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Remembrance Sunday

This year, Remembrance Sunday will take place on the 12th November. Normally, members of local organisations and residents, walk from the Croft Avenue car park along Wickham Court Road and Corkscrew Hill to attend the service at the War Memorial. Because the Croft Avenue car park is now a building site, the walk will start from the Swan car park, leaving at approximately 10:15am.

Helicopter movements at Biggin Hill

Some members have noticed and reported disturbance and annoyance because of increased helicopter flights over the Town, which appear to be inbound and out-bound from Biggin Hill Airport. Other parts of the Borough which lie closer to the formal flight paths such as Biggin Hill, Keston, Farnborough, Crofton, Petts Wood and Orpington, etc., have seen increases in all types of flight and most Residents' Associations in the Borough support those areas in trying to ensure that Biggin Hill Airport Limited (BHAL) adheres to the flight and noise limiting standards agreed with the London Borough of Bromley and complies with Air Navigation Law. This support is mainly given via an organisation called 'Flightpath Watch'.

Flightpath Watch was formed 25 years ago by a group of residents to represent the many thousands affected by operations at Biggin Hill Airport. They provide feed-back to Bromley Council so that it can effectively mediate between residents and its tenant, BHAL, on matters pertaining to the Lease and how operations at the airport affect our lives. Their aim is not to obstruct Biggin Hill Airport's legitimate busi-ness, but to hold the Borough true to the promises it made in order to mitigate the impact that the new operating hours would have (and are indeed having) on local residents, as well as monitoring any further development.

As the London Borough of Bromley is the Landlord of the airport, we do discuss issues raised by members with our Ward Councillors when necessary. If you want to see the objectives of 'Flightpath Watch', their history, current activities and maybe even join so that you can be kept up to date with, and have a direct input to their campaign, go to their website at flightpathwatch.co.uk

Also, if you want to see an active map called 'Webtrak' showing movements to and from the airport, including those that transit over West Wickham, you can access this by taking the 'Webtrak' option from the airport's website at:

bigginhillairport.com/community/noise/

New External Defibrillator

One of our Road Stewards, Chris Sutcliffe, has advised us that his neighbour, Bernard Cambi, applied late last year to the Benenden Charitable Trust for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on behalf of the West Wickham community. Bernard was successful with his application and Benenden have not only awarded the Town an AED but have also agreed to fund a cabinet to keep the AED secure. Chris commented that "this is excellent news and Bernard has done so well, as Benenden receive a very high level of applications. He is ascertaining whether the unit will have a care and maintenance package as well as making enquiries about local residents having training in its use."

Two of our committee members, Phil West and Charlotte Del Guercio, identified a location for the new equipment, arranged for its delivery and worked with the building occupants and a local electrician to have it installed - they deserve a big vote of thanks. We are also extremely grateful to Rob Allen of Allen Heritage Estate Agents at 131, High Street, for his help and support for providing a power source and getting the equipment installed on the side of his building adjacent to the Wheatsheaf Public House.

You can find out more about them at allenheritage.co.uk



The new defibrillator fitted to the wall of Allen Heritage Estate Agents



The AED at Allen Heritage, adjacent to the Wheatsheaf



Rob Allen

We are also grateful and indebted to the Avita Group for providing the electrical hook-up and, in particular, Richard Burbidge from Avita who surveyed the site and assessed the work required before arranging for their engineers to complete the job. Avita Group provide end to end business technology solutions in IT, Audio Visual, Telephony, Cabling, Electrical and security, and they are located at 1, Clock House Road, Beckenham. You can find out more about them at avitagroup.co.uk



All of these people involved, from the first application to the Benenden Trust, to installation and operation, gave their time, effort and facilities for free and the Association is extremely grateful for their help and support.

Richard Burbidge of the Avita Group

West Wickham now has at least four Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) which can be accessed at all times. They are at the entrance to West Wickham Station, at St Francis Church in Ravenswood Avenue, Emmanuel Church in the Grove and now this new one. All of the AEDs are registered with 'The Circuit', a database which is a joint initiative of the British Heart Foundation and the Ambulance Service. When a defibrillator is needed, you should call 999 and the call handlers will tell you where the nearest external defibrillator is located and give you the access code to open the case. Once opened, the defibrillator gives verbal instructions for its use. Once a defibrillator has been used, the database operators inform those responsible for the installation so that it can be checked, and any used items replaced before it goes back into service.

