

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Residents Working Together

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2005

Dear Member

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2005. We trust that you had a good Christmas and wish you a prosperous New Year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Principal of **Bishop Otter College**, Professor Philip Robinson, has kindly agreed to take us on a conducted historical tour of the College and this will take place on Tuesday 12 April at 7pm. If you would like to join us on this occasion please contact our Chairman, Derek James, on 531494.

Our **Summer Party** will be held again at the Roussillon Barracks by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Colonel Paul Watton OBE, and the date is fixed for Saturday 25 June. Details will be circulated nearer the time.

AGM - 10 February 2005

Notice is hereby given that our Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 10 February at 7.30pm at St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road. The agenda and an abstract of the minutes of last year's AGM are attached. We look forward to seeing you there. We would welcome nominations to the Committee, especially from younger people. If you are interested, please tell the Chairman on 531494.

Committee meetings

Committee and Annual General Meetings, all on Thursdays at 7.30pm in St Michael's Hall:
Committee meeting: 6 January 2005; Annual General Meeting: 10 February 2005; committee meetings: 17 February, 14 April, 19 May, 23 June, 8 September, 20 October, 8 December 2005 and 5 January 2006; AGM: 9 February 2006; committee meeting 16 February.

Let us know what you want. All paid-up members are entitled to attend and speak at any committee meeting. Ideas and assistance to help organise events would also be welcome.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

A slip is attached to the AGM agenda for membership applications and renewals. It helps us if you pay by standing order. To set up a standing order, please ask Mrs Sophie Rudge (Membership Secretary, telephone 528632) for a form.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2004/05

Until the AGM, your committee comprises:

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ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

It has been suggested that it would be helpful if newcomers to the area could be given a welcome pack together with an invitation to join the Association. To this end we will be compiling a list of Road Representatives who are willing to contact newcomers in their street, giving them some information about Chichester and the SRA. If you are interested in being a Road Representative, please contact Jim Ayling on 527672.

YOUTH WORK

Some members have expressed concern that young people have nothing to do in our area. We are pleased to say that a youth group called Café Blue has been started. Every Wednesday evening from 6.30-8.30 pm 10-15 year olds can drop in to St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road. There is table tennis, pool, table football, computer games, music, dance mats, sweets, drinks and toasties. For information call Danny Bianchi on 07876 194916. He also runs a youth group for 7-13 year olds called Breathe at The Youth Café at Christ Church behind Café Rouge in South Street every Wednesday from 3.00-5.00pm where similar goodies are on offer.

In addition Paul Barnetson, one of our members, has given us a comprehensive list of youth activities in Chichester making particular mention of the Fernleigh Youth Centre in North Street. Paul tells us that Mr Martin Tomlinson, working for the County Council Youth Office, is the Outdoor Activities Manager, and that the Centre can advise on facilities for youth.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Carolyn Brockenhuus-Schack writes: One of the key things about Neighbourhood Watch is that it creates an atmosphere in which neighbours learn to know enough about each other so that they can react positively to anything they hear or see taking place. It is not being nosy: it is taking an interest so that with the knowledge of neighbours' movements, strangers can be challenged and the Police notified where necessary.

All of us can help by taking a little time to communicate with our neighbours and so become aware of any help that they may need, fears they may have and perhaps you'll discover assistance they can give you. A neighbour keeping an active eye on nearby houses when people are away is an enormous help. A 999 call or if not urgent a call to 0845 6070 999 or an e-mail to chc@sussex.police.uk the event of any odd activity can stop a crime.

If you don't have any Neighbourhood Watch activity in your road, or if you do not receive their twice-yearly newsletter (Spring and Autumn), please contact Phil Marten, Crime Prevention Co-ordinator, on 520347 and he will advise you.

FLY TIPPING

If you see rubbish where it should not be, eg on the roadside, and can supply any relevant information about who dumped it, inform CDC Environmental Health (tel: 785166). In order for a prosecution to be successful, conclusive evidence will be required. To get such rubbish removed, inform CDC waste clearance (tel: 534548) who remove it with commendable speed.

TREE WARDEN

The Tree Wardens Group is looking for a volunteer to cover the East Summersdale area and ideally living in the Winterbourne Road, Maplehurst Road and Ferndale Road area. You do not need to be knowledgeable about trees as training is provided. The group meets twice a year and further details are available from Brian Hopkins on 536858.

THE VILLAGE GREEN

Following details about the Village Green and a donation in our last newsletter, you will be pleased to know that we have been granted permission by the City Council to plant two areas of flowers on the green. We had hoped the permission would be in time for Autumn bulbs but this has not proved possible.

