



SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Autumn
Newsletter
2022**
'Residents Working Together'

A Message from our Chairman...

Jill Shaw

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter for 2022

I can't believe that I have been Chairman for almost 6 months now. It makes me appreciate all the hard work that Vanessa did over the years and very many thanks to her for being available when needed and to the whole committee for easing me into the role.

It was great to get back to face to face meetings and a real AGM, after 18 months of Zooming, and get a chance to meet so many of you. We've taken the opportunity to move our committee meetings back to St Michael's Hall so that we are back within the community boundaries. I hope this will encourage more of you to come along and participate in your Residents Association

We have had a long hot summer and we can all see how our environment has suffered. We have managed to keep alive the larger new trees that we have planted recently - thanks to a number of volunteers doing a gallant job of watering them - whilst this cannot be said of the whips sponsored and planted by CDC in the spring to increase the trees in public spaces. With a few exceptions, most of these have died. This must be a lesson for the future; not to plant such small trees and to ensure all new trees are adopted by someone very local who is willing to water and tend them. We will be looking for volunteers this spring to do just that. But these are the new trees and, like many of our members, we are concerned about the state of health of ageing population of trees that give Summersdale its leafy feel. Ray's article on Urban Trees puts it all in perspective and we feel that we must work with the local councils to get them to recognise the issue that these trees have a limited life and we must start replacing our lovely urban canopy.

Since our last newsletter we have heard that the appeal against the development of 92 dwellings on Daffodil Field was rejected and the planning refusal upheld. This was excellent news and a superb

demonstration of how local people can make themselves heard, particularly with the Council on our side. We will continue to represent you in such issues and work with councillors and other neighbourhood groups as necessary. It is also important that you, as individuals, make your voices known on planning issues as well. Whilst we will continue to represent you, as we are not a Statutory Body, your individual voice counts as much as ours; so we encourage you to help us. The more people that comment the better.

Many of you have expressed your concern over speeding on the Lavant Road and other areas within Summersdale. As we indicated in our last Newsletter, we have worked closely with Jason Lemm, our then PCSO, and Cllr Maureen Corfield and have formed a Summersdale Speed Watch Group, ably managed by Brian Towner. With the help of a Police grant, the SRA have bought speed monitoring equipment to enable them to operate more often. I'm sure you will have seen them monitoring traffic at 8 am on Lavant Road. Sara Wain, our deputy chairman, went out to join them one morning and you can find out more in her article on *page 8*. Many thanks to all the volunteers in this group but they are looking for more people to join them to help with the workload. If you are willing to be trained and give up the occasional hour or so for the good cause of helping to maintain our local speed limits, please contact them.

*Whilst we are very proud that we represent more than 40% of the households in Summersdale we are keen to increase this to above 50%. If you are reading this and live in Summersdale but are not a member, I would encourage you to come along to a meeting to tell us why not and what we can do to attract you to join, or just complete the form on the website and participate in **your** residents association and help make Summersdale an even better place to live.*

Planning Issues

The main current planning concerns are the major developments to the east and west of our area:

20/02824/OUT development of 165 houses in the strategic gap north of Madgwick Lane

The appeal ref APP/L3815/W/21/3270721 concluded last August, and was upheld by the Planning Inspector in his decision of 27 May 2022 with the conclusion that:

“..... the adverse impacts I have identified are moderate harm to character and appearance, conflicts with wider master planning and physical and visual integration, and harm to the Old Place Farmhouse complex.

Taken together, these would not significantly and demonstrably outweigh the many benefits, in particular the provision of housing, including affordable housing, and the creation of new areas of publicly accessible open and play space including significant biodiversity net gain.”

This decision was a surprise, following the inspector’s acceptance in the Raughmere appeal that CDC had demonstrated an adequate 5-year housing supply. Goodwood is thought to be considering a challenge.