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A great tool to report physical issues such as graffiti, cleansing issues or road and pavement defects to the Council can be found at fixmystreet.com

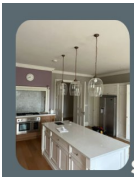
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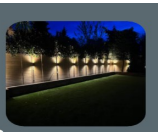
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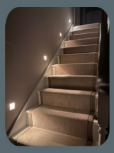
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News from the High Street



One of the latest additions to the High Street is Roast Bistro, opposite the library site on Glebe Way. Their specialties are meat sandwiches, with spicy jerk chicken and homemade slaw; 12 hour pulled beef brisket and home cooked salt beef and gherkins are all part of the menu. Opposite the bistro, the hoarding and scaffolding is up around the library, and I hope it's a good sign that work is well underway there. The new building and facilities will be an amazing asset to the High Street, and I think we're all impatient to see it taking shape.



Just along the road, the works around the four-way crossing at Swan corner are finally finished and the lights back in action. There have been upgrades to the windows of the old HSBC unit and AK Bennett Opticians will be relocating there soon. Terms are agreed on the old butcher's shop, and it will be nice to see it used again. We wait with anticipation to see what arrives there. No10, the hairdressers, has now become a men's grooming salon, with the previous occupier taking a chair at Katie Rose Hairdressing further along the High Street.



People of West Wickham

I'm sure many of you will have seen Black and Blanc's very sleek shop front. They joined the high street in 2021, when we were all still feeling the effects of lockdown. Since then, they've settled into the area and got to know their neighbours. Last week I met one of the co-owners, Kunal, and had a chat about his background and plans for the future. Coming from a traditional family, where dropping out while studying Civil Engineering at University was not expected, Kunal has forged a path in Estate Agency which now sees him with two branches of his own company. Together with his cousin, they have plans to open a third branch in Beckenham. He's keen to alter the usual impression people have of Estate Agents and insists he and his employees have a more informal and approachable way of working. "Everyone here, in the West Wickham office, is local to



Bromley and everyone at the Croydon branch lives in Croydon. I think it's important that our staff know the area and its people.

You won't find us in pinstripe suits, we want to be more approachable and welcoming. I've worked for some of the best corporations over the last 16 years and I've learnt how I don't want my business to be. My wife and I moved here this year and we're loving it. It's such a lovely community, you can step outside and chat to people, the road sweeper, the postman - everyone is so friendly. I think it's really important to live here."

Kunal has been getting to know the local community, sponsoring and attending school summer fairs as well as planning to run a competition for children nearer to Christmas. "We have an interactive display and we're always happy to help people out. We use a local artist to do our windows and we've displayed her work on the screens. We built this space so that we could have pop-ups, display local artists' work and engage with the community." Kunal has no regrets over his decision to leave University, he tells me he doesn't look back; it was leaving that gave him the opportunity to gain all his experience in property. He has obviously been charmed by our lovely community and we wish him well for his future here.

Charlotte Del Guercio (Committee member)

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ENVIRONMENT

Listen out for Lesser whitethroats at Spring Park



The Lesser whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca*) is a small migratory bird that belongs to the family of warblers and can often be found at Spring Park. With its subtle beauty and captivating song, the Lesser Whitethroat is a delightful species to observe in the wild. These birds are known for their discreet behaviour, often hiding in dense vegetation while singing their melodious tunes. They possess distinctive features, including a greyish-brown plumage, a white throat, and a contrasting dark eye.

Lesser whitethroats are a late visitor to the woodland at Spring Park, arriving in late spring and departing again in autumn. Their preferred habitats include scrublands, hedgerows, and woodland areas with dense undergrowth. Whether you are an avid birder or simply appreciate birdsong, encountering the enchanting melodies of the Lesser whitethroat is rather special.

Be fire aware on the West Wickham Commons

After the deluge of rain that we experienced at the start of the year, we found ourselves with very dry conditions through the Summer, much like the last few years. With so little rain there is a real risk of fire at Spring Park and West Wickham Common, especially on the dry heathland.



