



Heathfield Residents Association Newsletter



News From The Committee

As 2019 closes it's time to review the past year and the issues affecting our estate, including the achievements, challenges and changes that have occurred. We also need to look forward to 2020 to see what HRA needs to accomplish.

It has been a very busy year: we have responded to and dealt with many residents' enquiries, from blocked drains, parking problems and property issues - to name but a few. This was done in our own time and without any support (we are all volunteers). We are pleased to report that we responded quickly to all such communications. Only this month we acted positively following a request to urgently sort out overflowing sewerage in Kingsway.

Also during the year we continued with the maintenance programme, installing new benches on the green in Whitehall Gardens, removing the unsightly mound at the end of Kingsway, repairing kerbstones/bollards and

arranging for the major repairs to the cracks in the roads. There has also been continuous liaison with the owner of Heathfield House to ensure his works programme took into consideration the impact on our

estate. Despite opposing the (retrospective) planning application to erect a new fence, this has unfortunately been approved by SCDC.

We are pleased that two residents joined the HRA Committee in November as volunteers. Sue and Colin only moved onto the estate in October and they have already made a positive contribution to the Committee.

During 2019 five houses on the estate were sold and that means we welcomed ten new residents.



The Challenges Ahead



Unfortunately, we have not been able to proceed as planned with the major road traffic enhancements, including new signs, a zebra crossing and road markings. This will be a major priority for 2020.

Also, we were disappointed that our website crashed this year, but plans are now in place to use the established Parish Council website designers (see Triplow website example). Their websites are affordable, easy to use, simple to update and are fully responsive, so that they can be viewed on any device. By using this format we can ensure a much more secure platform. We hope to go live with the new site in early 2020.

It is frustrating to find that Anglian Water lorries are still using the estate roads to access the treatment plant to dispose of their effluent. As this is not authorised HRA have been in contact with Anglian Water and we are waiting for their response to this issue. Hopefully, this matter will be resolved fairly soon.



Debt Recovery – A Great Success



In our spring issue we mentioned that we would be utilising the services of a debt solicitor to recover unpaid HRA fees. This has been very successful and as of 10th December we have recovered £3400. After paying out expenses we still recouped **£3297** - not an insignificant amount! Enquiries will continue in 2020 to recover further debts. If anyone requires information on their fee account they should contact RWA Accountants on 01223 576006 or email enquiries@rwaonline.co.uk

Dates for Your Diary

The dates of two 2020 IWM Air Show events have been announced: **'The Air Festival'** on 23 and 24 May and the **'Battle of Britain Show'** on 23 and 24 September. Remember, the traffic is extremely busy on local roads during these events.



Thriplow Daffodil Weekend will be held on 28 and 29 March 2020. If you can spare an hour or so to help out, volunteers are required for this event. In return, you will get free entry for you and your family for the weekend. For more information visit <http://www.thriplowdaffodils.org.uk>

The annual **Heathfest** event will be held on the large field opposite Ringstone on Saturday June 27th 2020. This is the third year that our local charity HeART has held this so gather your friends, family and neighbours for a great social event for all ages.

Finally, the HRA Committee wish all our residents a very merry Christmas and we hope that you all have a lovely New Year.