22/01485/OUTEIA Whitehouse Farm phase 2

The SRA committee continues to monitor this, with a focus on the southern access route (SAR) and the proposal to make a country park in the area NE of the site. For an overview, see the

‘Indicative Landscape Plan’ along with ‘the Design & Access Statement part 1 of 4. Note that the proposed 850 homes add to the 750 in phase 1, totalling 1600 as agreed in the original scheme.

A CDC briefing took place on 22 September, airing many of the issues, and clarifying that the SAR needs to be built by the time 150 phase 2 houses occupied – later than originally planned.

The Southern Access Route raises serious concerns for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as motorists, and the impact on neighbouring roads and Centurion Way. Locals are concerned about a potential increase in traffic on Westgate and possible use of Sherbourne Road as a rat-run to bypass the city centre.

The proposed country park in the area NE of the site is in addition to the Southern Country Park, which formed part of the phase 1 development. It would occupy the two fields adjacent to Brandy Hole Copse Local Nature Reserve. Various objectors and the Friends of Brandy Hole Copse argue that, rather than being designated a Country Park, (which implies recreational use), these areas should become a Local Nature Reserve as an extension to Brandy Hole Copse.

It has been suggested that the Friends of Brandy Hole Copse could assume oversight of the extension on behalf of the District Council.

The latest report showing outstanding planning applications can be found on the **SRA website**.

Brandy Hole Copse

Brandy Hole Copse is a unique gem within the Summersdale area, as described in the article in the July 2017 newsletter see the Notice Board tab on the **SRA website**.

We take the opportunity here of renewing the appeal for more volunteers to join the **Friends of Brandy Hole Copse** and help ensure its future – please express interest via our chairman **chairman@summersdaleresidents.co.uk**

Cause for concern
Notice at
Lavant Road Surgery



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Patient appointments **NOT ATTENDED:**

July 2022 – **122**
August 2022 – **189**
September 2022 – **195**

If you find you are not able to attend, please phone the surgery on 01243 527264 in advance so that your appointment can be offered to another patient.

Its **GREAT** to see you out
WALKING your **DOG**
in **SUMMERSDALE**



Please **REMEMBER**
to bring a **BAG**
to pick up the **POO**

A Good Neighbour is a priceless treasure

- Chinese proverb

Kindly remove & dispose of your old signs & fixings

after an appropriate amount of time

- *lost pets, planning applications, events etc.*



**We have received reports of rusted
drawing pins damaging animals' paws**

Who was the artist who drew the design for the new logo?....



Rodney Funell... in his own words

I was born in Worthing and, after High School, went to Brighton School of Art for 5 years to train as an architect.

When I left college I was employed by Marcus Rainsford Fletcher in his Worthing office. He then opened a branch office in Chichester, in North Pallant. I moved to Chichester; the office was run by Godfrey Carroll and I was his assistant. This was in 1960.

After a year I decided to leave and move to the Architects Department at County Hall and was followed soon after by Godfrey Carroll.

When F R Steele retired from the County Council, he took over the office of Marcus Fletcher, taking Godfrey with him. He asked me to join but I declined. Godfrey was seriously injured in a car crash and died soon after. The practice of F R Steele closed.

When I was at the County Council, I was in the section that dealt with libraries, and I was responsible, amongst other library designs, for the detailed design of the circular County library in Chichester.

After a year at County Hall I decided to leave and join Teddy Nash and start my own architect's practice with Teddy running his surveyors practice. Our practice was Nash and Partners, and I retired about twenty years ago.

I have designed a number of buildings in Chichester, and various houses and conversions, but predominantly we dealt with commercial developments both locally and nationally.

When I first came to Chichester I lived in Fishbourne, then Brandy Hole Lane, and have lived in Raughmere Court, Lavant for the last 38 years in a set of converted farm buildings which I designed in the early 1980s .

Urban Trees

Throughout the summer of 2022, with its record breaking hours of sunshine, sustained high temperatures, and drought, Summersdale residents, as they had during the COVID Pandemic, enjoyed walking the pathways of their neighbourhood.

