



Some HRA news in brief – What have we been doing?

Speeding in Hersham

The committee supported a campaign for lower speeds in the centre of Hersham and wrote a letter to Surrey County Council to that effect.

Lowered kerbs on the side roads to Queens Road

Following discussions and correspondence with Surrey County Council, the kerbs have now been lowered so that they can more easily be negotiated by wheelchairs / trolleys etc. (Thanks to SCC which is responsible for roads and pavements.)

Hersham in Bloom

The HRA has made a donation to Hersham in Bloom and will try to support them during 2013 by generally raising awareness of the great work they do in the village.

Queen's Jubilee

The HRA has funded and planted an impressive commemorative oak tree with plaque in Coronation Recreation Ground - this initiative was led by our President Andrew Sturgis.

Planning Guidelines

We have produced simple guidelines to HRA planning activity (as circulated to members); these were finalised by the committee taking into account comments from the membership, and then posted on the HRA blog-site.

Weylands recycling development

Whilst this proposal is just outside Hersham, the committee highlighted the issue of increased traffic affecting Hersham residents. The HRA wrote to Surrey County Council raising these concerns and suggesting HGV restrictions on Molesey Rd.

Planning - key consultations -linked to the Borough Local Plan

The HRA commented on Elmbridge BCs key consultation about investment /infrastructure and development in Hersham (noting key points raised about this at the AGM).

A Note From The Chair

Successes during the year have included various social events, perhaps especially the Hersham Quiz which you can read about in this newsletter and now try on-line. We have also submitted responses to several key consultations; again details on-line, actually on our blog - which was also created this year and is worth a look.

At the AGM we also launched our photography competition -

so please get snapping; you have until November to upload your photos - or send in by email - see the HRA website for details, a small exhibition of the results is planned in Hersham in December.

New members are always welcome and now is a good time to join. For more details see overleaf and visit:

<http://www.hershamresidents.info/>

Hersham Festival and Village Picnic

It's that time of year again - the Hersham (Beer) Festival is back from Friday 5th - Saturday 6th July - and straight after that it will be time to pack your sandwiches for the Hersham Village Picnic on Sunday 7th July from 12.00 - 5.00 on Vaux Mead Field opposite St Peters Church.

Both the festival and the picnic are great local community events and we hope they are well attended again this year. The HRA is one of the sponsors of the picnic and is represented on the organising committee. We'll also be re-assembling the HRA's now famous human fruit machine which provided much amusement last year and no doubt will surprise people again this year!

Active Positive and Non Political

You'll have seen at the top of the page a new description of the HRA which we will be using on letterheads etc. to help explain what the HRA is and how it differs from some other residents' groups who support candidates in local elections.

With your help we intend to carry on being Active and Positive as well as Non Political.

How well do you know Hersham?

After our successful recent Hersham 'quiz and chips' evening, many of the questions are now available as an online quiz which you can do at home (and check the answers afterwards)

Just as a taster:

Do you know what famous political figure is buried in St Peters Churchyard?

Do you know where the car factory used to be in Hersham?

And what Hollywood star comes from Hersham? See the HRA blog site to access the quiz

<http://www.hershamresidents.info/blog/?p=18>

Hersham Youth Centre

The speaker at this year's AGM was Peter Bailey from Hersham's unconventional and unique Youth Club which receives over 8,000 visits in an average year. The HRA was one of several organisations that, along with key local figures, helped support the club when it was being re-established in its current building in Arch Road.



(C) Hersham Youth Trust

The club is part funded by Surrey County Council who pay the part-time workers and the rent. Management of everything else, including the building maintenance and repair and the necessary fund raising is all down to **Hersham Youth Trust**, and the dedication and commitment of the staff and volunteers at the club.

The club provides an important place for young people to relax with friends and spend time away from their home life. It's clear, too, that the staff really care and provide invaluable support for Hersham's youth. Along with plenty of banter, they are skilled at listening and helping with a whole range of issues affecting young people, particularly at present when jobs are scarce and life may be tough for a wide range of reasons.

The club is free to all and is open to different age groups 6 days a week. If you are interested in volunteering or donating and for more on opening times and contact information, visit the Hersham Youth Centre website at

<http://hershamyouthtrust.co.uk/Welcome.html>

Communications

This newsletter is freely available to residents generally to help promote Hersham and provide news on activities and issues in the village. Current HRA members also receive occasional e-mails about key issues in Hersham which come up between newsletters. Some information on HRA activity is now also available on Twitter.

A few selected examples of recent tweets from Hersham Residents – why not join the feed @hershamres

17 Jun

The HRA committee has agreed some guidelines to assist in making occasional comments about planning applications see <http://www.hershamresidents.info/blog/?p=96>

14 Jun

This wks Community Safety + Crime Summit + the 0 tolerance Police and Crime Commiss'er was +ve but I wanted to hear more on crime prevention

31 May

Good HRA article in this week's Surrey Herald about Hersham's youth club - look out for this on page 20.

22 May

Police surgery coming to Hersham 24 and 25 May (KT12 Deli then Squires)

11 May

Don't forget the HRA AGM on 16 May 7.30 WI Hall – also do try our HRA quiz all about Hersham on-line @ <http://www.hershamresidents.info/blog/?p=18> . Do re-tweet!

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Committee Meetings

These are held every month and if there are any items you feel we should be looking into do please let us know. If you would like to attend a Committee meeting - perhaps with a view to getting more involved with the HRA – then do please contact us at info@hershamresidents.info

Membership

Many thanks to those members who have already renewed or recently paid for membership up to April 2014 (or beyond). Sustaining and increasing membership will help keep the HRA active and allow us to continue to support and promote community activities/initiatives etc. in Hersham

Our annual subscription is

- £5.00 per household or £2.50 for an individual member
- Alternatively, you can pay £20 per household and get 5 years membership or £10 as an individual member for 5 years.

Payment Options :

- Call 01932 703175 or visit our web site www.hershamresidents.info to make secure payments via **PayPal**
- Send cash or cheque to the Membership Secretary or to any member of the committee
- (why not meet them at the Village Picnic on 7th July)