



## Message from our Acting Chairman Vanessa Stern

### Welcome to our 2021 Summer Newsletter

The last 15 months have been a difficult time; having missed a meeting it was inevitable that we joined Zoom. It proved a way to hold meetings and keep in touch but was hardly satisfactory. The AGM attracted many members to join us but, unfortunately, some were unable to log in. As our Zoom membership expired we held a meeting in a member's garden but were unable to invite the wider membership. We hope that, **from September onwards, we will be able to hold public meetings once again.**

The committee has had upheavals; firstly with Brian Quilter resigning as he was frustrated at the progress over aircraft flying over Summersdale and then Peter Lines resigned. We were sorry to see them go but welcomed **Roy Littleford** to oversee the liaison with the **Goodwood Airfield and race track**. He lives very close to the airfield.

Secondly, Gavin Barrett resigned as Chairman, as his other commitments took so much of his time; he is still on the committee, is our liaison with Lavant Parish Council and, also, keeps an eye on any developments regarding the bypass.

**Pauline Sutton**—ably assisted by her husband Peter—has relieved me of the role of **Membership Secretary** (details further on in the Newsletter about this). I was finding that being acting chairman **and** membership secretary was proving to take up too much time. I had been the Membership Secretary for over 10 years.

I am prepared to be acting chairman for a few months but, ideally, would like a replacement and then I could revert to vice chairman assisting a new Chairman. Also, we should like **someone to assist John Halliday** who watches the planning application lists and puts in an objection if the committee think it appropriate.

So, I am asking for two members, who would like **to join the committee, to get in touch with me.**

You can be assured of a very warm welcome; we all work very well together. We will invite you to sit as a visitor and feel comfortable with the way we work before committing yourself to being a committee member.

The Association is fortunate to have such willing and able members who have a variety of roles:

The newsletter editor, Mary Quiney does a very professional job bringing out an edition twice a year. Planning has kept John Halliday very busy; alas we seem to be losing the battle on Lavant Road. He put in strong objections to many of the characterful houses being demolished to make way for flats with concreted drives for car parking or, in some cases, overfilling the plot with, in our view, too many houses.

Ray Carter looks after our environment and reminds us when the time comes for us to commit to planting more trees. Summersdale is known as Chichester's leafy suburb and we need to keep it that way—especially as the horse chestnuts and ashes are succumbing to disease.

Peter Bickley keeps a tight rein on the finances.

Our website is full of useful information and is worth looking at; it is always kept up to date by Mike Steel. Janet Leonard is an excellent secretary.

So, I am so grateful that I have such a competent team aiding the smooth running of this Association of over 430 Households. I hope that 2021-22 sees the country getting back to some semblance of normality.

The committee meetings from September onwards are all booked now and **we will be in a new venue**, as St Michael's hall had so many regular bookings.

**We shall meet in the upstairs room  
at St Paul's Church.**

**The AGM will also be at St Paul's  
but in the church itself.**

## Small-scale Planning Applications

Since our last newsletter there is news on some small scale applications, including:

### **20/01897/FUL at 22A Lavant Road and Land to the Rear of 24:**

application for demolition of the existing dwelling at 22A Lavant Road and the construction of 4 dwellings – one encroaching on the rear garden of no 24. A decision was deferred at CDC planning meeting 7 April for further negotiation on the retention of hedging and trees and comment from Southern Water on the Apuldram Wastewater Treatment Works capacity. Chestnut Avenue neighbours subsequently withdrew their objections after concerns alleviated by the agent, and the application was permitted by CDC's Planning Committee on 7 July subject to S106\* and various conditions.

### **20/03342/FUL 10 Lavant Road:**

demolition of 3 flats and associated garages and erection of six flats and one 3-bed dwelling and associated works (Variation of condition 2 of permission CC/19/00181/FUL - alterations to fenestration and roof including lowering the eaves, increase to the rear footprint. Following successive attempts to increase the size of the proposed block of flats, a scheme somewhat larger than the previously permitted scheme has been allowed, and the original Victorian building is now demolished – regrettable because surely there could have been a more enlightened proposal to open up the main west façade of the original building?