The tree lined roads and avenues provided shade and lower air temperatures, which enhanced the pleasure of the daily walk.

However, it is becoming obvious that we are losing, year by year, many more of our roadside and garden mature trees. As a consequence, there are gaps in the previous 100% shade provided by the tree canopy along many of our roadways. This is particularly noticeable in The Drive and Chestnut Avenue, where WSCC Highways has felled, for reasons of safety, diseased and decayed trees - Maples, Chestnuts and Limes, felled or lopped. This process will continue and, as a result, the very character of some of our roads will change for the worse, as trees planted in the last 80/100 years disappear.

Most of the original plantings, made in the 1930s along Summersdale Road, The Broadway and Highland Road, have gone in the last decade—thankfully replaced, but by smaller species of trees. Every recent development along the Lavant Road, the busiest of our neighbourhood’s roads, has see the removal of many trees.

Endless scientific articles have been published extolling the value and benefit of urban trees.

Public Health Benefits

Trees produce oxygen, necessary for life on this planet - a mature tree will produce enough oxygen each day to satisfy the requirements of a family of four.

Trees intercept dangerous airborne particulates, which are responsible for respiratory diseases, leading to 40,000 deaths annually in the UK. A tree lined road can capture up to 85% of particulate air pollution blowing

through their branches—a vital asset in areas, such as ours, which suffer from high levels of air pollution attributable to road traffic, aircraft, farm and industrial sources. Large canopy trees provide 30 times more air pollution interception than small canopy trees of similar age. To provide this, these sorts of trees need to grow to full size and remain healthy. Pollarding, and canopy raising and reducing, prevent trees growing to their full size and flourishing - free of disease and decay. Research has shown that access to trees and green spaces promote physical activity and reduce stress. Urban vegetation slows heart rates, lowers blood pressure and relaxes brain wave patterns.

Environmental Benefits

Trees provide energy savings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Trees hold carbon through the absorption of carbon dioxide - reducing the overall concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, which is one of the contributing factors promoting climate change.

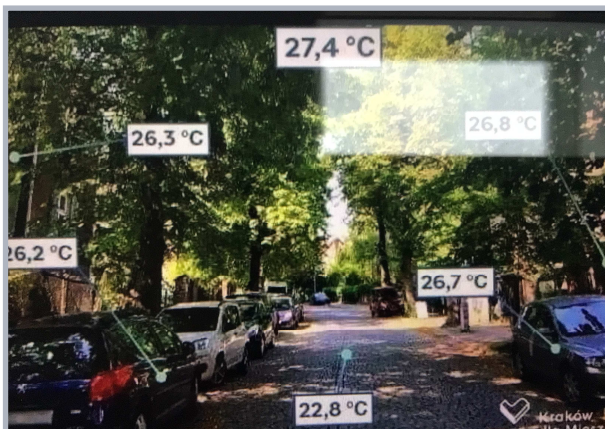
Trees are a natural air conditioner. Evaporation of water vapour from a single tree, transpiration, can produce the cooling effect of many residential air conditioning units. Summer temperatures in areas with trees are at least 6/8C lower than those in comparable neighbourhoods without trees.

Release of water vapour into the atmosphere will cool the surrounding area—mitigating the urban heat island effect. One of the main causes of this is that concrete, brick and tarmac retain much more heat than the same volume of air; so the greyer a town or city is, the more likely its inhabitants will experience excessive heat.

Trees absorb and block sound, thus reducing noise pollution by as much as 40%.

Trees act as windbreaks reducing heating costs in winter.

Trees provide important habitats for numerous birds, insects and animal species.



Images of Comparison of City Temperatures with and without Trees



Trees promote beneficial water quality and reduce storm water management costs. Trees capture and slow rainfall and their roots filter water and assist the recharge of aquifers. Trees reduce storm water run off, safeguarding precious soils and reducing erosion.

Economic Benefits

Trees increase property values

Homes landscaped with trees will sell more quickly and are worth 5-15% more than homes without trees.

