01903 277345

Hobdens:  
01903 724040



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

Or send a message using the website

[www.willowhayne.org](http://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

Steve Robinson

Darren Street

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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