When visiting, it is vital to remember that BBQs and bonfires are not allowed; unfortunately, the Rangers found the burnt out remains of a small fire on West Wickham Common in May. Equally important, take home any rubbish that you bring onsite and dispose of cigarette butts properly and fully. If you do see a fire, please inform the Fire Service as quickly as you can dialling 999, before letting the Rangers know as well. The Rangers have a 24hr phone service (01372 279488) for reporting incidents. Thanks to the vigilance of visitors, we've avoided some potential fires during some very warm springs and summers.

Volunteering

For Spring Park and Wickham Commons, the Rangers are still welcoming new volunteers and looking at growing volunteer groups. Volunteers support the Corporation's important work in the seven green spaces in South London and Surrey managed by them, in many ways. From managing livestock, undertaking crucial surveys, educating visitors about the sites and archaeological digs to leading walks.

By becoming a volunteer you get a unique chance to get involved with these outstanding spaces, meeting new people, developing skills and learning about the environment. Locally, you can help with ecological surveying, conservation volunteer groups and attending and helping out with local events.

If you are interested in joining or want to know more about what volunteers do on Spring Park and West Wickham Common, please contact the Rangers on 01372 279083 or email to city.commons@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Courtesy of the local Rangers

PLANNING

Application for a car wash in the High Street car park

The planning application for the change of 14 spaces in the High Street car park from parking to a car wash, was detailed in our Winter 2022 Newsletter. The application attracted some 200 objections including one from the Association. We're pleased to report that the application was refused in May. **(22/03216)**

62 Braemar Gardens

Previously, there has been a couple of similar applications for this site. The application in each case has proposed the demolition of an existing two storey side extension and the erection of a 2 storey, 4 bedroom attached house. The first application **(21/02263)** was refused in October 2020. It subsequently went to appeal which was dismissed in July 2021. A similar application **(21/04046)** was refused in March 2022 and dismissed on appeal in November 2022. The latest application differs because it proposes a 2 storey, 2 bedroom house **(23/00430)**. This was refused in July 2023.

Each application has attracted many, mostly neighbour, objections based on similar grounds, i.e., overdevelopment, out of keeping and character with neighbouring properties, water leakage problems, removal and damage of trees, light pollution and building noise at unsociable hours based on previous development work at this site.

If you want to view any of the proposals mentioned above, they can be found on the planning section of the bromley.gov.uk website under the references given in bold against each application.

The Avenue/Pickhurst Lane/Mead Way Junction

Following the report in the Summer Newsletter of proposed road safety improvements at this junction including the introduction of 'no right turn' restrictions, several members contacted the Association with objections. Most are concerned that these restrictions will not solve the issue and will cause increased traffic flow in adjacent roads such as Goodhart Way and Pickhurst Rise.

We have put these concerns to the Borough's Executive Member for Transport, Highways and Road Safety, West Wickham Councillor, Nicholas Bennett. He gave us the following response: "The position is that we have evidence of numerous collisions at the junction of The Avenue, Pickhurst Lane and Mead Way. Many appear to be because of vehicles crossing the path of vehicles going straight across the junction between The Avenue and Mead Way. It is not clear, yet, whether the majority are vehicles turning right from Mead Way to Pickhurst Lane or those turning right from The Avenue – it is likely that both manoeuvres cause collisions. As a ward councillor and the Executive Member for Transport, Highways and Road Safety it is obviously of great concern, and I fear that a fatality could occur."

Councillor Bennett explained that Transport for London (TfL) control all traffic lights, so he has asked the Bromley traffic engineers to liaise with the TfL engineers with a view to putting this scheme in the 2024-25 programme. They will also need to look at the design of the junction and the markings as these may be contributory causes. One solution would be adding right hand filters to the traffic lights.

Funding for any improvements to the junction would come from the allocation Bromley receives from TfL for the Local Implementation Plan (LIP). Once the LIP level of funding is known, a list of schemes is assessed by the Environment and Community Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee (ECS PDS) and if agreed, the Executive Member for Transport, Highways and Road Safety approves the list to be submitted to TfL.

If TfL agrees the scheme, detailed design and estimated costs will be prepared. Bromley Council will support the addition of a phase for a right-hand filter; however, the ultimate decision lies with TfL who control all traffic lights.

Councillor Bennett concluded, "If they agree that changes are needed, they will decide whether the additional phase time is acceptable without causing undue delay to traffic. At present this is just one of many sites which have been identified as warranting safety measures and I anticipate that there will nothing further to report until this time next year."

