



Willowhayne News

Update on Gate Refurbishment

The final road works are scheduled for the Angmering Lane entrance on **Monday 17th September**, once these works are completed both gates will be opened. It is highly likely that Tidey & Webb (our contractors) will have to close the road during the day and possibly overnight. Signs will be in place if this is the case.

The work will involve new white lines, repairs to the road surface on the eastern side of the carriageway and the installation of the speed hump. In addition to standard white lines we will be having a hatched area painted on the eastern side of the road to try and keep traffic away from the grassed pathway and protect pedestrians and wheelchair users from traffic as it now enters the estate. The hatched markings will extend approximately 30m from the gate (going south). With both gates soon to

be open for traffic entering and exiting the estate, the new speed hump is deemed a sensible speed deterrent. The hump will be placed approximately 30m south of the gates and will be 1.5m wide and approximately 50mm high. The position has been chosen as it is deemed close enough to the gates to help in the reduction of speed and still gives drivers plenty of distance to see the 20mph signs.

As previously advised this hump will be installed on a trial basis and we will monitor its effectiveness, alongside the benefit of having both gates open. We would re-iterate that this speed hump is not designed to be the first of many, it is not the board's way of getting speed humps installed, it is merely being trialled in light of the overwhelming response to have both gates open and the need to reduce speed in Angmering Lane.

The final stage of the gates project is the soft planting. Plans need to be submitted to Arun DC for their agreement to any planting proposals. Once the plans have been submitted and agreed we then have 3 months to undertake the works. As part of their contract under the gates project "Garden House Design", will be preparing plans for board approval before submission. We will keep you updated via the newsletter and website as to when these plans are submitted.

Finally, in response to several enquiries we would advise that the gates are not being painted or treated they are being left to weather naturally. This course of action has been recommended to us by the manufacturer of the gates as being the most appropriate method of maintaining the gates.

Inside this issue:

- Greensward Lease Renewal
- Drains Update
- Appeal for Directors
- Roundstone Level Crossing closure
- Dog Bins
- Security Update
- Speeding & 20 mph limit

- What's on?
- Did you know



Greensward—Lease Renewal & Tamarisk Hedge

For those residents that are not aware the WRA does not own the Greensward. This area of land was previously sold to Arun DC; at that time there was concern (quite rightly) as to who was responsible for the maintenance of the sea defences and the cost implications of such maintenance. Since the sale of the land the WRA has continually rented the Greensward from Arun DC

with a current cost of £800 per annum. The current lease was up for renewal as of 29th September 2012. We would confirm that the lease has been renewed for a further 5 year period. It was felt that whilst this area of land has public access it is an amenity that the estate has enjoyed and benefited from for a number of years and one which we feel continues to offer positive benefits to the estate as a whole. We are in

the process of obtaining final quotations in respect of reducing the height of the Tamarisk Hedge, as soon as these have been received and approved the cut will be arranged. The board will continue to maintain the hedge (funded by estate funds) on a regular basis and currently expects this maintenance to include a cut every 2 to 3 years, depending upon the amount of growth.

Update on Drain cleaning works

The final CCTV and drain cleaning works were completed Monday 20th August.

Problems occurred with the Tipper on Monday, which was required to clear the site compound, however our contractors and their hire supplier were back on site Tuesday 28th August to clear the area and the equipment.

There was never any intention

for this project to have taken so long.

Unfortunately the weather was against the contractors at the beginning of the year and then they were called to work on the Olympic project—which took priority over ours.

Please be assured we have been chasing the contractors on a weekly basis for the project to be completed and

apologise for any

inconvenience the delays may have caused our residents.



Board Directors

The Willowhayne is a large estate of 388 properties and the residents association needs a full contingent of board directors to allow it to operate smoothly.

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.

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

Temporary closure of Roundstone Level Crossing

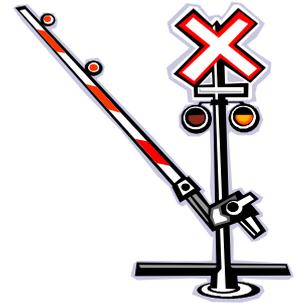
There will be a two week closure of Roundstone Level Crossing in September. This is from 23:45 on Monday 10th September until 05:00 on Monday 24th September, and is for a complete equipment renewal and widening.

As part of its commitment to improve rail travel, Network Rail is upgrading the signalling and infrastructure at Roundstone Level Crossing on the Worthing Road (B2140), East Preston & Angmering. The

level crossing equipment is life expired and is due for complete renewal.

The significant level of work and complexity of the improvements cannot happen without some disruption to the local area and will necessitate a total closure of the crossing for two weeks. A diversion route for traffic of about a mile has been agreed with the council and will be clearly signposted. However, if you have any additional

questions or concerns, please contact Network Rail's 24-Hour National Helpline on **08457 11 41 41**. Alternatively Amey's on-site team can be contacted direct on **08700 781000**.



Dog Bins



The two new dog bins have now been installed on the walk ways leading from Tamarisk Way onto the Greensward (Between 11-15 Tamarisk Way and on the corner of Tamarisk Way/ Angmering Lane).

The board are always happy to consider requests for further bins, but please bear in mind when suggesting sites for new bins whether you would be

happy to have one on your verge. The WRA does not own all the verges on the estate and even where they do, it is not a case of simply installing a bin, we have to consider the effect they would have on surrounding properties.

