

## **SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2023**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This year's AGM will be held on Sunday 5th November 2023 at 12 noon in the John Stripe Theatre, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road. Parking is available on campus and we really hope that as many residents as possible will be able to attend. As in previous years, there will be an opportunity to meet and socialise over drinks after the meeting.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Members of the Committee are Kate Harrington (chair), Derek O'Neill (Treasurer), Tim Jones, Steve Osborne, Jackie Organ, Hamish Adair and Matt Johnson.

Jan Royston-Smith is stepping down as the Secretary and leaving the committee after 9 years on the committee and 7 years as the secretary.

### **ROAD AND VERGE MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC MEASURES**

The 2022 Road and Verge repair work was discussed at length during last year's AGM and was recorded in the Minutes. The next major assessment of the road is currently scheduled for 2025. A full survey will be undertaken to ascertain the cost and extent of the work required. The survey will not take place until after the completion of the SGN work and completion of the Little Snakemoor development.

VAS x two are now fully operational. Thanks to residents above the downhill VAS who have pruned their hedges, allowing the device to fully operate.

### **SGN WORK (mains gas replacement)**

The road will be temporarily closed to through traffic and restricted to access only. Temporary foot paths will be made around the roadworks. There maybe a need for a hard closure to one end at a time, for short periods. Full details will be provided to us by SGN which we will share with you. We will give you as much notice of this as we can. The work will last about six weeks.

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The Committee have assessed future expected demands on funds and have decided that the subscription should remain at £85 for the forthcoming year.

### **RESIDENTS LIST**

An updated Residents List has been issued. Members are reminded that each Committee member has responsibility for a number of houses in terms of communication with residents. The relevant Committee member for each house is shown on the Residents List; please liaise with that person in the first instance on any relevant issue.

### **SUMMER PARTY 2023**

The 2023 Coronation Party was held in GED and was a huge success, If anyone would like to host a summer garden party in 2024 then please let us know.

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

## **Little Snakemoor.**

All proceeding. It will hopefully be finished by summer 2024.

## **LEAF SWEEPING**

We plan to carry out leaf sweeping again this year and it is currently planned to take place in early December.

## **KINGS CRESCENT AND NON MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Members of the SHA Committee engaged with Kings Crescent following last year's AGM. They have refused to pay their subs for several years, but have now undertaken to revisit the matter later this year at their AGM. It is normally the same time as ours. We are hopeful for a more positive outcome this year.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Jackie Organ has taken over responsibility on the Committee for Neighbourhood Watch. She will give an update at the AGM

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The web site address is <http://www.sleepershill.org.uk>. The 'Residents' Section is password protected. The password is currently TheHill23. Please do not pass this on to non-residents. We encourage all our neighbours to join the WhatsApp group as this will be used as a source of communication directing people to important documents uploaded onto the website. We will be relying less on email. If you would like to be added to the group please contact Kate Harrington on 07976 553318 with your telephone number and we will send you an invite. For any residents not on the WhatsApp group, we would invite you to periodically look at the 'News and Events' section of the website to see the latest updates. We will be reducing the use of emails.

The list of recommended trades people on the website has been thoroughly updated and grouped into categories to assist residents. Our intention is to update this as new recommendations are received.

## **ROAD SIGNS**

A new street sign has been placed at the bottom of the Hill and a new No Parking sign at the top.

## **OBSTRUCTIONS TO VERGES**

We have received the following advice from Andrew Barsby, barrister, of Private Roads Services.

"Many of the queries we receive relate to the verges, usually grassed, of private roads. Typically, problems arise because residents wish to assert control over the verge along their frontages, perhaps by installing light, putting up signs or preventing parking on them by means of boulders, posts or fences. Such activities may not be objectionable but residents' associations will be wise to make clear that responsibility (including responsibility for arranging the necessary insurance cover) rests with the residents in question".

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