



# Willowhayne News

## News on Gates

The gate refurbishment programme has at last entered it's final stage.

Permission was needed from Arun DC for the proposed planting at each of the entrances, this was finally granted December 2012. Planting has been delayed due to all the rain we have had.

Plants have been reserved and we are just waiting for the weather conditions to improve before this work can be concluded.

We have had a couple of enquiries as to why the new signs at both The Ridings and Angmering Lane entrances are on the inside of the estate and not the outside of

the estate, where as at Tamarisk Way the sign is on the outside of the estate. For those

residents that are not aware, the WRA does not own the land which is outside of the gates (at these entrances). It was agreed that when the new signs were installed that they would not be placed on the gates and therefore the positions chosen are deemed to be the most appropriate.

We have had a couple of enquiries concerning the weekend gate opening/closure programme and when/if it is going to be re-instated.

In response to the many requests for the gates

to remain open we are planning to not re-instate the weekend gate closure programme at this stage. If the gates do remain permanently open, we will ensure that they are closed at least once a year in order to preserve our legal right of closure. The decision to keep the gates open at the moment is subject to any further residents comments and of course should we find that the majority of residents wish for the weekend closure programme to be re-instated then, subject to us having enough volunteers willing to undertake this task, the closure programme will be re-started.

## Tamarisk Hedge Cutting

Instructions were given several months ago to cut the height of the Tamarisk Hedge to 2.5m. Unfortunately, due to the continued bad weather that has been experienced it has not

been possible for this to be undertaken at the present time. The vehicle required to assist with the clearance will have to access the greensward, which is currently very

boggy, and would cause damage thereto at an additional cost to repair.

Once the conditions improve the work will be completed.

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## Help Prevent Flooding on the Estate

Don't leave it too late to clean out the ditches, land drainage pipes and culverts next to your home.

You may not realize that it is your responsibility to remove any debris, vegetation or excess silt from them so that the water can flow unobstructed.

You are the "riparian owner" of a watercourse or culvert if it passes within or next to a boundary of your property.

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 power 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 power to pursue your complaint/concerns. Please contact Arun DC Mr Paul Cann, Senior Engineer (Drainage & Coastal) 01903 737819



## Entente Florale (Europe in Bloom) - Results

The results for the 2012 Entente Florale competition were not available in time for our September Newsletter. This year the jury awarded 4 bronze, 10 silver and 6 gold awards. Rustington won one of

the highly coveted "Gold" awards along with the Dr Lucija Cikes Award, this being the best programme for people with special needs. Well done to Rustington and everyone who worked so hard.



## Board Directors

This seems like a regular request, we still have a vacancy for 1 director, to bring the board of directors up to it's maximum contingency of 10.

We really want to have the board of directors at full capacity as this will allow us to evenly distribute the work

load between directors. As you will appreciate the work divided between 10 people is much more manageable than between only 9. The maintenance and running of the estate is not an easy job but it is rewarding to know that you are doing your bit in maintaining and improving the area in which you live.

Please do come forward and volunteer as without your help we can not continue providing the service you have come to expect or want.



## The Return of a Butcher



Several residents expressed sadness when Dave Brown ceased trading as the village's butcher earlier this year. A new butcher has now opened

on the same site. If we want to keep a Butcher in East Preston please try and support and use this wonderful facility.

## FRAUDSTER IMPERSONATING POLICE OFFICER

Residents are being warned about a phone and email scam where the caller tricks the receiver into handing over personal information.

People have been contacted by a person who claimed she or he is a Metropolitan Police officer. This person then tells the victim that their

details have been found during a police investigation and they need to check to see if the information matches what the police have found. In some cases money has even been transferred to this person from a victim's bank account. We would like to stress that the police would never ask you to transfer money or ask for

such information by phone. Should you be contacted by anybody who claims to be from the police, we suggest you ask for the person's individual warrant number and then call the police force they claim to be from by dialling 101 to confirm the person's identity.

## Security Update—Theft of Tools

We are unfortunately having to report another theft. During the day of 18th October one of our residents in "The Ridings" was having their driveway refurbished. Contractors had been working at the side of the house and had left the back door of their van open. The van was parked on the road at the front of the property.

Unknown persons stole two pieces of equipment with a value of approximately £2000.00 - from the van. It would have taken two people to lift the equipment and move it into another van or truck. The police have been informed. We are seeing an increased number of "brazen thefts", please inform any tradesmen working on your

property that they should remain vigilant and keep their vehicles locked at all times, even if this inconvenient.