There is a new application **21/01354/FUL** for an alternative contemporary “self build” design for the house at the rear. Although not apparent from street view, the SRA committee has once again objected on the grounds of a significant increase in bulk of second floor and roof in close proximity to the east boundary, over-looking of the bungalow to the north-east, and the bland design out of character with both the flats and neighbouring properties.



## Development between Summersdale and Lavant – aka Daffodil Field

### **20/02675/OUT (& 20/01954/EIA) Outline Planning Application from Berkeley**

**Strategic Land for 140 dwellings on the land south of Raughmere, north of Keepers Wood.**

Following submission of further documents, mainly relating to infrastructure, the application has now been **refused by CDC Planning Department**, but it's likely that the developer will appeal.

## Warrendell, Plainwood Close

### **20/01164/REM (DG Phillips Ltd)**

Application for 21 new dwellings now shows the access to Centurion Way widened to better accommodate cyclists, improved layout in the south and south-west, though still no sections showing disposition of the properties on the eastern slope. The scheme was **permitted by CDC Planning Committee on 7 July, subject to S106\*** and various conditions—including the submission of site sections for approval.

## Westhampnett/North East Chichester SDL Land North East Of Graylingwell

The SRA has been monitoring phase 2 of this development **19/03191/REM (Redrow Homes Ltd)** of up to 200 no. dwellings on land north-east East of Graylingwell, in particular the proposed pedestrian/cycleway to the end of Fordwater Road near the bridge over the River Lavant. At the northern end it would run between the river and houses on Maplehurst Road.

The application has now been permitted, subject to various conditions including a **S106\*** agreement to upgrade footpath 459 to a bridleway – this is expected to lead to Stock's Lane at the west side of the airfield, and thence via the northern end of Fordwater Road to East Lavant, though the land-owner of the private track that crosses the river does not appear to have been consulted!

SRA committee members are seriously concerned at the recent erection of a chain-link fence along the route of the new footpath/cycleway which, apart from looking unsightly and out of character with the rural environment, is preventing free movement of wildlife and especially the deer who now appear increasingly stressed when stranded on the residential side. It turns out that it was erected by the landowner, not the developer and - in spite of CDC's promotion of wild-life corridors - it seems that there is nothing to be done.

## Summersdale Character Appraisal

The planning consultant enlisted to help quantify metrics for the Character Appraisal is now leading the city's Neighbourhood Plan project. So, while we hope that this will include planning guidelines to help protect our area against unwanted development, it's a slow process....

We are progressing local listing of individual properties and street scenes, now submitted for Highland Rd (S side) and The Avenue (N side), though it is doubtful whether these will be progressed owing to lack of resource at CDC. The SRA organised a small team of Summersdale residents to produce a PLACE assessment as a contribution to the City's Neighbourhood Plan.

## Footnotes

### \*Section 106 Agreements

Planning obligations under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), commonly known as S106 agreements, are a mechanism which make a development proposal acceptable in planning terms, that would not otherwise be acceptable. They are focused on site specific mitigation of the impact of development. **S106 agreements are often referred to as 'developer contributions'** along with highway contributions and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

## Email Alerts

The Daffodil Field proposal highlighted the need to inform our members in a timely manner on specific issues, so we encourage members to **make sure that we have an email address.**

Do not hesitate to **submit your own comments on any planning applications** – the volume of comments is an important factor in the decision, and an SRA comment is effectively considered just a single comment alongside any others.

Applications may be viewed on the CDC's Planning portal  
<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/viewplanningapplications>

NB refresh the web-page if necessary, so that the document links work

## Report to March committee meeting

### Wildflower areas

Creating areas of wildflowers involves a great deal of effort. The two areas created previously:

The Green - Highland Road and the Grassed area—at the Ferndale and Fordwater junction were both small, approximately 10 m<sup>2</sup>.

The CDC kindly rotavated the areas; they were raked, seed obtained free from the RHS was sown but the dry spring resulted in poor germination.