Once Spring arrives we intend to get on with the job. If you would like to take on this project or can spare the time to help us with the digging and planting then please contact the Chairman on 531494. In addition if you have any suitable plants that are worthy of this project then please let us know.

CORRECTION - STREET LIGHTS

In our May newsletter last year we gave you a number to phone if street lamps were not working. We are pleased to say that some of you have used this information to contact the Authority but unfortunately the number was incorrect. It should have read 08457 581622.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We did appreciate a letter from Robert Ashley saying, amongst other things, "I was pleased to get the latest number of the Newsletter with its account of all the useful things the Association engages itself in. Congratulations and thanks".

SCAM ALERT

Alan Deller writes: *Have You Been "Lucky" Too?* Have you recently been called on your home mobile or telephone with a recorded message telling you that your number has been specially selected to win a prize? Have you then been told to ring a premium rate (0900) number for more details? West Sussex Trading Standards Office has a Department of Trade & Industry leaflet indicating that this is likely to be a scam. If it sounds too good to be true - it probably is. Should you be in any doubt, obtain all the details from the first call and contact the Trading Standards Officer on 01903 839749.

Clothing Collection. You may have received a leaflet recently which advertised a clothing collection for a third world clothing appeal. If you look at the very small print you will see that the collecting company is a commercial organisation not a charity. You may wish to dispose of surplus clothing this way but if you prefer to use a registered charity, their collections are almost invariably supported by individually distinct collecting bags.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY “THE COUNCIL”?

County Council, District Council, City Council. Which is responsible for what? Do you often feel confused? Well, here’s an attempt by Summersdale Residents’ Association to untangle the matter in broad terms.

The City Council, Council House, North St, PO19 1LQ (telephone 01243 788502)

First of all, our City Council is really our Parish Council---our parish happens to be the City of Chichester---and it has a number of limited responsibilities, namely: allotments, consultation on planning applications, footpath lighting, street naming and numbering and upkeep of the nameplates, twinning with European cities, Christmas lights, Civic Heritage, Young People’s Awards, discretionary grants, disused burial grounds, flag displays in the City, floral displays in the City, Freedom Holders, Holiday Activity Scheme, leasing units at the Butter Market and street banners.

The City Council owns and maintains the following:

- The Market Cross
- The Council House, North Street
- The Butter Market, North Street
- War Memorial, Litten Gardens
- St James Obelisk, St Pancras/Westhampnett Road

Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council

Between them they are responsible for a vast number of services and standards. We can categorise the main areas of responsibility and they are displayed in the following table:

Service	District Council	County Council	Other
Telephone:	E Pallant Ho, 1 EP, PO19 1TY 01243 785166	County Hall, W St, PO19 1RQ 01243 777100	
Emergency		Fire Brigade	Ambulance
Law & order			Sussex Police Authority Magistrates’ Court
Health & Safety	H & S Standards Health development Pest control		NHS Hospitals
Education	Sports development Youth Initiatives	Schools Special Education Youth & Community Service Adult Education Arts & Heritage	
Highways	Parking - off street	Roads, bridges, footpaths Rights of way Road safety Street lighting Parking - on street	Trunk roads--- (Highways Agency)
Public Transport		P.T. Policy Transport - elderly & disabled	Bus companies

Social Services	Housing	Caring Services	
Services to premises			Water; Gas Electricity Telecoms Sewers
Waste	Refuse collection Street cleaning (part)	Refuse disposal Street cleaning (part)	
Community Services	Museum Burials	Libraries Safety Consumer advice Trading Standards	Crematorium
Environment	Beaches & foreshores Coastal defences Conservation Areas Environmental Health & Protection Pollution Green issues	Conservation	Environment Agency
Recreation	Parks & playgrounds Leisure development		Leisure centres
Planning	Local planning Building control	County planning	
Finances	Council tax Housing benefit		
Records	Register of Electors	Register of Births, Marriages & Deaths Records Office	
Licensing	Animals, Lotteries, Caravan Sites, Entertainment, Liquor Taxis	Explosives Petroleum Poisons	
Tourism	Development Information		

- References:
- a) Leaflet: Residents' Guide 2002/3: A-Z of council and local services (WSCC & CDC)
 - b) Web: www.westsussex.gov.uk (for WSCC & CDC)
www.chichestercity.gov.uk (for CCC)

Summersdale Residents' Association, January 2005

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**ON THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2004 AT 7.30PM
AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL, SUMMERSDALE ROAD**

Please bring this document with you. Copies will not be available at the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence.**
2. **Minutes of AGM on 12 February 2004 (abstract attached). A limited number of copies of the full minutes will be available at meeting.**
3. **Chairman's Report.**
4. **Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 December 2004.**
5. **Election of Officers (namely Chairman, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Minutes Secretaries 1 and 2, Planning Secretary, Web Master, Newsletter Editor) and other Committee Members.**
6. **Election of Independent Examiner.**
7. **Election of Life Members.**
8. **Election of Honorary Members.**
9. **Resolutions.**
10. **Open Forum.**