Additional bins cost £262 to purchase and install and incur an annual emptying charge of £290.22 which will be

covered by the estate rates. Arun DC will not cover the cost for these new bins or their emptying.



Security Update—Theft of Garden Equipment

We have been advised that garden equipment has been stolen from 3 of our resident's private gardener's vehicles, whilst they were parked outside their properties doing works. The thefts occurred

during the last week of July/first week of August in both Angmering Lane and Selbourne Way. The vehicles whilst not locked did have their doors closed, so the perpetrators were brazen and

confident enough to do this in daylight hours.



Speeding & 20mph limit

The emotive subject of speeding on the estate continues to be discussed, with many residents wrongly believing the main culprits are non residents. The latest traffic survey undertaken 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd July showed that unfortunately the main culprits were residents (and not necessarily our younger residents!).

Over a period of 7 1/4 hrs 278 cars were monitored and their speed recorded.

The areas surveyed were

between; 1. Northern Edge of Cross Road to Northern Edge of Myrtle Grove, 2. Cross Road and 16 Angmering Lane and 3. Springfield Close and 37 Angmering Lane. With a speed limit of 20mph in place on the estate you would have hoped/expected that the majority of vehicles surveyed would have been within this limit.

However this was not the case, only 7 cars (this being approximately 2.5% of the traffic surveyed) were below or at the 20 mph limit. Only 67% of the traffic surveyed was travelling at speeds of less than 30 mph (this being 10mph above the stipulated estate speed limit), with 1 vehicle having been measured at 55 mph.

With the latest speed survey we noticed that some drivers were spotting our surveyors and slowing down. It is therefore not unreasonable to presume that some of the speeds monitored could have been higher without our monitors being visible.

The board continues to believe that the safety of our residents and visitors is of paramount importance and we must look at ways of reducing the speed in which vehicles travel along some of our roads!

Where we have been able; we have written to some of the worst offending residents advising that a vehicle seen on their property has been witnessed driving at excessive speeds on the estate. We are hoping that this pro-active approach will persuade some people to think carefully about the speeds they are driving.

We have signs in place all around the estate, painted on the roads and on posts but still people ignore these limits.

One of the problems we continue to encounter is residents believing we don't have a problem and that if we do; it is not them! We have pockets of problem areas, Angmering Lane, The Ridings,

Michel Grove and Myrtle Grove being the main areas of concern. Residents perception of vehicles speeding depends greatly on where they live, a resident who lives in Angmering Lane will be more aware of speeding traffic than say a resident who lives in Tamarisk Way or Springfield Close, for example.

We have looked into various forms of traffic calming measures such as build outs, but these need a higher volume of traffic to make them effective, if there is

insufficient traffic you find that cars will just head for the centre. Off set chicane style measures only encourage vehicles to weave quickly down the road.

We can not continue to ignore this problem until such times that another accident occurs. As such the board again implores all residents to respect the advised speed limit, or accept that it may only be a matter of time before we have to follow the example of other private

estates where additional speed calming measures have been installed.

All residents have a responsibility to drive carefully.



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?"

September

Friday 21st September
12.30 Auction in aid of NSPCC at Angmering Manor Hotel, High Street, Angmering.

Tickets cost £25 and include welcome drink and cold buffet. Auction lots include: 1 Night Bed & Breakfast at Bailiffscourt, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at Angmering Manor Hotel, 2 Tickets on the British Pullman carriages of the Orient Express with

Lunch and many more. Tickets will be limited, contact Jennie McNair (859572) or Linda Denton (782229) to book your tickets.



Saturday 29th September
2012 19.00–22.00

East Preston Festival Films (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston) Film: Midnight in Paris.

Tickets £5.00 from Sea View Stores & Hedgers Newsagents. 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.

October

Saturday 6th October
10.00–12.00 East Preston Floral Club (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston).

Jumble sale. Jumble accepted at the hall from 8.00am (no large furniture or electrical goods) Further information 01903 859094.



Friday 26 October 2012 -
10:30 to 12:00

East Preston Health Walk (Meet by East Preston and Kingston Village Hall).

Do you need to improve your general health, manage your weight or just make new friends? Then please join us for our East Preston health walk! Healthy walks in Arun is coordinated by Inspire Leisure. The walk programme

is a gentle way to introduce you to exercise in your local neighbourhood and is also a great way to socialise. All walks last between 45 minutes to an hour and each walk has a trained walk leader and back marker so no matter what your pace is, you can join in. All walks are free.

Did you know?

Trained Hawks are employed by the London Underground to get rid of nesting pigeons.



Two world air speed records were set on the date 7 Sept over Rustington sea front. Record 1 - set on 7 Sept 1946, by Group Captain Teddy Donaldson, flying a Gloster Meteor Star. Donaldson also

became the first man to break the 1,000 km/h barrier. Record 2 - set on 7 Sept 1953, by Squadron Leader Neville Duke, flying Hawker Hunter WB188, at a speed of 1170.9 km/h.

Useful Numbers

Police Non Emergency
Number : 101 or 0845
60 70 999

Assured Control
Room (Guards):
01903 277345

Hobdens:
01903 724040



Contact us by either writing C/O
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 : Kerrie Peskett Amanda Adams
Jorge De Silva Garry Styles

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.

Printing and paper kindly donated by



East Preston Office 01903 – 856400

eastpreston@grahambutt.co.uk www.grahambutt.co.uk