The Association has made further representations to Bromley Council asking, among other things:

a) Will there be a consultation exercise?

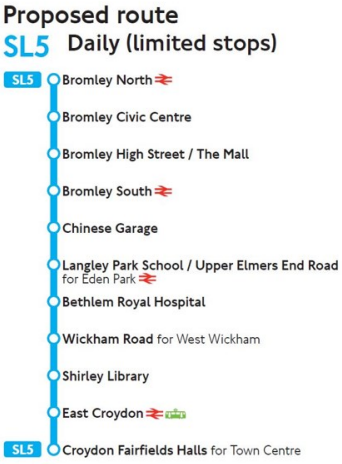
b) Have there been traffic counts to determine how many journeys will be affected?

c) What are the statistics regarding traffic accidents at this junction?

We will keep you updated with developments.

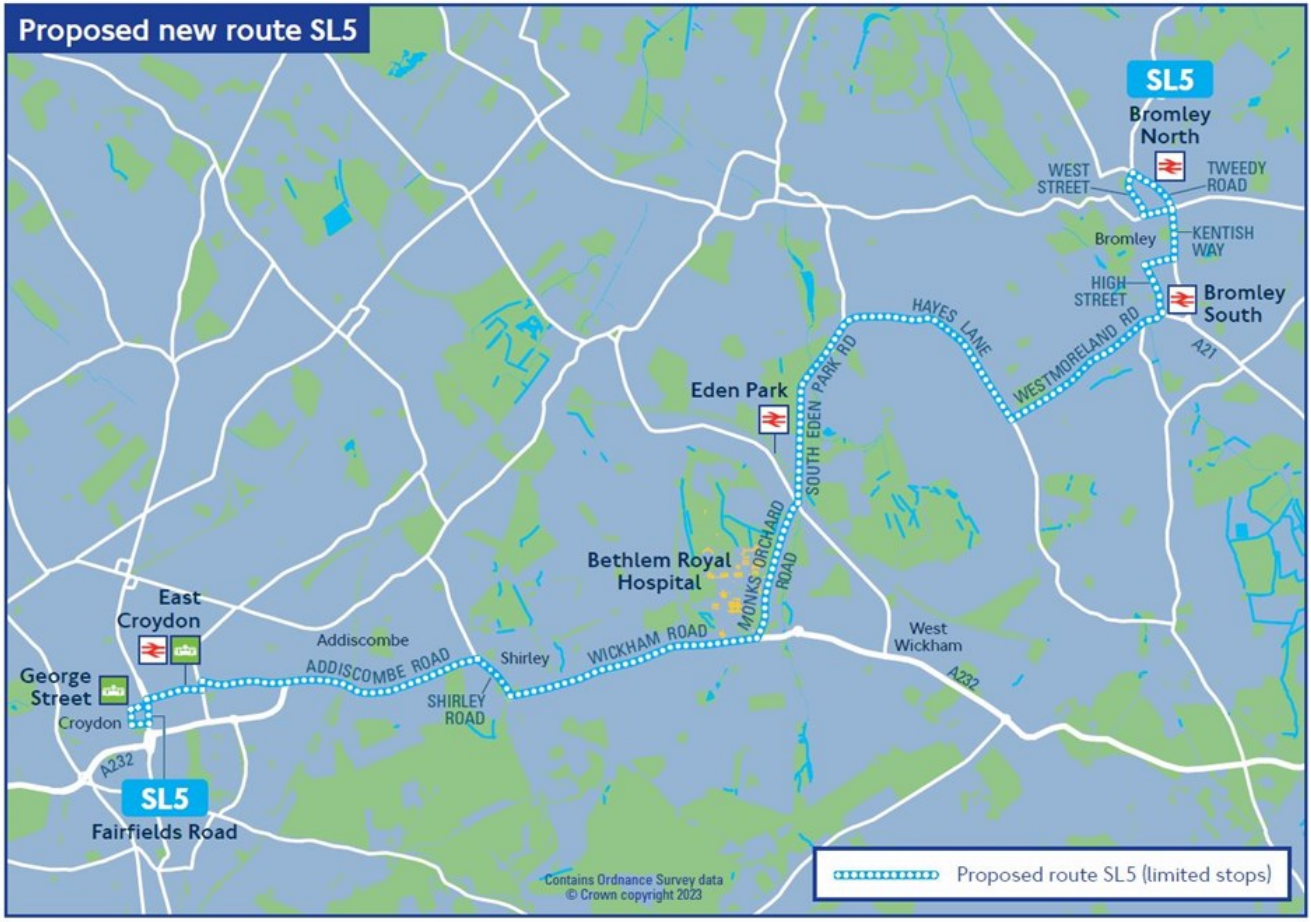
Superloop

The proposed bus 'Superloop' was described in the Summer Newsletter and, by the time this issue lands on your doorsteps, the consultation on the Mayor's new Superloop bus service route that comes closest to West Wickham, will have been completed. The new route consultation ran for 6 weeks until 4th September and, hopefully, you had the opportunity to put your views.



The Superloop will be made up of express, limited-stop bus routes that circle the entire capital – connecting key outer London town centres, stations and transport hubs. One of the sections will run between Bromley and Croydon and it is proposed to follow the route from Bromley South along Westmoreland Road, Hayes Lane to the Chinese Garage, South Eden Park Road, Monks Orchard Road then turning right onto Wickham Road to Croydon.

Members have contacted us with concerns that the new service is not routed along West Wickham High Street with the nearest proposed stop to the Town Centre being the Bethlem Royal Hospital in Monks Orchard Road. We advised members that they


Proposed new route SL5
SL5
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TWEEDY ROAD
Bromley
KENTISH WAY
HIGH STREET
Bromley South
HAYES LANE
WESTMORELAND RD
A21
Eden Park
SOUTH EDEN PARK RD
MONKS ORCHARD ROAD
Bethlem Royal Hospital
West Wickham
A232
East Croydon
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should make their views and suggestions known via the TfL consultation exercise. TfL believe they are proposing the right stops where there is most demand but stated that, 'as part of the consultation, we want your feedback on whether these are the right places for a new express route to operate.'

There is a widely held opinion that the service should include stops in Hayes and West Wickham High Streets. And it will be interesting to see if this holds any sway in the consultation.

