For your diary:

## **HWRA Autumn General Meeting.**

Thursday 5th October at 8 p.m. in St.Christopher's Church Hall, Claygate Lane

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#### **Contacting Hinchley Wood Residents Association**



Your residents association councillors for Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward (L to R):

Tannia Shipley

Nigel Haig-Brown

Janet Turner

HWRA works with Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents' Association to ensure that the interests of residents of the Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward are fully represented on Elmbridge Borough Council.

Our councillors are available to deal with any comments or concerns about council services or other local issues.

For matters relating to Hinchley Wood, please contact Janet or Nigel:

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All residents are warmly invited to the 2017 Autumn General Meeting, which will be held on Thursday 5th October at 8 p.m. in St.Christopher's Church Hall, Claygate Lane.

The speaker will be David Page of Elmbridge Borough Council, who will give a presentation on the topic of "Our wonderful countryside - how it works, and the benefits to the local community".

## **Subscriptions**

It's the time of year when we make another appeal for your continued support through your subscription of £3 per household (£2 for a sole resident).

Please be sure to fill in your name and house number on the subscription envelope before it is collected by, or returned to, your road representative. If possible, please also add your e-mail address if you are not already a member of our emailing list. These will only be used for urgent updates from HWRA, and will not be passed on to third parties.

If you are in a road without a representative, or are unsure, please take your subscription to the subscriptions secretary, Roy Turner, at 2 Montgomery Avenue.

#### **Overhanging shrubs**

Please show consideration for your neighbours (especially the elderly, the partially-sighted, and those with small children and pushchairs) by making sure that vegetation is trimmed back to the boundary of your property and does not overhang or obstruct the footway.

#### **Parking review**

Surrey County Council (SCC) have published a formal notice of the conclusions in local newspapers and on their website (<a href="www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/local-parking-news-and-updates/parking-news-and-updates-in-elmbridge">www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/local-parking-news-and-updates-in-elmbridge</a>). Details may also be viewed at Esher Library.

Comments should be submitted by 22nd September via the SCC website or in writing (quoting Esher, Claygate and Hinchley Wood parking review) to Parking Team, Hazel House, Merrow Depot, Merrow Lane, Guildford, GU4 7BQ.

#### Litter picking

We have now carried out two litter picks around the village.

The first one was in the Memorial Gardens area, between the railway station and Manor Road North. Kitted out in HWRA high visibility vests and equipped with professional litter picking sticks, we managed to find one quite nice cycle wheel and fill five of the sacks that had been generously provided by Amey (the recently-appointed refuse contractor for Elmbridge).

Our second session was to try and improve the look of the A309, so that drivers using that road would get a good impression of Hinchley Wood as they travelled through the village. Unfortunately for us the word must have got to the local authority, because their litter pick team was spotted on the same section of road just a few days before. However we spread our team to cover a larger area than originally intended, and managed to fill eleven sacks, which were duly collected by our friends from Amey

### **Elderly residents**

Once again we ask residents to be vigilant for signs of elderly or otherwise vulnerable neighbours being exploited by rogue traders or confidence tricksters, and to report any concerns to the police (telephone 101) or to trading standards on 03454 040506 or at <a href="https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards">www.surreycc.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards</a>

#### **Planning issues**

Residents are reminded that planning permission is required for extensions to driveways covering more than 5 square metres, and for boundary walls abutting public roads when over 900mm in height.

#### **Local Plan**

Residents will recall the recent consultation about the Local Plan which Elmbridge Borough Council is required by central government to produce, and in particular the concerns about the possibility of large-scale housing development on the Long Ditton Green Belt around Woodstock Lane

The Council received a large number of comments - around 50,000 from 3,760 respondents. All comments have been read and registered. The key issues raised have been reported to Councillors and a Summary of Consultation Responses has been published, as well as the individual comments received to the Consultation. Links to these documents can be found on the Hinchley Wood website <a href="https://www.hinchleywood.org.uk">www.hinchleywood.org.uk</a>.

Concurrently, a review of all under-used land, including for example large back gardens, is being undertaken, with a view to ruling them in or out of consideration as possible development options.

#### **NEW TREASURER NEEDED**

After nearly 29 years as treasurer, Martin Higgs is moving away from Hinchley Wood, and although he is willing to continue for the next few months we need to start looking for a replacement. Although the role is not onerous, it does carry some legal responsibilities. If anyone is interested, please email <a href="mailto:enquiries@hinchleywood.org.uk">enquiries@hinchleywood.org.uk</a>, and we will will put you in touch with Martin who can explain more about the role.