- Nominations to the Committee or for any post may be made by any member provided it has the consent of the nominee. Nominations can be made at the meeting but it is helpful if they are submitted in advance to the Chairman. We are keen to appoint new, younger and female members to the Committee.
- If you wish to propose a resolution please give it in writing to the Chairman at least seven days before the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

SRA membership subscriptions are now due. Please send this form with your household's remittance to Mrs Sophie Rudge (Membership Secretary), Appletrees, Chestnut Avenue, Chichester PO19 5QD or give to her at the AGM.

It helps us if you pay by banker's standing order. If you would like us to send you a standing order form for you to complete and return to us, please put a tick here If you are filling this in before the AGM call the Membership Secretary on 528632 to ask her to send you a form.

Herewith is our £2.00 membership subscription to SRA for 2005.

Signed:.....Name (please print):.....

Address:.....

Would you like to become involved in the activities of SRA? Yes/No.

If yes, please insert your phone number and someone will call you:

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2004
AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL, SUMMERSDALE ROAD

ABBREVIATED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence.

Welcomes extended. Apologies from 10 households noted.

2. Minutes of AGM on 13 February 2003.

Minutes agreed.

3. Chairman's Report.

Topics included South Downs National Park; Graylingwell; Brandy Hole Lane; traffic; Community Support Officers; work by committee members, ie Chichester Residents Associations Co-ordinating Group, planning, website www.sra.1colony.com, Goodwood aerodrome and motor circuit, newsletter and membership. Other matters: One Stop Shop; Graylingwell Cottages; Maplehurst Rd green box; 'A Vision for Chichester'; and Neighbourhood Watch. Liaison: Bishop Otter College; Roussillon Barracks.

Policy if elected: to make SRA positive and constructive, as this is likely to enable SRA best to look after local interests.

4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 December 2003.

Accounts adopted. Thanks to John Yates, Independent Examiner.

5. Election of Officers and Ordinary Committee Members.

Elected unanimously: *Chairman*: Derek James. *Vice-chairman*: vacant. *Secretary*: vacant. *Treasurer*: Alan Deller. *Minutes Secretaries 1 and 2*: Mike Berry and Peter Bickley. *Planning Secretary and Webmaster*: Craig Rathbone. *Other members and posts*: Peter Bickley – Newsletter Editor, Sophie Rudge – Membership Secretary, Jim Ayling, Owen Evans, Linda Heald, Dennis Martin, Gerry Wheatley and Ian Wilson.

6. Election of Independent Examiner of Accounts.

Elected: John Yates.

7. Election of Life Members.

Elected: John Herniman, in recognition of his work for SRA and Summersdale generally.

8. Election of Honorary Members.

Elected: Commanding Officer of Roussillon Barracks.

7. Open Forum.

Topics: Roussillon Barracks, new housing, council tax rises, National Park, cycle routes, Brandy Hole Lane, 'Summersdale' sign boards, Graylingwell, queues in College Lane/parking in Summersdale Road, police, council pension funds, Tetra masts.

All invited to Summer Party on 26.6.04 at the Barracks.

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex

'Residents Working Together'

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2005

Dear Member

Welcome to our second Newsletter for 2005 which we are distributing to non-members as well as member households.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A year has now passed since I was elected Chairman of your Association and during that time your committee has achieved a number of objectives on behalf of the community. These are covered in detail in my **Chairman's Report for 2004** copies of which are available from me on request.

During the year we have been **monitoring progress** regarding the Graylingwell development, **pressing** for a footpath in a section of Brandy Hole Lane, **supporting** several safety improvements to local roads and **involved in** the level of supervision from Community Support Officers in our area.

We have **represented** you on a number of local committees including the Chichester Residents' Association Co-Ordinating Group (CRACG) and the Goodwood Circuit Consultative Committees.

In addition we have been and are **actively involved** in matters such as the Village Green, late night fireworks at Goodwood House, the South Downs National Park, concerns for more activities for youth, Post Office proposals, the East Gate development, the Liquor Licensing Laws and street cleaning services. The **Vodafone mast** proposed for Lavant Road is our latest concern which is currently an ongoing situation.

Other matters

We have **taken over the management** of the noticeboard outside OneStop shop and if you would like to display a notice please contact me. Details of how it is managed are published on the board.

We have **supported** the work of local schools and care homes such as The Cherries and Augusta Court.

We **have** a website www.sra.1colony.com and **produce** a Newsletter every 4 months.