For the new express service, Tfl proposes a frequency of every 12 minutes Monday – Friday, and every 15 minutes on Sunday. It is important to note that the route and frequency of the existing bus service between Bromley and Croydon, the 119, will be unaffected by the introduction of the SL5 operation.

Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) expansion

By the time you read this, the Mayor of London's scheme to expand the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ), has probably already been rolled-out across all London Boroughs. It is proposed to be operational 24 hours a day, every day of the year except Christmas Day. Through the new proposals, anyone driving a non-compliant vehicle in the expanded zone after the scheduled start date on Tuesday 29 August, would stand to be charged £12.50 per day - whether the journey is a 30 mile commute, or a short trip for essential groceries.

In early July 2023, a coalition of five councils: Bexley, Bromley, Harrow, Hillingdon and Surrey, were given permission to argue, as part of a judicial review, three grounds of challenge against the Mayor and TfL out of five grounds advanced in their original claim. The other two grounds had previously been rejected outright by the High Court.

- Failure to follow statutory procedure - Schedule 23 Greater London Authority Act 1999
- Unlawful and unfair consultation regarding expected compliance rates in outer London
- Unlawfulness regarding scrappage scheme, including failing to consider a buffer zone, irrationality and inadequate consultation.

On 28th July, Mr Justice Swift ruled in favour of the Mayor on all three legal grounds heard in the case saying "The Councils' challenge fails on all three grounds and is dismissed". He found that the legal basis on which the Mayor made the decision to expand the ULEZ was sound, and in line with previous decisions on the ULEZ and the Congestion Charge, and that the ULEZ could legally apply to all roads within the expanded zone.

Traffic lights at the Swan

The Association is pleased to note the completion of the traffic light works at the top of the High Street as these had caused a level of disruption. TfL were introducing SCOOT (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique) which is a real time adaptive traffic control system for the co-ordination and control of traffic signals across an urban road network.