Where a street is tree lined, homes will be worth 25% more than in a treeless street.

Our local councils, City, District, County, must include in their Strategic Plans, policies that will retain and

expand our urban tree canopies - carefully thought out, planned and costed- planning strategies, not knee jerk responses, to each planning application involving trees.

Mature trees with large crowns, that are in good condition , will provide more benefits than younger smaller trees. Ideally the canopy should be comprised of trees of varied species and varied ages,

In the urban environment trees face challenges - poor soils, inadequate growing space and conflicting landscape management pressures.

Action must be taken by local and national planning bodies to ensure urban canopy cover is maintained and expanded, over the long term.

Tree canopies take a long while to build



This magnificent Golden Rain Tree (Koelreuteria paniculata) was seen growing in a garden in Summersdale at the beginning of August.

The Chapel at Graylingwell is a beautiful community building right on our doorstep, owned, loved and managed by Chichester Community Development Trust (CCDT) – an independent charity set up to look after buildings within the new developments for the wellbeing of residents.

As each site is built, additional venues are transferred to CCDT, who identify and address the greatest needs in the immediate community through extensive consultation.

In addition to The Chapel, CCDT has developed:

The Pavilion –

a mind, body wellness space;

The Water Tower –

supporting enterprise and charities;

Roussillon Park Community Hall –

a generic space for private community hire;

The Wild Space –

an outdoor learning space for adults and children;

The Lodge –

offering affordable nursery provision.

10 reasons why being in nature is good for you

- 1 Walks in nature help your memory**
In general, attention is great, but one study from the University of Michigan discovered that participants who took a 15-minute walk and then walked through a maze performed better than those who took the test and then took a walk around the city.
- 2 You feel happier**
According to one research study, spending just 15 minutes walking in nature helped improve self-reported mood and psychological well-being. These effects were more powerful when they spent time walking.
- 3 Nature can literally heal**
One study shows that people exposed to more natural light walked faster than in a typical city and reported less pain than others in a health center in a natural drug store than those who did not take their pain medicine.
- 4 You can concentrate better**
Spending time in nature can improve your concentration by about 15% over a 20-minute period. In fact, a study found that people who spent time in nature were able to concentrate better on a task than those who did not.
- 5 It prompts weight loss**
Being outdoors may help you lose weight and gain muscle, but it also tends to make you more active. When you walk in nature, you are more likely to take a break and enjoy the view, which helps you lose weight in an unexpected way. Spending time in nature also helps you lose weight and gain muscle.
- 6 Nature limits your stress**
Being in nature reduces stress if you're in your own neighborhood. It can reduce stress in the body, lower blood pressure, and improve your heart rate. It's a great way to reduce stress.
- 7 Your vitamin D supply improves**
Spending time in nature helps your body produce vitamin D. A study that studied how vitamin D levels in people who spent time in nature found that they had higher levels of vitamin D than those who did not.
- 8 You age less painfully**
Spending time in nature helps you age less painfully. One study showed that people who spent time in nature every single day had lower levels of telomeres, a marker of aging, than those who did not.
- 9 It strengthens your immune system**
A Japanese study showed that people who spent time in nature had a higher number of natural killer cells, which fight off viruses and the latest threat about a week after the exposure.
- 10 It tightens feelings of depression**
In a recent study, being in nature helped people who are in a bad mood. Spending time in nature helps you in many ways, including your mental health. Studies show that people who spend time in nature have lower levels of depression and anxiety.

