



# **SOUTHDEAN ESTATE RESIDENTS GROUP** **NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022**

*Welcome* to the Southdean Estates Residents Group Newsletter.

With the Lionesses “bringing it home”, English successes in the Commonwealth Games and the long spell of dry and warm weather, we hope that this latest newsletter finds you all in good spirits.

The estate committee has met several times since the last newsletter and an AGM for 2022 was held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022. A summary follows below:

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2022 AGM was held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, and 24 members recorded their attendance. The draft minutes have been on the Notice Boards on our estate, located at the north end of Southdean Drive and on the corner of Rose Avenue and Tuscan Avenue, and are now on the website at [southdeanestate.com](http://southdeanestate.com).

The AGM had been moved to a 12:00 start to hopefully allow members, who had other morning commitments, to be able to attend. This had not been successful, and attendance was extremely low, with just enough to form a quorum for voting. It will revert to 11:00am next year.

The AGM is a good opportunity to find out what is happening around the estate and to put questions to the committee and it is worth reminding members that you can only vote if you have paid the Road Rates for that year.

Due to Covid, the previous AGM was held only five months before, so the Chairman’s and Treasurer’s reports were shorter than usual. The Treasurer proposed an increase in the Road Rates to £130 for 2023 which was agreed. It was also agreed to add 5% interest to arrears of Road Rates when the invoices are sent out for the following year.

The existing committee were willing to continue and one more volunteer joined after the meeting. (The Treasurer has since moved from the estate and Andrew Lubienski has been co-opted onto the committee to replace him.)

# **SOUTHDEAN ESTATE COMMITTEE**

The membership for the new Committee is listed below:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>	<b>Road Rep for:</b>
Joint Chairpersons	Nick Trish	01243 582500	Greenway Top of Rose Avenue (1-10)
	5, Rose Avenue		
Treasurer	David Garn	07598 029594	37 Southdean Drive
	62 Southdean Drive		
Secretary	Steve McKie	01243 696438	Southdean Close Bottom of Rose Avenue
Committee Member	Laurie Beestone	07836 506701	2 to 40 Southdean Drive (even numbers only)
			42 to 64 Southdean Drive (both odd and even numbers)
Committee Member	Spencer Aubrey	01243 586446	3 to 41 Southdean Drive (odd numbers only)
Committee Member	Vicky Harris	07492 785221	St. Nicholas Lane Tuscan Avenue, Main Drive
Committee Member	Renate Waller		Shaw Close
<b>Assisting the Committee</b>			
Steve Ruddock			Website & Internet communications
Paul Westwood			Estate Maintenance

There is still one vacancy on the committee if any resident would like to be involved.

## **FINANCES**

The value of the roads has now been written down due to general wear and tear and, although the estate is now holding a surplus balance, it is worth reminding members that the monies are being accumulated for refurbishment of the roads when due.

The estate does not have funds for significant new infrastructure projects, or for estate matters other than road and passageway maintenance. These would require an additional charge on residents if it were decided that the estate should take action.

Any Resident who wants a copy of the accounts and the figures involved can request them from the Committee.

As mentioned earlier, Road Rates will be £130 for 2023.

## **TREE PLANTING**

The Southdean Estate is supporting the Queen's Green Canopy project by encouraging residents to plant trees on the verges of the estate. Details have been on the noticeboards, in the previous newsletter, and on the website. The closing date for applications to participate in the scheme is Wednesday 7 September 2022.

## **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

The committee have recently been focussed on sorting out the estate maintenance, assessing the estate signs, updating the resident's booklet, introducing a GDPR (Data Protection) policy, discussing the appearance of Air B&B's on the estate, and arranging a beach clean.

### ***ESTATE MAINTENANCE***

Hopefully you will have all noticed the excellent work that Paul Westwood has been doing around the estate, clearing the twittens of weeds and other debris, and repairing and repainting the entrance to Rose Avenue. If you have any suggestions of work that needs to be done, please contact your road rep. or email the committee at southdeanestate@gmail.com

Where other boundaries do not belong to the estate, we are attempting to pursue the relevant people to get things done.

### ***SPEEDING***

The thorny issue of speeding on estate roads continues to be discussed and the committee has recently made available "wheely bin" speed limit signs to all residents, and future improvements to road signage have been agreed. If you haven't had any "wheely bin" signs, please speak to your road representative.

The speeding issue was covered in detail in the last newsletter, but it is worth emphasising that one of the most effective things that residents can do is to politely challenge anyone seen exceeding the speed limit if you can; reminding them that the estate roads do not have pavements and therefore there will be pedestrians in the roads.

If you can get Company details from vehicles, and the registration it is worth contacting the company concerned with the time and date of the occurrence.

### ***Beach Clean***

A beach clean is being organized at the end of the school holidays, on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am. Further details will appear on the noticeboard, the website and the Facebook page nearer to the date but book the time in now if you can help. The more the merrier, and easier!

## **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

At the 2021 AGM attendees were asked to provide an email address as we would like to improve our communication with residents and reduce the amount of paper and ink that we use, along with the associated cost.

If you didn't get this newsletter by email, and you would like to receive future Association updates and newsletters, please provide your email address to the committee at [southdeanestate@gmail.com](mailto:southdeanestate@gmail.com).

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Next committee meeting – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Beach Clean – Sunday 11th September @ 10:00am**