Social activities have included a very successful Summer Party at the Roussillon Barracks which was a sell out and an historical tour of Bishop Otter College which was enjoyed by over 50 members.

This year's party at the Barracks is fixed for Saturday 25 June and regrettably this will be our last opportunity to enjoy their hospitality afforded us by kind permission of the Commanding Officer Colonel Paul Watton OBE.

The Future has several imponderables on the horizon not least the development at Graylingwell and the closure of Roussillon Barracks leaving a large area in Summersdale ripe for development. There has never been a more important time to join your local Residents' Association so that as a community we are seen to have a constructive voice in matters affecting our area.

Your Committee

I am sorry to announce that Alan Deller has resigned as Treasurer and from the Committee. We are grateful to him for his work for the Association, during the past three years as Treasurer and before that as Minutes Secretary. We are delighted that Peter Bickley, who is a Chartered Accountant, has agreed to take on the post of Treasurer in addition to editing the newsletter and being one of our Minutes Secretaries.

I have been elected Chairman for a further year at the AGM and will be continuing the policy of having a proactive image pursuing initiatives which will bring positive benefit to the local community.

Members - New and Old

436 homes are represented on our books - a record for the Association - but we welcome new members to join our ranks at the very reasonable cost of £2 per year. If you would like to join, please complete the form below and send it either to me at the address below or to our Membership Secretary, Mrs Sophie Rudge, Appletrees, Chestnut Avenue, Chichester PO19 5QD.

For those of you who have not yet renewed your membership this year we attach a renewal slip.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on any issue at any reasonable time.

With best wishes
Yours sincerely

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Chairman
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Attached is our membership subscription of £2 to the SRA for 2005.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Postcode:.....

E-mail:.....

Tel:.....

Signed:.....Please print name:.....

Date.....

We have a Standing Order facility with Lloyds TSB. It helps us if you pay by Standing Order. If you would like to pay your subscription this way please put a tick here and we will send you a form.....

NEWS AND FEATURES

Summer Party Saturday 25 June 2005

We are delighted to announce that we have again been invited to hold our Summer party at the Roussillon Barracks by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Colonel Paul Watton OBE. Unfortunately this will be our last opportunity to do so for, as you probably know, the barracks will close in the Spring of 2006. Tickets are priced at £7.50 and numbers will be limited to 175. We are planning a buffet supper with drink included and the museum will be open during the evening. Last year was a sell out so you are advised to book early. Tickets are available from Derek James, telephone 531494, Michael Berry on 530208, Linda Heald on 787234 and Sophie Rudge on 528632.

Annual General Meeting/forthcoming committee meetings

Our AGM this year was well attended and we were pleased to welcome our MP Andrew Tyrie as well as several of our supportive local politicians including Cllr Richard Plowman, the Mayor elect for Chichester. Andrew Tyrie commented on a number of local issues including Graylingwell, A27 congestion, increasing the density of houses and the proposed Vodafone mast. He encouraged residents to write to him at The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA on all of these topics and any other matters of concern. The police were also represented by Sergeant Robeson who spoke about the new licensing laws and other issues.

All members are welcome to attend committee meetings, which are at 7.30pm on 19 May, 23 June, 8 September, 20 October, 8 December and 5 January 2006; the AGM is on 9 February 2006.

'Trickster the Musical'

Neighbourhood Watch is putting on a play which is a salutary story about unsolicited doorstep callers. It will be performed at the Venue, Spur Road, off Quarry Lane, Chichester on Wednesday 15 June at 3.00pm (doors open at 2.30pm). Refreshments available. There is no charge, but if you wish to see it, please apply for tickets to Carolyn Brockenhuus-Schack on 527975.

Brandy Hole Copse Tour

Following requests from members, Jim Ayling, a member of our committee, has offered to organise a tour of Brandy Hole Copse. This will take place during next Spring 2006, probably on a Thursday evening. Once the date is fixed, we will advertise it in a future newsletter.

Vodafone Mast

Members may be aware that a 3G Vodafone mast is being proposed on the roadside in Lavant Road near to the junction with the Drive and adjacent to Summersdale Court. The original application has been withdrawn due to a procedural error but a revised application has been made. As this is a fresh application, any objections previously made have had to be resubmitted.

The SRA committee has objected on three grounds - its close proximity to Summersdale Court, its visual intrusion on the northern approach to Chichester and the perceived health risk. We have made positive proposals for a site some 75 yards North of the current proposal in nearby woods. If you would like more details please contact Andrew Birch on 775342.