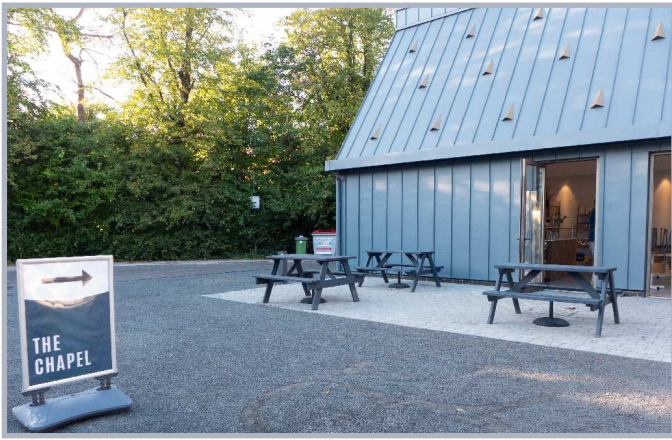
THE WILD SPACE
This community space is owned and loved by Chichester Community Development Trust. It is a space to discover nature, explore and learn. It has been made possible by the wonderful generosity of the Lottery Community Fund and Southern Water. Our incredible shelter, designed by George Clark's Amazing Spaces team, allows use of The Wild Space all year round. It has come to life thanks to the skilled team at Banefoot Carpentry and our wonderful community volunteers.

What happens here?
CCDT provide activities and workshops for toddlers, nurseries, youth and adults. Our aim is to get as many people out in nature as possible due to its many benefits for our mental health as well as the opportunities the Wild Space provides for learning and discovery.

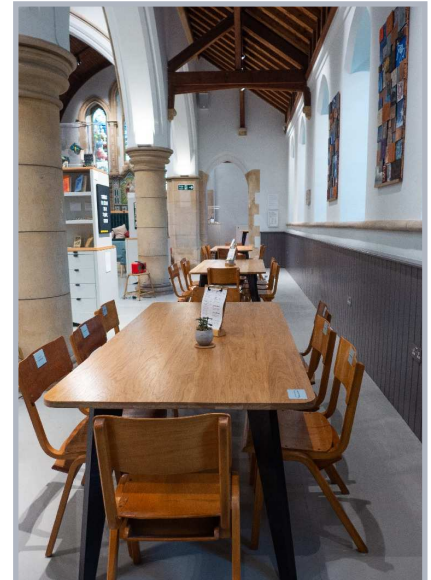
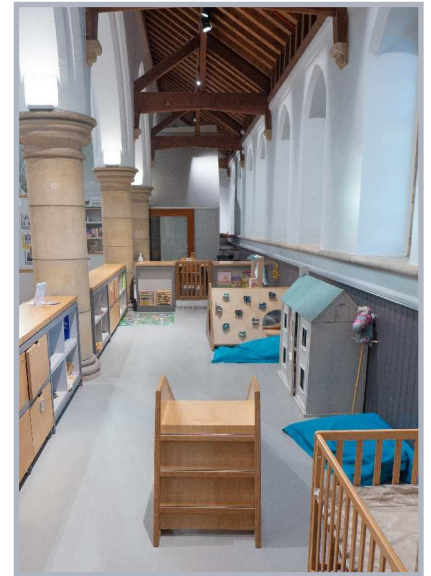
Would you like to use this space?
The Wild Space is available to hire. For more information visit: thepavilionchichester.com/the-space

CHICHESTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST
Sponsor thanks to: Covers, Banefoot Carpentry, CCDT volunteers, Souther Water, National Lottery Community Fund, May's News Centre





WELCOME! THIS IS YOUR SPACE
 IT'S A SPACE TO WANDER AND WONDER,
 A SPACE TO SEEK AND EXPLORE,
A SPACE TO DREAM
 IT'S A SPACE TO DISCOVER,
 IT IS A SPACE TO CARE, SHARE AND SMILE.
 IT IS A SPACE TO INVENT, A SPACE TO
ASPIRE AND INSPIRE.
 IT IS A SPACE TO RELAX AND ENJOY. A SPACE TO FIND SANCTUARY
A SPACE TO BELIEVE, A SPACE TO THINK AND IMAGINE
 IT'S A SPACE TO BROWSE, A SPACE TO REFLECT AND PERUSE
A SPACE TO BEGIN AND SUCCEED



But the jewel in the crown is surely The Chapel that opened in spring this year. It has something for everyone. Whether you're just after a cup of coffee or lunch with friends in the café or in the open chapel area whilst your kids play freely in the interactive play area in the north aisle, or an evening's entertainment of music, comedy, dancing or wine tasting, you'll find it here and a multitude of other things in between.