SCOOT automatically adjusts the traffic signal timings to adapt to current traffic conditions, using flow data from traffic sensors. Sensor data is usually derived from inductive loops in the carriageway, but other forms of detection are increasingly being used. It can reduce traffic delays by an average of 20 per cent so we hope to see the benefits in a smoother running and responsive junction

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A look at Wickham's Past

The Swan and the Stocks Tree

It is only since 1956 that there has been a crossroads at the Swan, previously it was just a T junction where the Commonway to Croydon met the Commonways to Beckenham and Keston and in the 15th century a dwelling known as Smethes occupied the corner. Two hundred years later in 1668, a John Harrison was licenced to sell ale but we do not know where. However in the will of another John Harrison who died in 1787, mention is made of a meeting with Lady Lennard at the Swan in 1732 and clearly the present building dates from the 18th century. In one wall there is an interesting stained glass window. In the early 19th century there was a daily stage coach service from London to the Swan which offered accommodation and stabling. In later years the barn housed West Wickham's first telephone exchange.



Looking east from the High Street towards the 'T' junction at the Swan with the Stocks tree on the right

Standing in the middle of the road outside was a large elm tree known as the Stocks Tree. For centuries it provided a focal point for the villagers and there were seats beneath. Although Wickham had stocks, it is only supposition that they were also beneath the shelter of its branches. As West Wickham grew, its roots were damaged by the laying of sewers and in 1935 it was uprooted to allow buses to turn the corner. It was replanted in Blake Recreation Ground where it blew down in 1967 and now only a piece of its bark is displayed in the Library, although its existence is also recorded in the village sign.



Looking west along the High Street from the Stocks Tree.
Both pictures are circa 1900-10

Peter Leigh

A member posed the following question on our website: "I lived in Coney Hall from 1950 until 1972 and remember when Glebe Way stopped at the junction of silver lane, just past the Fire Station. Does anyone know when the road was connected to Addington Road?"

Peter Leigh responded, "You will be interested to know that construction of Glebe Way started before the war in 1938. The dual carriageway section between The Coney and Addington Road was completed as was a small section between Silver Lane and where Lidl is today. The cutting in the hillside between the allotments and Wickham Football Club grounds was dug but then the war intervened. This ravine cuts through the spring line which still gives problems of drainage today, but proved useful as the Home Guard were able to create three ponds to provide a reserve water supply for the fire station to access if needed during The Blitz. As a young lad I can remember fishing for frogspawn and tadpoles in the ponds and no doubt getting very muddy. Near the top of the slope there were three tank traps each of 6ft x 6ft x 6ft concrete, part of London's Anti-Tank line that encircled the capital in case of a German Invasion. At the High Street end of Glebe Way, the road was not yet connected through to the Swan, there was only a footpath. You may remember that before the development of the Lidl site, there was an open field that once a year had a fair. This section was not completed until June 1956, which was of benefit to the fire station but not a lot of use to through traffic. The section from Silver Lane to Addington Road was not completed until 1959."

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Direct Debit subscriptions

Firstly, thank you to everybody who has signed up to pay their subscription to WWRA by Direct Debit, this makes the lives of our Road Stewards so much easier. If you haven't already signed up, then your Road Steward will ask you to pay this year's subscription in cash. And you can still sign up to enable us to collect next year's subscription by Direct Debit. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions regarding the scheme:-

Q) I signed up at the end of June 2023, why do I still have to pay the subs for 2023? A) The DD collection date is 1st June annually; if signing up after that date this year, you will be covered for 2024, but subs still due for current year.

Q) I received an email acknowledging that I had signed up, expected a further email prior to the money being deducted – but was not informed. A) Part of our learning curve – WWRA will email everyone that money is to be taken out of your account.

Q) I cancelled my DD as statement showed GoCardless, did not refer to WWRA, assumed it was a scam. A) It is too expensive to have WWRA appear on people's statements, but the money will always go out just after the beginning of June every year.

Q) Where can I print off the application forms? A) Online applications only, either via WWRA Facebook or WWRA website, where form is on the homepage. You can also scan the QR code below if that is more convenient. The process is very simple.

Q) I am unhappy giving my bank details to an outside organisation. A) Understandable, but WWRA does not have access to these details which are securely stored by GoCardless.

Q) Can I still pay my subs in cash? A) Of course, your road steward will come and collect as before. We had to make a change to collecting subscriptions, as more and more people no longer deal with cash. One does not rule out the other, although DD is significantly easier for our Road Stewards.

Q) If amount of subscription is raised, do DD payments increase automatically? A) No, changes to the amount cannot be made without prior notification to the resident.

