

Rottingdean Community Report – 6 March 2017

This report highlights local community activity and associated achievements of the Parish Council. It includes items where residents and various agencies have contacted the Parish Council with concerns during the past month or contributions to the wellbeing and/or facilities for the locality. The Report will be presented at the 6 March 2017 meeting before posting on the Parish Council website.

1. Two surveys are currently being undertaken of residents:

- A Rottingdean Traders Survey
<http://www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk/rottingdean-questionnaire>
- Simon Kirby (MP) A259 Traffic Survey
<https://www.simonkirby.org/campaigns/a259-traffic-survey>

2. **Offer of beach telescope:** Rampion Offshore Windfarm has asked RPC to consider their offer to site a telescope (with maintenance for three years (total value around £5200). RPC have been asked to nominate a seafront location with good visibility of the wind farm. The telescope would be sourced from *Tourist Telescopes* and is the top-of-the-range talking telescope - but minus the Talking element (it will be silent) and no coin slot, as Rampion would like it to be free to users.

3. **Rottingdean in Bloom:** The Chair of *Rottingdean in Bloom* has informed that the City Council is this year unable to contribute funding to support a Village entry to a number of awards. RPC has been approached to consider increasing its grant to £1500 this year.

4. **Take the Lead campaign to promote responsible dog ownership:** The South Downs National Park Authority launched the next stage of the Take the Lead campaign which encourages responsible dog walking in the South Downs National Park – www.southdowns.gov.uk/takethelead Key messages in this campaign are focused on putting dogs on the lead around livestock, picking up dog mess, being aware of sensitive wildlife such as ground nesting birds. You can help support this campaign by sharing animation and videos (launching next week) on your social media channels - www.southdowns.gov.uk/takethelead

5. **Enforcement of parking in Rottingdean –** an article in the Argus this month can be found at http://www.theargus.co.uk/news/15101658.Traders_furious_over_the_parking_informer/

6. **Whiteway Centre AGM is on 30 March:** Following the meeting, (at around 8.30 pm) **Mike Laslett**, local historian, will give a short talk on “**People and Places of the Deans**”. Mike currently writes a local history article in the Deans magazine, and provides tours and talks for local groups. He is archivist for Rottingdean Preservation Society, a voluntary Brighton Greeter and a guide for the old cells police museum.