Unfortunately, **in mid summer the areas were mown, in error, before plantings had self seeded.**

Grass cuttings were raked off, as were subsequent cuts. **The following season there was no evidence of wildflowers .**

Suggested areas within Summersdale for a wildflower area would be to the west of Summersdale Copse and Croft Mead.

### Road Side Trees

The roads with existing road side trees have been surveyed; to fill gaps the following numbers of trees would be required:

The Drive	10
The Avenue	6
Chestnut Avenue	6
The Broadway	3
Highland Road	6
Summersdale Road	4

The SRA's undertaking to fund two trees a year will perhaps maintain the status quo, probably just about replacing trees lost to old age and disease annually.

### Tree Planting

At our March committee meeting it was agreed that **the SRA would donate five roadside trees** in Summersdale:

#### Chestnut Avenue

1 south of Pippins on the east side of road

#### The Drive (north end)

2 opposite Fairways on the south side  
1 Keepers Wood on the north side

#### The Avenue (east end)

1 outside Middlefield on the north side

## May Report

Weekend rain showers and, hopefully, the end of night frosts has clothed our neighbourhood in green.

Grass verges, open spaces and tree lined roads and avenues are a joy to the eye.

**Justin Jones**, Green Spaces Lead at **Grounds Maintenance, CDC**, has been in touch—possibly cheered by resident interest in our environment.

A community interest in naturalised areas is in tune with CDC plans he has explained. *'Wilding'* takes a lot of management; to find and **keep a balance** between encouraging wildlife and retaining a safe and manageable public space is complex and **one solution is not suited to every location.**

The Ground Maintenance Team appreciate that **less grass cutting is beneficial to wildlife** and the CDC is actively increasing naturalised areas, albeit with input from localised volunteers - which will be a key factor in these areas.

Justin went on to explain that it is not necessarily about flowers and colour; **most vegetation is of use to birds, insects and animals**; nettles, brambles, hogweed and the like have a place in the right location.

The **CDC main focus will be a reduced grass cutting regime** and, definitely, less, or none in some cases, strimming around trees. A study has been made of all the areas managed by the CDC involving a lot of time looking at each of our areas to see **how we can reduce grass cutting without areas becoming scruffy.** The aim is to ensure that there is a **balance between civil tidiness and benefit to wildlife.**

The SRA hope to be in a position soon to be able to share the specific maintenance plans for open spaces in Summersdale. We are also working alongside WSCC Highways to **promote tree planting and appropriate roadside grass cutting.**

Other aspects of the environment are being actively explored; the **CDC Tree Project Officer** has explained that one of the pilots that we hope to be involved with, is in *'planting a mini urban forest'*, where community grown trees are involved. **This initiative has been supported by the SRA in response to residents' enquiries**, following our planting of trees/shrubs left by Nigel Muir; others have asked whether there were homes for their home grown trees.

**Please continue to feed ideas through your Residents' Committee on improving our environment.**



## Something achieved



The SRA has been pushing for the agreement that was made years ago with the developers of Graylingwell Park to be honoured.—ie for a connecting path to be put through to Winterbourne Road. The space has been there for a while — but with no proper surface and with an awkward step up. Now there is a proper cycle/pedestrian connection.



## Some things still to do?

### Tree Legacy in Summersdale ... Carol Knight

A dying Prunus tree needed to be removed this spring in Highland Road outside my property.

Knowing the appreciation of residents and visitors of our colourful spring street scene and the vital need to retain as many trees in Summersdale as possible, I approached West Sussex County Council who agreed the tree was dying and it was duly removed.

We chose a Prunus Umineko from the list of suggested trees in the **WSSC Donate-a-tree-scheme** which will be planted next spring. This is no longer a free service with the **cost now split between the donor and WSSC**. It is satisfying to participate in **“greening our area”** and I hope to be able to assist with the planting—together with a younger resident from Highland Road so they can chart **“their”** tree’s progress in the years to come.