Local Youth

Members will be aware from our September 2004 newsletter that we have been making positive efforts to encourage more activities for youth in the area. We are pleased to report that Amy Roots,

the Crime Diversion Sports Officer for Chichester District Council, tells us that a multi-use football and basketball goal end facility is being installed at the Copse off Winterbourne Road and should be well in hand by the time you read this.

In addition a youth group runs at St Michael's Hall on Wednesday evenings. More details can be obtained from Danny Bianchi on 07876 194916. We are grateful to those who are working on behalf of youth in our area.

Parking on Village Green and Roadside Grass Verges

It has been brought to our attention by some of our members that cars are being parked on the village green near One Stop Shop and on grass verges in Summersdale Road. This is not only damaging for the grass but the ground becomes compacted and asphyxiates tree roots. It would be helpful if residents could try to ensure that this does not occur.

Tsunami Appeal

Those of you who attended the AGM will know that we agreed to a proposal to donate £500 towards the Tsunami appeal but with the proviso that we would ask our committee member, Kamala Gomez, who is from Sri Lanka, to advise on the best way to use the money. Since then it has been brought to our notice that the proposal, although received in good time, was not 'published' under Section 14 of the Constitution. In view of this technicality the committee has decided that it would be best to withdraw the decision. We apologise to those of you who supported this generous response to the worst single tragedy in living memory.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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Summer Party Success

Once again the annual Summer Party held at the Roussillon Barracks was a complete sell out and we are very grateful to the Commanding Officer, Col Paul Watton OBE, for allowing us use of the Officers' Mess and its facilities. Kenny Ceraher was the man doing the organising behind the scenes and his colleagues provided an excellent buffet supper. We were able to make two gifts to charities from the proceeds of the evening which were £150 to the Royal Military Police Charity and £100 to Augusta Court.

The venue and date for next year's party is rather uncertain at the moment for, as most of you know, the barracks will be closing in February 2006. We do have one or two proposals in mind but if anybody has any bright ideas then please get in touch with the Chairman on 531494.

Craig Rathbone

We are sorry to say that Craig has felt it necessary to resign from the committee, partly due to ill health but also due to the fact that he is taking on a demanding course of study. We have greatly appreciated Craig's contribution to the life and work of the Association both with regard to the Website and as Planning Secretary. We wish Craig every success as he starts his new course relating to work with youth.

Website

We have not renewed our subscription to our website for this year and now with Craig's resignation we are looking for someone to take on this role for us. If you think that you could help us in this area would you please contact the Chairman on 531494. It is usual for our website organiser to be on the committee as the subject is frequently a topic of conversation at our meetings. However, even if you cannot spare the time to join the committee but feel you can assist/advise us, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Future dates for your diaries

Our *Annual General Meeting* will be held on Thursday 9 February 2006 commencing at 7.30 pm and all members are welcome to attend. We normally have good representation at the AGM from our local politicians as well as our local MP, Andrew Tyrie. Members wishing to bring a resolution to the AGM should

submit it in writing to the Chairman at least 7 days before the meeting. The resolution will be published on the SRA Notice Board on the fence next door to One Stop in the Broadway.

Future committee meetings will be held on 20 October and 8 December 2005 and 5 January and 16 February 2006. Agendas are posted on our notice board and any member is welcome to attend.

A tour of *Brandy Hole Copse* is planned for Thursday 27 April 2006 and will take place early evening, the exact time to be announced in the January 2006 newsletter.

Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies

The SRA is a member of the FSAS and amongst other advantages of membership we arrange our liability insurance through the Federation. Its more recent concerns have included water supplies, the South-East Housing Strategy and the South Downs Campaign.

SRA is not represented on the FSAS committee and we have been asked to appoint someone to attend their meetings. Most of our committee members already have additional SRA responsibilities so we are notifying members of the vacancy in the hope that someone would be willing to represent us. If you would like to know more about what is involved please give the Chairman a ring on 531494.

Bus services

We have been asked to canvass opinions from residents about the bus services in Summersdale and to offer positive suggestions regarding the future. The Stagecoach 55 service was radically cut back in February 2005 with the Compass 85 service being diverted partly to replace it East of Chichester. Please send your comments to the Chairman either by letter or e-mail - addresses on the back page.

Lay-by in Summersdale Road

We have received comments from members regarding the parking in Summersdale Road outside the Cherries with a positive proposal for a lay-by. Headteachers at both the Cherries and Fordwater School are in favour of the proposal so we wrote to the appropriate authority at West Sussex County Council. The correspondence is in progress and we will report the final outcome in due course. Meanwhile, residents may know that Fordwater School has applied for land at the side of their premises to be used for a car park and we have supported this application.