Its open tables and meeting rooms make space for clubs of all sorts whether it be a book club, sewing club or knitting group you are looking for, or creative workshops in photographic printing, pottery, wreath making or art. There are support groups of various kinds from new mums to oldies and, of course, a plethora of kids' activities—particularly during holiday times (Santa's Grotto included at Christmas). The Chapel houses a permanent

heritage exhibition, which CCDT team will willingly walk you through, giving residents a look into the fascinating history that took place on the site over the last 120 years.

Combining this with the other facilities enables yoga, pilates, 'couch to 5k', outdoor activities and a Chichester Shed where people can bring along their own projects or work together on a community one.

These really are facilities run for our local community on our behalf. They are non profit making but have to pay their own way so are well worth supporting. To see what's on have a look on their website <https://graylingwellchapel.com/about/> You may be pleasantly surprised and start filling your diary to Christmas.

And, of course, it wouldn't be Christmas in a chapel without some carol singing (5th December).

On a Monday morning, in early September, between 8 am and 9 am, I joined our local Chichester Summersdale Community Speed Watch group to watch them in action on the southbound side of the A286, Lavant Road. After calibrating our detection device with a tuning fork, **within 5 minutes** of setting up we recorded our first speeding vehicle, doing **39 mph!**

Traffic steadily built over the hour and, with 508 southbound cars recorded, I was advised that on average 5% of cars are recorded speeding on this section of the A286—with that figure rising to 20% on Brandy Hole Lane.

The A286, Lavant Road, suffers from a lack of repeater signs, reminding drivers it is a 30 mph zone from the Northgate gyratory to the garage. It has been 30 mph since 2013 so ignorance is no longer an excuse.* The majority of cars slowed as they approached, indicating a marked change in behaviour, but it was obvious that they were unaware of the limit as they still cruised by at over 30 mph.

* The presence of street lights generally indicates that there's a 30 mph speed limit, unless signs tell you otherwise. (Ed)



At the end of the hour, our paperwork, doubly recorded and verified as accurate by the whole team, reported **19 cars travelling between 36-39 mph and 6 cars travelling at 39 mph.** Unless there is 100% agreement for each speeding offence, drivers are given the benefit of the doubt. It is a real team effort.

Standing at the roadside, it was not just the safety aspect of reduced speeds which struck me, but the significant reduction in the level of road noise. Cars, tractors and lorries, all traveling within the speed limit, appeared less invasive

and noise levels less monotonous. I was mindful of the positives for the environment too—less pollution and the quiet enjoyment from the monotony of thundering vehicles for local residents.

As we were packing up, a Lavant resident stopped to ask for information on how to set up a Speed Watch operation in high-risk areas of East Lavant—proof that our positive contribution to the neighbourhood was noticed.

What is Community Speed Watch?

Community Speed Watch is a preventative intervention scheme, aimed at increasing public awareness and driver education. Community volunteers, with support and supervision from local police, monitor and record details of speeding vehicles using police approved hand-held speed detection devices. Both the Police and Highways Agency approve sites, with detectors sited in a location for only two weeks at a time. The volunteers record the details of any vehicle which is exceeding the speed limit by around 10%.

How does it work?

The registered keeper of a vehicle exceeding the speed limit is contacted, initially by letter, explaining the risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. A third offence will trigger a visit from the local police, irrespective of where the offender lives. Beyond these friendly gestures, enforcement and criminal prosecution can follow, based on the collated evidence.

Cars recorded speeding may often flag up other DVLA data about the vehicle, such as its TAX, MOT, and SORN (Statutory Off-Road Notification) status. The police can also target breaches of these compulsory legal conditions for enforcement.

Why is it necessary and what does it achieve?

