

2024 VILLAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Village Association AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 7pm in the Brigadier Room at the Officers Mess (step free access will be available via the door in the Officer's Mess car park).

The AGM is an opportunity to come and hear about the work of the Village Association (VA) over the past 12 months, as well as to ask the Directors and Anthem Management questions and raise any issues.

The meeting will include:

- Overview of the VA's activities during the year plus the plans and focus for 2025.
- Run through the accounts for 2023 and hear about the 2025 expenditure budget including details of the increase to the Service Charge in 2025.
- Vote for VA Director(s)
- Question & Answer session with VA and Anthem Management representatives.

We welcome anyone who has an interest in The Village to attend and participate in the AGM, but only members (property owners) can participate in the votes at the meeting. As in previous years, formal notification of the AGM will be sent to members about a month before which will include details of how to vote if you are not able to attend in person on the 20 November.

We hope to see you there.



TREE WORKS



Further to the Arboricultural Report (Tree Survey) undertaken by WJ Kents of every tree within the development, the Village Association (VA) undertook a tender process of local tree surgeons to compete the work needed on the VA owned and managed trees. Expertrees were the most competitively priced and following background checks, were commissioned to complete the work, the majority of which took place during August.

Work ranged from felling two diseased and dangerous trees earlier in the year to raising low canopies and thinning crowns across 140 trees. A few trees will be picked up later in the year where birds are nesting and discussions regarding work required to some of the trees in Alexander Crescent is ongoing.

The Tree Survey covered all trees on the development and was shared with CBCT, but the VA did not undertake the work to their trees, such as those on the cricket green, closest to the rear of the Brigade Place properties. We hope that this work will be

undertaken in the near future to help maintain the look and safety of the trees across the development.

It is the first time that we have engaged Expertrees, and we are very pleased with the work they have done. The next VA Tree Survey will be undertaken in 2025.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF FORMER SEA CADET SITE

As many of you will know Tandridge District Council has submitted a proposal to develop the former MoD land at the rear of Anzio Gardens.

While the VA acknowledges that this matter is of concern to some residents in the Village, we cannot provide a view on the matter or support objections made by individual residents.

We are a Management Board, and our responsibility is to manage communal areas and services within the Village and to oversee the expenditure of the service charges collected from residents and commercial properties. The proposed development is outside the Village boundary and does not affect any of the areas managed by the VA and so falls outside our remit.

Any concerns or objections should be raised directly with Tandridge District Council.

DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE CHANGES

The VA is delighted to announce that Danny Ellis has joined the Village Association Board of Directors, filling one of the vacant resident director roles.

Danny has been a resident of the Village for 8 years and brings with him a wealth of experience and insight from his professional career and his interest in the local community.

We look forward to having Danny on board and to working with him over the coming months and years as the VA continue to work on its numerous projects to further enhance the environment and standard of The Village.

Livia Ralph

Due to work and personal commitments Livia Ralph has decided to step down as a director of the VA Board. We are however pleased that Livia is remaining as an Associate of the Board. The Board would like to thank Livia for the work she has done as a director and look forward to continuing to work with her in the future.



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

To ensure the VA can carry out the work we do effectively we need you!

There are currently three vacancies on the Village Association (VA) Board, two for resident directors and one for a commercial director. As a director, you will be able to share ideas, knowledge and skills and be a part of the decision making which all contributes to the management and maintenance of The Village.

If becoming a director isn't for you, we welcome people to the group as Associates to help with the work of the VA. There are many ways that an Associate can provide support and assistance to the VA. For example, helping with specific tasks/initiatives, taking and producing minutes at Board meetings, sparing a few hours to help deliver newsletters and much more.

If you would like to find out more, please email us at office@thevillageassociation.org



ACACIA - SEASONAL WORK

Acacia, our gardening contractors are busy replenishing some areas of planting and clearing leaves in addition to regular maintenance. Please be aware that while they are clearing leaves, they will at times be in the roads around The Village so please drive carefully and be prepared to stop if necessary.

Please also note that Acacia will not be taking away Christmas trees after the festive period. There are a number of businesses that will collect real Christmas trees early in January for a donation to charity if you are unable to take your tree to the dump yourself.