Vodafone Mast

The planning application for the Vodafone mast in Broyle Road next to Summersdale Court was passed by the Council but in fairness to the company they arranged a meeting with the Court's Residents' Association and ourselves to discuss possible alternative sites. At the time of writing we are not aware of any further developments but we are hoping that it will be moved North to be placed opposite the Esso garage.

Membership renewals

If there is a Membership Renewal slip with this Newsletter it is to remind you that your 2005 subscription has not yet been paid. Our aim is to represent the Summersdale area. We value your support and the more members we have, the stronger our voice on behalf of the community. Please pay by standing order,

as this helps keep our costs down. Should you be a new occupant, why not become a member and help improve the community you have just joined.

GUEST ARTICLE

What does the SRA do for the community? A note from Brandy Hole Copse Conservation Group

The Brandy Hole Copse Conservation Group is grateful to the S.R.A. for their help in setting up the Brandy Hole Copse Local Nature Reserve, which is such an important educational and recreational amenity. Over the years the SRA has brought its concerns for the safety of visitors to the Copse, using Brandy Hole Lane, to the attention of the Highway Authorities. The following subjects are typical of the problems the Association attempts to resolve.

- Request to WSCC to extend the street lighting down to the West end of Brandy Hole Lane. Result: no action so far
- Request to move the 30 mph speed limit sign down to the West end of BHL. Result: WSCC agreed and has now done so
- Request to install road signs at the junction at the western end to identify Brandy Hole Lane and West Broyle Road for the benefit of drivers entering the Lane from St Pauls Road. Result: CDC are considering this.
- Request to have a speed restriction to 30mph in the North/South stretch of BHL for the safety of visitors to the Copse using the parking area. Result: this was refused by WSCC. Cllr Hall has now asked WSCC to consider imposing a speed limit of 40mph.
- Request to replace the illegible, hidden 'Weight Restriction' sign at the South end of the lane . Result: WSCC have now removed the sign.
- Enquired about the empty house on the West side of BHL bridge owned by WSCC. Result: reply was that it could not be sold as was still needed for the possible Western Chi Bypass, which is still in the Structure Plan.
- Request to minimise the number of construction vehicles parked on the East side of the Bridge. Result: no action by CDC so far.
- Concern about the destruction of the post and wire fence on the bridge abutment to warn motorists of the dangerous drop from the road down to the dyke, which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, which runs parallel to Brandy Hole Lane. Result: no action by WSCC so far.
- Ongoing request for WSCC to complete the missing part of the pedestrian footway, from Broyle Road up to the Centurion Way along Brandy Hole Lane. Result: WSSC promise a site visit with SRA, BHCCG and the consultants.

WSCC and the CDC have always been ready and helpful with advice, but the general day to day maintenance of the Copse is carried out by the Conservation Group. We have a small group of (ageing) volunteers, who meet for two hours every Wednesday afternoon and a work party in the morning of every third Sunday of the month. We are currently in desperate need of some further help, either from those who want to do practical conservation work in the Copse, or from anyone who could give a small amount of time to help us in raising awareness and membership of the group. We are expecting to receive a substantial

grant towards our plans for promoting the Group, so there are some exciting opportunities for anyone who wants to get involved.

If we don't get some new involvement in the Group, the future of the Copse could be in serious doubt. Without regular maintenance the Copse would soon be lost as an amenity for the local community.

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New Blood for your Committee

We are always on the look out for new blood and we do have a few vacancies to be filled. We meet 8 times a year plus the AGM and committee members are asked to play their part in taking on a specific role to suit their strengths and time restrictions.

If you are interested in playing a more active role in the Association, please contact the Chairman on 531494 who will be very happy to discuss with you the likely commitment and any specific role you might be willing to play.

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Chairman's Report 2005

The past year has been an encouraging one for the Association and we can report steady progress in a number of different areas. Our Summer Party was again a great success and held at the Roussillon Barracks by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Colonel Paul Watton OBE. The ticket sales were restricted to 175 and were quickly sold. The event included a tour of the chapel as well as an opportunity to visit the Regimental Museum. Beneficiaries from the proceeds of the party were the Royal Military Police Charity and Augusta Court.

As most of you know this was, unfortunately, our last opportunity to use the barracks for our annual party and we were very sorry to say farewell to the Regiment back in the Summer. The likely future of the barracks is still uncertain but some details are covered elsewhere in this report.

However, we are pleased to report that our Summer Party for the coming year will be held at the University of Chichester in College Lane on Saturday 17 June 2006 from 7.00 pm. It will take the form of a finger buffet with use of the bar and will include an optional tour of the College. The library will be opened for the benefit of members and tickets for the event will be priced at £9.75. As in previous years there will be a limited number available.