Speeding is a form of antisocial behaviour and collisions, caused by excessive speed, are avoidable. Throughout the country, residents feel unsafe using their local roads, with their quality of life diminished. Half of the UK population are angry at apathy towards speeding.



The SRA Speed Watch Group received a cheque from PCSO Jason Lemm for £250 matching funding from the SRA.

The money will be used to buy speed tracking equipment. The cheque was presented outside One Stop in The Broadway





*PCSO Jason Lemm
William Barnes
Cllr Maureen Corfield
Claire Russell
Jill Shaw*

*John Newman
John Marsh
Brian Towner
Andy Bowler
PCSO Will Parker*

SUMMERSDALE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

30TH MARCH 2022 TO 5TH OCTOBER 2022

8 ACTIVE TRAINED VOLUNTEERS

 <p>12,500 Cars counted</p>	 <p>568 Number of first letters sent</p>	  <p>8 Number of sites 4 @ 30 mph 4 @ 20 mph</p>	
<p>48 mph Top speed recorded (LAVANT ROAD)</p>	<p>39 mph Top speed recorded (SUMMERSDALE RD)</p>	<p>23 Number of second letters sent</p>	<p>39 Number of sessions (30/3 — 5/10)</p>



Speedwatch activity is not about interfering with neighbours' behaviour; it is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the local community.

How to volunteer

The scheme operates at the bottom of the enforcement spectrum. Uniformed police officers do not accompany groups. Chichester Summersdale Community Speed Watch currently has 11 volunteers, who work occasional 1 hour or 1 1/2 hour sessions, a few times per week, if volunteer levels allow, at a variety of locations. Generally, sessions are at the same time of day, during peak traffic periods.

If you would like to volunteer, activities are varied, including: recording data of offences, counting traffic (with a clicker), directing the speed detector device, or inputting findings onto the database.

More information is available at www.communityspeedwatch.org or you can contact our Summersdale Community Speed Watch at summersdalecsw@outlook.com



Platinum Jubilee Street Parties in Summersdale Now a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II



The Avenue/The Drive



*Kate Simons—wearing the crown—
with Sara Wain, our deputy chairman*



*Pam Parsons won the prize
for the best crown*



*Roger Heald and Mrs Rosie Turner (above)
provided the music*



Ferndale/Maplehurst Road



Cakes in all shapes and sizes

Rew Lane

Marchwood



The **SRA owns the large Notice Board** alongside the Council one. We allow local organisations to advertise their events free of charge—anything up to A4 size. It is a good way to make your events known to the wider public. You are welcome to **drop them in the box** beside my front door at 15 Selham Close. We also take commercial adverts but charge £5 per month; **please ring 778374 or call at the house.**

Dates for Diaries 2022

Committee Meetings 2022/23	Goodwood 2023	Other information
<p>All meetings will now be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at St Michael's Hall, Chichester</p> <p>16 November 18 January 15 March 26 April 17 May 24 May AGM (location tbc) 12 July</p> <p>If any member has an issue that they wish to be discussed please email the Chairman at least two weeks before the meeting.</p>	<p>80th Members' Meeting Sat 15 — Sun 16 April</p> <p>Festival of Speed Thu 13 — Sun 16 July</p> <p>Qatar Goodwood Festival Tue 1 — Sat 5 August</p> <p>Eroica Britannia (Cycling Event) Sat 5 — Sun 6 August</p> <p>Revival Meeting Fri 8 — Mon 11 September</p> <p>To contact the motor circuit call 01243 775060 or email on circuit@goodwood.com</p> <p>For noise management go to www.goodwood.com/motorsport/motor-circuit/history/noise-management/</p>	<p>Complaints about Goodwood flights go to www.goodwood.com/flying/aerodrome/noise-management/ 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 www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk</p> <p>We post information on our notice board by the letter box in The Broadway. We will also advise you of any urgent matters by email</p> <p>No current allocated PCSO Phone 999 if urgent; 101 if non urgent</p>

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