If you feel you want to sign up, but some areas are unclear, contact us at info@westwickhamresidents.com

You can scan this QR code to sign-up to pay your subscriptions by Direct Debit via GoCardless

Rotary West Wickham

VOLUNTEERING WITH ROTARY WEST WICKHAM

We fully understand the pressures that the modern way of working puts on people with younger families, or indeed, older family members as they help out with childcare etc.

We also understand that this can mean that people think that they cannot commit to becoming " full time" members of clubs, societies etc., including ourselves, as they feel that the time is just not available!

However, if you want to give back something to our community (and Rotary West Wickham exists solely to serve the community), why not consider volunteering to help us with our projects at times that are convenient to you? You do not have to "sign up" to a specified number of events and any help you can give will be gratefully received.

From experience, some of the events that have given a feeling of satisfaction to past volunteers include helping steward our annual Fireworks Display, assisting with our Christmas Collections (a couple of hours on a weekday evening or at our High Street Collections on a Saturday morning in December) and when we help at events organised by others, such as West Wickham Village Day or Hayes Fair.

You will never be "left alone to cope" if you can help us, and as a volunteer you will be covered by our Rotary insurance.

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Councillor's Corner

We hope that residents had a good summer and as we approach Autumn, we would like to update on some of the work that has taken place.

West Wickham Library & Croft Avenue car park

The library and housing development are well underway. The library has had to have substantially more asbestos removed than previously thought which has delayed us by a few weeks but hopefully we can make up this time elsewhere.

Transport for London (TfL) works delayed us a little with the crossing improvements at the junction of the High Street, Glebe Way, Station Road and Wickham Court Road. Local businesses were hugely supportive and allowed us use of their parking. This has kept the library works on track to be completed by Autumn next year as originally planned, and the housing development by the end of year.

Leisure Centre

The Council have now started to do some building and cost modelling for the leisure centre. This means, following the engagement sessions that were held earlier in the year and described in the Summer edition of this Newsletter, we are looking at the key services needed and wanted, and planning for these.

We are also undertaking some detailed surveys on the sites to help plan costs as far as possible, without being intrusive and stopping services. There is due to be a report before the end of the year setting out the plans and indicative costs.

Railway Trees

A number of residents have raised with us the felling of trees on the railway embankment between Hayes and West Wickham. The trees are subject to a Tree Preservation Order although Network Rail has the power to override the order where it is necessary for the maintenance and safety of the railway. Clearly, having undertaken a survey they were concerned that some of the trees may fall on the tracks or otherwise endanger passenger safety.

Potholes

Last winter's combination of rain and ice caused damage to roads across the country and indeed northern Europe. Twice as many reports were made on Fix My Street and the council's contractor found it impossible to fill them all in a timely manner. As Cabinet member for Transport, Highways and Road Safety, Councillor Bennett approved the employment of a second contractor. Over the past couple of months good progress has been made and it is hoped that by the autumn there will be no backlog.

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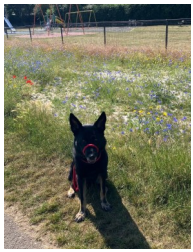
All street lights are now LED

As part of the Council's 'invest to save' programme it was decided to replace all the sodium lamps and concrete lamp posts. The programme is now completed and over 28,000 lights have been replaced by Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps saving £1m a year. Using LED lights and switching to green electricity has reduced our carbon footprint.

Gully trial underway

The first gully was installed in Bromley on the 3rd of July. Eight houseowners who did not have a driveway, had a gully provided across the pavement so they can charge their electric vehicle from their house without trailing wires across the pavement. If the trial is successful, it will be offered to any householder who wishes to pay for a gully outside their home.

Blake Park



It's wonderful to see the 'Brilliant Butterflies Project' really starting to bloom. There are two of these planted in Blake Park and both are looking wonderful and attracting lots of wildlife. Councillor Brock is a regular user of the park and Luna (his German Shepherd) was very impressed with the Project.

Mayor's visit

We were honoured to host the Mayor and Mayoress of Bromley at the players awards evening at The Ex-Blues Club on Pickhurst Rise. They presented the end of season awards to the Junior players of the club and spoke with long standing members about the history of the club and the RAF links. If you would like the Mayor to attend an event please email the team directly at bromley.gov.uk/mayor-bromley



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