We are grateful to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Philip ED Robinson, for allowing us use of the premises for this event and we are sure it will be a great success. A good number of us enjoyed a tour of the College on 12 April led by Philip when we were able to learn a lot about its history as well as visiting the chapel and hearing the story of the Bechstein grand piano.

Planning

This aspect of our work has taken a more prominent part this year than previously and we are grateful to Andrew Birch who has led us through a maze of plans and reports. We have monitored the application for the Vodafone mast at the North end of Lavant Road and attended a meeting with the firm to discuss alternative siting on the 15 July. To date we are waiting for a resiting application from the firm. More recently we have become

involved in proposals to increase the height of a mast on the Warren Farm site.

Broyle Road/Lavant Road is rapidly becoming a lucrative source of profit for developers as large older houses are sold to make way for the development of apartments. We have been particularly concerned about the development at 8a Lavant Road next to the surgery as there

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were plans to close most of the lay-by which is always full during surgery hours.

The combined efforts of ourselves and the surgery have at least resulted in the density being cut by one apartment from 9 to 8, and with a recommendation for only 2 spaces in the lay-by being taken up to allow clearer access to the main road.

The proposals of Sunrise Senior Living for a large new home across the road at this junction have created a lot of concern. We attended their exhibition at the Ship Hotel and invited them to our committee meeting on the 8 December to answer questions about the proposals. Although we consider this development would be the lesser of other possible evils, we are awaiting sight of the plans and minuted objections on grounds of height, size and lack of parking space.

In addition the firm stated verbally at the meeting that it is prepared to make a financial contribution towards the building of a traffic-lighted crossing at the junction, something for which we have been campaigning over many years. It remains to be seen if West Sussex County Council will respond positively to this offer.

Developments at Graylingwell and the Barracks are high on our agenda. The former seems to have been rather quiet in recent months though we were consulted by the City Council concerning the likely future use of the Farm House and the Hospital site. We do have a sub-committee monitoring the situation.

As for the Barracks we have asked the Defence Estates for us to be included in site visits when discussions are held regarding the future of the barracks. In addition members will be aware that the current Mayor, Richard Plowman, is one of our local politicians and his views regarding the site have been well publicised in the Observer, including use by the University and for sporting facilities.

Gravel Extraction is featuring on the agenda again and we have so far monitored the situation particularly with regard to traffic movements through Summersdale and possible road "improvements" in what is known as the Lavant Gap. The village of Lavant is well organised regarding the proposals and we are in contact with one of their number.

We have spent many hours working our way through documents relating to the Local

Development Framework. This government sponsored consultative process by-passes the vast majority due to its complicated nature but we have made 6 specific responses regarding Brownfield sites in our area relating to the Urban Potential Study, and two further responses regarding the Core Strategy.

Traffic Problems

Problems at the junction of Lavant Road/Broyle Road with The Broadway and Brandy Hole Lane have been covered above under planning with the main proposal being the establishment of a traffic-lighted crossing at the junction and the retention of the lay-by outside the Doctors' surgery.

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However, members should know that we have actively campaigned for a lay-by to be built outside the Cherries school to accommodate the daily parking during term time. A number of local residents considered this constituted a hazard to pedestrians, cyclists, cars and buses for quite a considerable stretch of the road. We made our representations with the full approval of the Cherries and Fordwater School, but West Sussex County Council turned down the proposals mainly on the grounds of cost, lack of space and the removal of mature trees.

We have decided not to pursue the initiative at this stage as we envisage the problems will dramatically increase when Graylingwell and the Barracks are fully developed. By which time other more drastic measures will need to be taken if traffic is to be allowed to flow freely at that point.

The Committee - Responsibilities and Representations

Members - Alan Deller, our Treasurer, and Craig Rathbone, our Webmaster and Planning Officer, have resigned during the year and we are very grateful to them both for the amount of work they have put in to the Association over a number of years. Peter Bickley has taken over as Treasurer and Andrew Birch as Planning Officer and we do appreciate their willingness to fill these two important posts. You will have the opportunity to confirm their appointments at the AGM. We are currently negotiating with one of our members for a new website and we hope to be able to make an announcement to this effect by the time of the AGM. Furthermore, we would like to express our thanks to John Yates who has acted as our Independent Examiner now for several years.

We still have several vacancies for new members to join the committee. Our female representation has jumped from one to three but we would still like more ladies to join us. In addition there is plenty of room for younger men and women to join our ranks. On the other hand if you are just coming up to retirement you would still be very welcome to

join us. Please contact me at my home address above if you are interested.

Responsibilities - Jim Ayling represents us on the Chichester Residents' Association Co-ordinating Group as well as organising the distribution and delivery of the Newsletter. Gerry Wheatley represents us on the Goodwood Motor Circuit Consultative Committee as well as the Goodwood Aerodrome Consultative Committee.