## Willowhayne Forum

One of our residents has set up a Willowhayne Forum, so that the residents can discuss various topics, ideas, help each other out or arrange trips etc.

The username and password are the same as for the

WRA website. You will then need to register your own username and password. Please treat this forum in the "Spirit it is intended" This Forum is not a platform to address any issues relating directly to the

WRA Board. The easiest way to access the new forum is from the home page of the WRA website or directly on the following link [www.willowhayneforum.co.uk](http://www.willowhayneforum.co.uk)

## Speeding & 20mph limit

The new speed hump at Angmering Lane is doing its job which is to slow traffic down as it enters and exits the estate; with both gates open the desire to whizz in and or out would be too much for some drivers!

The speed hump should not be driven over at speeds in excess of 5-10mph.

It is sad that some residents question the validity of the 20mph estate limit. The WRA continue to believe that it would be fool hardy to not have this limit in place especially in an area which

does not have pavements or street lightning. The local Police are keen to support the board in its efforts to reduce speeding and were on site for one hour on the 24th January monitoring speeds. 58 Vehicles were monitored during this hour and several drivers were stopped and spoken to. We have made arrangements for them to come back and repeat their monitoring exercise.

The board continues to write to residents and traders who exceed the speed limit in an attempt to make them drive

more responsibly. Letters are only sent where we have sighting of a full vehicle registration number, date and time of incident and are able to trace the address to where the vehicle resides.

We would continue to implore that all residents respect the speed limit to maintain the safety on the estate and to avoid any fatal injury.



## Walking Safely at night

One of the attractions of the estate is its lack of street lighting, however this can cause considerable risks particularly to pedestrians. Most

of us wear dark coats and clothes when walking, making it hard for drivers to spot you. Due to a recent near incident, we would remind

pedestrians that when walking they need to walk facing the traffic and remain alert. It may also be useful to carry a torch.

## Feeding Foxes on the estate

The subject of foxes has been and always will be emotive with those people who love them and encourage them by feeding versus those who feel they are vermin and should be deterred.

On the morning of the 19th February a bowl of food and a pack of chicken pieces (along with the rubbish) were found to have been left on The Riding Island. For those residents who don't believe

this sort of thing happens on the estate, the photo below provides the evidence.

It is not acceptable to deliberately leave litter on or around the estate.

If you wish to feed foxes, please do so with some consideration towards neighbours and only in your back garden, not in either your front garden or on land which is owned by the estate.



Thank you.

## 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?"

### March

**Tuesday 12th March 2013**  
**19.15–20.45** Anglo French Circle monthly meeting (Angmering Community Centre, Bramley Green).

Calling all Francophones. Come and join us for a glass of wine and hear an interesting talk on "Bayard, le chevalier sans peur et sans reproches". Learn about old-fashioned chivalry and knights in shining armour. Escape the 21st century for an evening in convivial company. Do come along and

join our friendly group who always welcomes new members. £2.50 the evening



**Sunday 24th March 2013**  
**17.00–22.00**

East Preston Festival Films (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston) Film: Les Miserables.

Tickets £6.00 from Sea View Stores & Hedgers News-agents. Doors open at 5pm, film starts at 6.00pm. Profits to go to staging an EP Spring 2013 pantomime with donations to East Preston groups, societies and charities.

### April

**Wednesday 3 April 2013 -**  
**19:30** Flower Arranging Demonstration (Conservative Hall, Sea Road). Demonstration by Dee Watkins - Spring Surprise. Competition - Dutch Delight. Sales table, raffle, refreshments. Membership and visitor enquiries please ring 01903 773017 or see [www.epfloralclub.co.uk](http://www.epfloralclub.co.uk)

**Saturday 20 April 2013 -**  
**09:30 to 13:30** 'Locally Crafted' VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston). Raffle & Refreshments. Admission 50p



**Friday 26th April 2013**  
**19.00–22.00**

East Preston Festival Films (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston) Film: TBA Tickets £6.00 from Sea View Stores & Hedgers News-agents. Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Profits to go to staging an EP Spring 2013 pantomime with donations to East Preston groups, societies and charities.

### Did you know?

The Croissant was invented in Austria.



French Fries were originally from Belgium.



An egg contains every vitamin except vitamin C.



## Useful Numbers

Police Non Emergency  
Number : 101 or 0845  
60 70 999

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](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 : Kerrie Peskett Amanda Adams  
Jorge De Silva Garry Styles  
Malcolm Barnett (Co-opted)

Steve Robinson Mike Warnock  
Adrian Gotts George Schlich (Co-opted)

## 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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