



Heathfield Residents Association (HRA) Newsletter

News From The Committee

Welcome to the first HRA Newsletter of 2019. This is only a short newsletter as time prevents us producing a full colour, four-page version as previously circulated. That said, we hope that you find the information here useful and informative.

During 2019 the HRA Committee will continue with the programme of estate maintenance, including replacing damaged/rotten bollards, upgrading paths and pruning/pollarding trees (where necessary). The installation of road safety measures has been delayed for various reasons, but it is our intention to complete this project in 2019 – making our roads safer. We will notify residents affected by any disruption that may be caused as a result of the work.

Overflowing drains continue to be a problem on the estate, especially during Autumn and Winter when there is a build up of leaves. The drains were cleared last year and we will continue to monitor this situation to ensure it does not cause a problem. We politely remind residents that it is their responsibility to trim and cut back any trees and bushes that overhang onto HRA paths and roads. Any excessive overhang can damage vehicles and obstruct pedestrians, especially where these areas are narrow.

Annual General Meeting

The HRA AGM was held on the 29th November 2018 at Thriplow Village Hall. This was an opportunity for shareholders to share their views, vote on important issues and determine the future approach of HRA. Disappointingly, only four residents attended. There is a substantial investment by the HRA committee in time, effort and cost in arranging these meetings. Therefore, the HRA Committee has decided that from 2019 there will be no further AGMs and instead we will apply the legislation contained in the Companies Act 2006 to manage HRA business. This means that voting on major HRA issues - e.g. election of new director - will be via written resolutions sent to all shareholders. The annual report and accounts will be sent out annually and important information will be circulated as necessary.

It is disappointing that this has to happen as the AGM was an important opportunity for members to meet up and discuss our estate, but the previous poor attendances have determined this way forward. Shareholders can be assured that there will be no reduction in the service provided by HRA under these new procedures and we hope that you are in agreement.

Heathfield House

You may have seen some activity recently at Heathfield House. We are pleased to report that there has been some progress and we understand there is now a new owner for the site, which has been closed since 2015. It is only in the early stages but we believe the new owner intends

to refurbish the building for his own business occupation and also offer the offices to let, similarly to the Officers Mess. This is good news for the building and our estate and probably the most suitable use of the property in respect of its effect on our estate. Heavy industrial use, or even a new housing development, would have doubtless had a negative impact locally. At this early stage we do not know if the side access road will be reopened. If it is at least it will provide the other route in and out of the estate that we have had for over 40 years.

We will of course update HRA residents when we have more information, as will TPC and SCDC.

Heathfest 2019

The first Heathfest event, organised by our local charity HeART, took place last year. Because of its success and positive feedback HeART has decided to hold another one this year - on Saturday 29th June, 3pm-1130pm. This year, entry will be free, but you will need to request and present tickets on the day. There will be live music, more stalls, food, entertainment and a bar – but hopefully the buzzing cockchafer will be absent! The event will be held on the large field behind Ringstone and we hope to see you on the day. Tickets are available on Eventbrite or visit the HeART website www.heartfamilies.org

Events 2019

Thriplow Daffodil Weekend	23 rd and 24 th March (HeART will have a tombola stall here)
IWM Air Festival	25 th and 26 th May
IWM Flying Legends	13 th and 14 th July
IWM Air Show	21 st and 22 nd September

Help us out

The HRA Committee is always looking for residents to help out with the running of the association. You can either become a director of the committee, or alternatively volunteer for specific tasks as a non-director. We always need assistance with such things as administration, website design, organisation and general tasks. If you are interested in helping to improve our estate please contact one of the directors.

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