In addition to his responsibilities as Treasurer, Peter Bickley edits the Newsletter and shares the job of Minute Secretary with Michael Berry. Sophie Rudge handles the membership matters which this year numbered 426 - virtually the same as last year. Linda Heald is a member of our Graylingwell sub group. Our supporting committee members are Kamala Gomez, Dennis Martin and Ian Wilson.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all members of the committee for their tireless efforts on your behalf. The work is usually encouraging but at times it can be frustrating as well as difficult, so as volunteers their efforts are very much appreciated.

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Other Matters

Village Green - Bulbs were planted on the village green last Autumn and it remains to be seen if our efforts were worth while this coming Spring!

Brandy Hole Lane - There are several matters outstanding with regard to BHL but members will have noted that a temporary fence has been erected approaching the steep drop near the bridge. In addition we are pleased to report that there is good progress on the footpath being extended from its current position to the copse thus making it much safer for users of the copse and Centurion Way. We understand that money will be set aside for this improvement in the 2006/2007 budget.

One Stop and SRA Noticeboards - The One Stop board is a free facility and has been used regularly by members and local charities. Business notices may be displayed for a small charge - contact details are on the board. Our own SRA noticeboard is on the fence close to the One Stop Board and regularly contains planning details of significance to members.

Disability Access to One Stop Shop - We were in correspondence with the Health and Safety Manager for the One Stop Shop last February which members will know is owned by Tesco. Whilst one of our suggestions would require a major refit, a bell and sign on the entrance door for wheelchair users was agreed as useful with promised immediate action.

Newsletter - We do appreciate the work of many of our members who distribute the newsletter in their streets three times a year. This work enables us to keep in touch with the membership and to keep you all informed of local developments. If you wish to write a small piece for the newsletter please feel free to do so. Contributions should be sent to the Editor, Peter Bickley at 4 Maplehurst Road, but we do reserve the right to edit if necessary.

Other Societies - We are members of the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies and the South Downs Campaign. Both groups regularly send us their newsletters and a variety of informative e-mails. If any member would like specifically to receive the printed information from these groups, please contact me at my home address and I will see that you receive their bulletins.

Tax Rebate - Earlier in the year Peter picked up on the fact that we were paying tax unnecessarily and we are pleased to say he has negotiated a good rebate just short of £100.

Parking - on the junction of Summersdale Road and Fordwater Road is causing concern to some of our members and we have contacted one of the local residents for views on the situation. Double yellow lines at that point would only push the problem further down the road and to date we have not taken any action.

Tsunami Appeal - Members who attended last year's AGM will recall that we agreed to send a donation towards the Tsunami Appeal. However, later your committee decided to withdraw this decision as the resolution had not been published under Section 14 of the

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constitution. In future any resolutions for the AGM will be published on the SRA Noticeboard next to the One Stop Shop in order to comply with this condition.

Pavements and Verges - Representations are made to the Council from time to time with regard to the state of pavements and verges, as well as street light faults. Of course, individual residents can also make such representations and last year we did publish a full list of specific numbers to contact regarding local issues.

Local Member of Parliament, Andrew Tyrie - We are in regular contact with our local MP and for the last 2 years Andrew has been able to attend our AGM.

Cherries Open Day - Craig Rathbone represented the SRA at the Cherries Open Day on the 12 March and reported on the good exhibition display.

Tour of Brandy Hole Copse - A tour has been arranged for the evening of Thursday 27 April 2006 commencing at 7 pm and all members are welcome to attend. Details will be published on the SRA noticeboard nearer the time.

Conclusion

I have enjoyed leading the Association throughout my second year and I am willing to stand again for a third year. Some of the principles governing our responses are summarised below.

Whilst I appreciate that part of our remit is to react to situations within the area if they affect our members, I am, nonetheless, concerned that we should have a proactive image pursuing initiatives which will bring positive benefit to the local community. Indeed, I am of the view that even when reacting to issues it is both feasible and desirable to present our reactions in a positive and constructive manner.

Inevitably, on some matters we are not necessarily of one mind with an Association our size. However, it is our policy still to write on behalf of our members if they so wish, supporting them individually, even if we are unable to say in the letter that the majority of the committee supports the views being expressed. We usually word such letters by saying that the matter has been brought to our attention.

If you wish to support me in this approach then you will have the opportunity to vote for my re-election at the AGM. However, members should note that 2006 will be my third year of office and rule 7 of the Constitution states that members length of office “normally shall be limited to three consecutive years”. It would be wise to look for my replacement well before this time next year in order to ensure a smooth transition.

This concludes my report for the year ending 2005.

Derek C James, Chairman
31 December 2005