



# **Southdean Estate Residents' Group Newsletter September 2023**

Welcome to the Southdean Estates Residents' Group Newsletter. We hope you have made the most of the Indian summer as it looks as if autumn has arrived with spectacular lightning storms, accompanying downpours and a sudden drop in temperature. For those who enjoy their gardens there will be the bonus of lush vegetation without the chore of watering. For those who love the beach it is a time of lively seas and solitude once more.

The estate committee has met several times since the last newsletter, including the AGM which was held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We have also hosted a very successful summer party and are already looking forward to our Christmas gathering.

The newsletter summarises the work of the committee and the activity of the Southdean Estate. We hope it gives you an insight into what has happened over the last seven months and what plans we have moving forward.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The 2023 AGM was held on 26<sup>th</sup> March and was attended by 41 members. This was a significant increase on the previous year which was pleasing. The draft minutes are displayed on the notice boards at the top end of Southdean Drive and on the corner of Rose Avenue and Tuscan Avenue. They are also available on [www.southdeanestate.com](http://www.southdeanestate.com)

The AGM is a great opportunity to find out what is happening around the estate and to put questions to the committee. There is also an opportunity to socialise afterwards with a glass of wine or a cup of tea.

### **Chair's report**

New speed signs have been installed to encourage drivers to maintain the speed limit of 15 mph. Estate noticeboards have also been replaced and are being updated more regularly. An update of the Residents' handbook has taken place and is available from committee members.

### **Treasurer's report**

Andrew Lubienski distributed the accounts which are available on the website or by request from [southdeanestate@gmail.com](mailto:southdeanestate@gmail.com)

There has been minor expenditure on road marking, signage and maintenance but the accounts remain in good order. However, in order to meet the cost of future road refurbishment it was agreed that the Road Rates would increase by £5 to £135 for 2024.

## Committee membership

The existing committee members agreed to continue and were re-elected on-block along with two new members, Sarah Dakin and Wendy Griffiths. Potential vacancies existed for additional directors of Southdean Estate Limited to join the three current directors. Spencer Aubrey, Laurie Beestone and Andrew Lubienski expressed an interest in joining the board. This has subsequently been confirmed.

## Southdean Estate Committee members

| Position         | Incumbent            | Telephone No. | Road Rep for:               |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Joint Chairs     | Nick Trish           | 01243 582500  | Top of Rose Avenue (1-10)   |
|                  | 5, Rose Avenue       |               |                             |
|                  | David Garn           | 07598 029594  |                             |
|                  | 62 Southdean Drive   |               |                             |
| Treasurer        | Andrew Lubienski     |               |                             |
|                  | 37 Southdean Drive   |               |                             |
| Secretary        | Steve McKie          | 01243 696438  | Southdean Close             |
|                  | Kestel, Rose Avenue. |               | 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 | Sarah Dakin          | 07774949438   | Shaw Close                  |
|                  |                      |               | Greenway                    |
|                  |                      |               |                             |
| Committee Member | Wendy Griffiths      | 07590983120   |                             |
|                  |                      |               | 51 Southdean Drive          |

## Assisting the Committee

|               |                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Steve Ruddock | Website & Internet communications |
| Paul Westwood | Estate Maintenance                |

# **Committee Matters**

## **Estate Business**

### **SGN Works**

We are pleased to be able to confirm that the SGN work to replace the gas mains in Southdean Drive, Rose Avenue and Greenway is now complete. What could have been a hugely disruptive undertaking was done without too much inconvenience, for which we thank the contractors. There was one incident, when the agreed diversion for works in Rose Avenue was not put in place, but this was quickly rectified after an email was sent by the committee. Now that the work is complete, the committee will assess the state of the roads on the estate over the coming months and obtain quotes for resurfacing work where it is considered necessary. The repairs by SGN are guaranteed for five years which will be taken into consideration in future resurfacing plans.

### **Estate Maintenance**

Paul Westwood continues to do excellent work on the estate. Some issues have been raised with the committee relating to minor works requiring attention and these are in hand, including new signage at the beach end of the Southdean Drive twitten to encourage visitors to take their rubbish home.

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](mailto:southdeanestate@gmail.com). However, residents are reminded that any vegetation beyond the boundary of their property and abutting the road, although owned by the estate, is the responsibility of the occupier.

### **Email addresses**

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)

### **Summer Party**

We were delighted to see a number of you at the party. It is always good to gather as a community and enjoy each other's company. The weather was typical for this summer but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the guests. Many people rolled up their sleeves to make the party happen; from selling tickets to lending and cleaning the barbeque to providing some unexpected cakes. Thank you, one and all.

Ticket sales and proceeds for the raffle resulted in a total of £370 which is being donated to our chosen charity [www.larche.org.uk](http://www.larche.org.uk) based in Bognor. It is a well-established charity supporting adults with learning disabilities. In these difficult times

our donation will make a big difference to them. Thank you to everyone for their generosity in buying tickets, donating raffle prizes and buying raffle tickets.

## **Dates for your diary**

Christmas celebration: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023-more information coming soon.

Next newsletter: January 2024

Finally, we hope to see as many of you as possible at the Christmas Celebration but in the meantime if you have any concerns please get in touch. As we move from autumn into winter and see less of our neighbours out and about, we hope that we will continue to look out for each other.