

WHERA

The Warren House Estate Residents Association Newsletter – February 2016 Issue 1.

Dear Residents,

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our new WHERA Newsletter.

This is part of our initiative to improve communication between residents and your committee. We hope you will find it informative and useful.

Since the Special General Meeting on 24 November 2015, your new invigorated committee has been working hard to address the many issues that affect our small neighbourhood. In this newsletter we would like to let you know about the steps we have taken and what we are proposing to do over the coming months.

Communication

A new email address has been set up for residents to contact the committee with any questions or suggestions they may have. It is:

whera2015@gmail.com

Residents have already set up a very active and useful “WhatsApp” group, and so committee member Bineet Shah has been appointed as our “WhatsApp” liaison. He will try to answer any general queries raised on “WhatsApp” when appropriate.

We are also looking at the possibility of setting up a new WHERA website, to provide information to residents.

Parking and Traffic Calming

As this is a major concern for all, we set up a sub-committee to look into these issues and report back to the committee with their findings. A detailed report was presented to the committee enabling us to move forward with a number of proposals.

Firstly, new double yellow lines will be laid at the start of Reenglass Road on the left as you approach Glanleam Road. Additional lines will be painted at the corner of these two roads; the combined effect should improve visibility for cars entering the road and going around the corner in both directions.

Similar lines will be laid on Valencia Road, starting from Dennis Lane to deter cars from outside the area parking overnight or for long periods during the day.

The double yellow lines will be enforced by our parking company.

New signage will be introduced to go with the new double yellow lines and existing signage will be refreshed where appropriate.

The introduction of new “non closing” gates at the start of Reenglass and Valencia was approved at the 2014 AGM. We will be reviewing the best gate options in the coming weeks, and we will be presenting costings for these at the AGM

However it is clear that additional measures will be needed, and so the committee has three proposals with costings, which will be put to you for a vote at the AGM.

1) Turning the area into a 20 mph Zone.

This would involve placing new signs at the start of Valencia at the Dennis Lane end, at the junction of Valencia/Glanleam and Kerry Avenue South, and finally at the start of Reenglass at the London Road end.

We are liaising with the Council about this change, as it would become enforceable by the police as on any other road.

2) The introduction of new speed bumps, two on Valencia (on the run down to Dennis Lane) and four on Glanleam Road. The most effective places to lay these speed bumps have been identified, and these should further improve the problem of speeding on the roads.

3) Finally, parking is still a high priority for residents, and the current parking restrictions are clearly not fully effective. We realise that this is a controversial issue, with many differing views being held amongst residents.

We propose that the 1 hour restriction that applies during weekday mornings and afternoons, be enforced on Saturdays at the same times.

We will introduce new signs and the parking company will be asked to enforce the restrictions accordingly. However, we will observe the parking situation over the next 3 months and review the position then. Although this change may mean a small inconvenience for some, it should deter those from outside the area, who have got used to parking in our roads, from doing so. After the 3 month trial period, we will consider what further measures may be needed, e.g. additional double yellow lines, more periods during which parking restrictions apply and more periods during which those restrictions will be enforced by our parking company.

Much research and discussion has gone into these proposals and we regard these as an essential first step in tackling the traffic, speeding and parking problems we all face.

Other issues

We are also currently looking into many other issues, such as the new food waste bins, the digging up of our roads by utility companies, communication with new residents and dealing with new construction by residents.

Your committee will be addressing all of these matters and others in the coming months.

In the meantime, please would residents help maintain the standard of our estate, by observing the following:

- Please remove dustbins from the front of houses as soon as possible after the Friday collection.
- Please keep your grass verges clean and tidy.

Changes and improvements do however take time and money. We request your patience and support while we work to improve our neighbourhood.

The committee is often in need of specialist advice, such as on legal matters. If you are a lawyer or specialist in an area you feel could be of help to the committee, and are willing to assist, please contact us by email on whera2015@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting: 15 March 2016

The AGM has been set for 15th March 2016 at 8pm in the Stanmore Community Centre. We hope you will be able to attend.

We are a small community and this meeting would be a good opportunity for residents to get to know their neighbours. So please stay on and join us for refreshments, after the meeting.

Your Committee:

Nilesh Shah – Chairman

Alan Phillips – Vice Chairman

Leon Angel – Treasurer

Ruth Abraham, Ivneet Kaur, Andrew Davis, Bineet Shah, Hasan Tahir