



SOUTHDEAN ESTATE RESIDENTS GROUP **NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023**

Welcome to the first Southdean Estates Residents Group Newsletter of the Year.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you are reading this newsletter on a notice board and you didn't get it by email, that means we do not have your email address. If you would like to receive future Association updates and newsletters, please provide your email address to the committee at southdeanestate@gmail.com.

The committee would like to improve the communication with residents and, at the same time, reduce the amount of paper and ink that we use, along with the associated costs. Annual Road Rate invoices and notification of the AGM will continue to be delivered to each individual address, but all other communication will now be by email, on the website at southdeanestate.com and on the estate notice boards (In Southdean Drive and Rose Avenue).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for 2023 will be held on Sunday 26th March at 11am. This year it will be at the Jubilee Hall, Elmer Road. Items for the agenda can be submitted to Road Representatives or by email to southdeanestate@gmail.com from now until the beginning of March. Further details will follow in your AGM invitation.

Following the AGM, we would like to invite you to join the Committee members for a short social get-together with drinks.

SOUTHDEAN ESTATE COMMITTEE

We are sorry to report that Renate Waller has had to withdraw from the committee for personal reasons, meaning that we now have two vacant positions that we will be looking to fill at the AGM, assuming all the current members stand for re-election. It would be great to get someone from Shaw Close, which is currently without a road representative, but anyone who may be interested is very welcome to chat with one of the existing committee to see what is involved.

Position	Incumbent	Telephone No.	Road Rep for:
Joint Chairpersons	Nick Trish 5, Rose Avenue	01243 582500	Greenway North end of Rose Avenue (1-10)
	David Garn 62 Southdean Drive	07598 029594	
Treasurer	Andrew Lubinski 37 Southdean Drive		
Secretary	Steve McKie Kestel, Rose Avenue.	01243 696438	Southdean Close South end of Rose Avenue
Committee Member	Laurie Beestone 64 Southdean Drive	07836 506701	2 to 40 Southdean Drive (even numbers only) 42 to 64 Southdean Drive (both odd and even numbers)
Committee Member	Spencer Aubrey 35 Southdean Drive	01243 586446	3 to 41 Southdean Drive (odd numbers only)
Committee Member	Vicky Harris 2, St. Nicholas Lane	07492 785221	St. Nicholas Lane Tuscan Avenue, Main Drive
Assisting the Committee			
Steve Ruddock			Website & Internet communications
Paul Westwood			Estate Maintenance

FINANCES

Invoices for the 2023 Road Rates will be with you shortly, if you haven't already received them. At the last AGM it was agreed that fees for 2023 would be £130 and that a 5% charge would be added to any fees that remain unpaid from previous years.

A financial report will be presented at the AGM in March 2023 and queries can be addressed to our Treasurer at any time.

SGN Works update

At the time of writing, SGN have notified the estate of work to replace gas mains in Southdean Drive, Greenway and Rose Avenue. Residents in Southdean Drive and Greenway have had individual notification of the works and a start date. SGN have advised that , due to additional work being required in the Shrubbs Field area, work in Southdean Drive is likely to be delayed by two weeks.

The chairman is in communication with SGN and will attempt to make sure that , although disruption is inevitable, it is kept to a minimum.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

The committee have recently been focussed on sorting out the estate maintenance, improving the estate signs, producing an updated resident's booklet, introducing a GDPR (Data Protection) policy, arranging a Christmas social event, 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. Repainting the gate at the entrance to Southdean Drive and the stile at the entrance to the twitten are on the list of things to do when the weather improves, and time allows.

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

Saxon Reach have arranged for the trees between their estate and Rose Avenue to be cut back and, by the time this newsletter is published, this work should now be complete.

SPEEDING

Work was carried out in October to improve the road-based signage and a number of new speed limit reminders were added around the estate. The committee still have a supply of "wheelie bin" 15mph stickers, so if you would like some please contact your road representative.

BEACH CLEAN

A beach clean was organized at the end of the school holidays, on Sunday 11th September at 10:00am. The good weather and a great atmosphere amongst those who took part made this an enjoyable and worthwhile event. Another beach clean is being planned for May and further details will be given out at the AGM.

Resident's Booklet

An updated Resident's booklet was produced and distributed in November to all houses on the estate. If you haven't seen a copy, please ask your road representative for one. As with all printed things, it was out-of-date almost before printing, with the Beresford Public House sadly shutting its doors.

Despite proof-checking, it has also been noticed that the Greenway road representative is missing from the committee list; the Greenway road representative remains Nick Trish.

As previously mentioned, Renate Waller has stepped down from the committee and a new representative for Shaw Close will be appointed after the AGM.

GDPR (Data Protection Policy)

We are pleased to advise that the Southdean Estate is now compliant with the requirements of the data protection act. A central database of residents is accessible only to committee members, by authorization from the chairman, and no details will be shared with any external source without the prior permission of residents.

A separate database, with financial details, is held by the Southdean Estate bookkeeper and is only otherwise accessible by the Treasurer.

Christmas Social

A Christmas Social was held at the Middleton Sports Club on Thursday 15th December and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. More than 50 tickets were sold for the event, although sickness reduced the actual attendance to 49 on the night. A raffle was held which raised £155 for the RNLI and our thanks go to all who donated the prizes and those who bought the tickets. The following was received from the RNLI:

On behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution may I thank you for the generous donation of £155.00 received from The Southdean Estate Ltd. Please convey the thanks of the RNLI to all the residents for their kind support by organising the raffle in aid of the RNLI at their Christmas Party, which is most sincerely appreciated.

The RNLI is funded by voluntary contributions and it is only through kind gifts such as this that we are able to provide our volunteer lifeboat crews with the best boats, equipment and training that are needed to save lives at sea.

Last year we launched our lifeboat service a total of 8,244 times, rescuing 8,356 people and saving 238 lives. Our courageous lifeboat crews rescued an average of 23 people every day. Your generous contribution will help ensure our lifesaving work continues.

Please accept this letter as our official receipt and, on behalf of our lifeboat crews, may I offer my renewed thanks for your support and interest in the lifeboat service.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

West Sussex County Council have cleared the flood water and drains on the junction of Middleton Road, Elmer Road and Yapton Road 3 times and have now sent down a CCTV camera which has identified that the drains have sunk and have root incursion. As a result there will have to be a major repair job undertaken at some point. Unfortunately until then, the flooding issue will continue when we have heavy down pours. The recent rain has caused many major problems around the county including a landslide on the main north/south road through Pulborough closing that road and Pagham has been underwater for weeks now because of the collapse of

roadside ditches and the need for a new surface water drainage system. This will mean that we are down the list of works, and it might take a while to get something done. My apologies.

Jacky

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Southdean Estate AGM – Sunday 26th March @ 11:00**
- **Beach Clean – Sunday 21st May 2023 @ 10am**
- **Summer Party – *Saturday 15th July 2023 @ 6pm (TBC)***