**Let us get the next generation involved in tree planting.**



Cherry tree  
in full bloom in  
Highland Road  
←

A fairly  
newly planted  
Oak tree  
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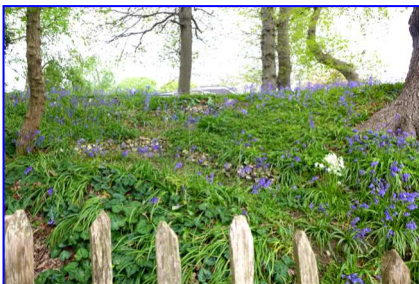


### Warning →

There is Giant Hogweed around along the footpaths. It can cause blisters on the skin if you brush against it in sunlight—a reaction which lasts for days. It has been seen by the River Lavant and has been reported to WSSC.



## Hackett’s Rew



Hackett's Rew is a Historical Archaeological Site and is looked after by J Kenny at CDC. He can only do his job if he is notified about any changes that take place. Any **disturbance of the bank on the West side is not allowed**. Recently we queried about the house which has made a garden in the bank and were told that if they had known they would have refused to allow it.



More recently, householders have been cutting down the hedgerow—including trees on the East side — presumably to give themselves a view.

We would ask members to **monitor this footpath and report any changes** to *The Archeological Dept* at CDC or email [jkenny@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:jkenny@chichester.gov.uk)



# Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle

This is a simple but effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency on a standard form and in a common location – the fridge.



Message in a Bottle, (known within Lions as MIAB), helps emergency services personnel to save valuable time in identifying an individual very quickly and knowing if they have any allergies or take special medication.

Paramedics, police, fire-fighters and social services support this Lions life-saving initiative and know to look in the fridge when they see the Message in a Bottle stickers, supplied. The initiative provides peace of mind that prompt and appropriate medical assistance can be provided, and next of kin/emergency contacts can be notified.

## How to obtain a Message in a Bottle

Members of the public and other organisations can obtain a Message in a Bottle kit by contacting their local Lions club (**0844 963 2443** <https://www.chilions.org.uk/>)

Clubs are able to provide Message in a Bottle within their local communities free of charge—not just vulnerable people who benefit from Message in a Bottle. Anyone with health conditions could have an accident at home.

The Message in a Bottle kit includes a form, where personal and medical information is detailed. This is placed in the bottle, (with its distinctive green branding), which is stored in the fridge. Two stickers are provided:

one for the fridge door and the other for the inside of the front door of the premises.



## Your Committee

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*Please let the membership secretary know if you have decided not to continue your membership particularly if you have cancelled a standing order*

## Dates for diaries 2021/2022

Committee Meetings	Goodwood	Other information
<p>Future committee meetings will be on <b>Mondays in the upstairs room at St Paul's Church 7:30—9:30 pm</b> (Enter by the Parish Office door)</p> <p>13 September 2021 22 November 2021 10 January 2022</p> <p><b>AGM* Wednesday, 16 February 2022</b> 28 March 2022 9 May 2022 11 July 2022 12 September 2022</p> <p><b>*The AGM is in St Paul's Church</b></p> <p>Look on the noticeboard for updates on future meetings</p>	<p>The three night festival of racing and music is now only one <b>Friday night - 27th August</b> (All tickets purchased for any 2020 <i>Three Friday Nights acts will be automatically rolled over to Carl Cox on August 27 2021</i>)</p> <p><b>Goodwood Revival 17 – 19 September 2021</b></p> <p><b>78<sup>th</sup> Members' Meeting 16 -17 October 2021</b> <i>An exclusive event for GRRC Members and Fellows (tickets have now sold out)</i></p>	<p>Complaints about Goodwood flights go to <a href="http://www.goodwood.com/flying/aerodrome/noise-management/">www.goodwood.com/flying/aerodrome/noise-management/</a> fill in the online form, (or get someone to do it for you), and submit it so that there is a written record of the complaint:</p> <p>For other information <a href="http://www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk">www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk</a></p> <p>We post information on our <b>notice board</b> by the letter box in The Broadway.</p> <p>We will also advise you of any <b>urgent matters by</b> email for our PCSO Jason Lemm: <a href="mailto:jason.lemm@sussex.pnn.police.uk">jason.lemm@sussex.pnn.police.uk</a></p>