

Heathfields Residents Association Newsletter

News from the Committee

Since the last newsletter was issued we have unfortunately lost two Directors from the Committee. Martyn Corbet and Lynn Driscoll both resigned earlier this year for personal reasons. Both directors had been on the Committee for a long time and had made a valuable contribution to the running of the HRA. Despite this, the five remaining directors continue to provide a service for the benefit of the estate. Over the past few months we have ensured the maintenance programme has continued, with improvements to the paths. We are in the process of getting a new road map board at the entrance to the estate so that visitors can check the house numbers and location. Also, we intend to upgrade and improve the HRA website to include many more features. HRA has also bought some litter picking equipment to assist in the periodic 'clean ups' (should anyone wish to borrow one of these to carry out a bit of local litter picking please contact David Schneider at 48 Woburn Place). The enquiry about setting up a neighbourhood watch has unfortunately not been progressed due to lack of response to this initiative (despite the possibility of this contributing towards reduced household insurance).

HeART

Since the last issue of this newsletter the Heathfield Area Recreation Trust (HeART) trustees have made significant progress in preparation for charity status. The charity now has a bank account and promises of donations from Bee Moving Estate Agents and Hexcel Duxford. A grant application has already been made to South Cambridgeshire District Council Community Chest Grants programme and a website is under construction. Several other fundraising initiatives have been proposed and these will be taken forward over the coming months.



So, what does that mean for the estate?

Well, quite simply any monies raised will be used to upgrade, improve and maintain the equipment in the play park. The ambition is to provide much better facilities for the children using this park. Adults have not been forgotten as we would like to buy new picnic tables and benches.

The initial plan for the playground looks like this:



HeART's Board would love to hear your thoughts on the plan. Please take a look at HeART's Facebook page and comment on what's good or bad. If there's something else that you'd like to see included, simply add your suggestions to the Facebook page or contact David Schneider.

As a side issue the money raised is 'charitable' and completely separate from the HRA accounting. This means that HRA

funding in the future will not have to be used in this area (and can be spent on other estate projects, as agreed).

HeART could not have achieved so much without the input and assistance of one of our residents - Madeleine Cassidy - who acts as the charity adviser. She has years of experience dealing with charity matters in her capacity as Chief Executive of *Support 4 Sight*, a local charity, and we are grateful for her input. *Note: If you would also like to help in any way please contact Darren Mullet, HeART Chairman, 75 Kingsway.*

In Memory of Dudley Chew



Thriplow Parish Council decided to pay tribute to the work of Dudley Chew who was a parish councillor for Heathfield. Members of Dudley's family and some parish councillors attended the dedication of plaque in Dudley's memory. Dudley was for many years a resident in Kingsway. Whilst a parish councillor he did a lot for the area in a quiet and committed way. Dudley was outspoken and always made people aware of what

he thought. Whilst he was direct in his opinions without fear or favour he always had the best of intentions. His wit and sense of humour are greatly missed as is his friendship.

Selling Your House?



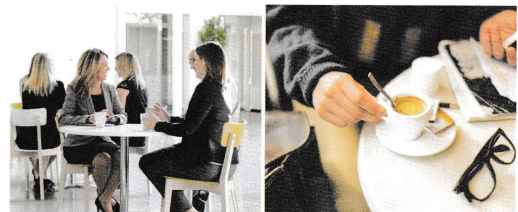
Don't forget! If you are selling your house, please let us know as soon as as possible as the HRA will need to provide documentation to the solicitors and respond to any

conveyancing issues. Failure to do may delay the buying/selling process. If you have any queries about this, please speak to one of the directors.

Finally, some of you may be aware that there has been an interest in the ex-Iceni site from a large, local automotive and engineering firm. No other details are available, but any further news will be reported in the Heathfield Facebook page.


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