



WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member,

On behalf of the Trustees of the WVA we wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year. As I write this letter General Election day looms and I hope that the latter part of my greeting proves correct. Lets hope so!

Speeding – Again!!

After last month's article focussing on speeding vehicles through the village it was good to see the Police out monitoring speeds in early December. The stretch of road below the church bank to the west of the village is a particularly bad stretch with vehicles doing well in excess of 30mph into and out of the village.



I had some interesting emails from local people who, having been caught speeding through Westcott in the past, are now much more aware of their speeds through our and other villages. One tip many were given was to change down into 3rd gear as you enter a village, usually signalled by the presence of street lighting. It really does work in reducing your speed!! I am also much more conscious of my driving speed through Westcott, and the WVA is drawing up plans to remind both commuters through the village as well as residents to be more aware of the 30mph limit - and to stick to it. If we as residents all travel at 30mph it means that visitors passing through will have to follow us at the same speed!!

We will be putting a question to the joint County and District "Local Committee" early in the new year to raise awareness with both authorities and to attempt to secure funding for a review of the A25 stretch through the village with the aim of making safety improvements. We will update you all in the first quarter of next year.

..and Noise

I also had emails asking what we were doing about noise from antisocial motorbike riders particularly between Westcott Street and Coast Hill. We haven't forgotten about this problem which, as was discussed by Mole Valley



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Residents Associations at their regular meeting in November, plagues many of the villages across Mole Valley. We are investigating ways to monitor noise levels and how offenders can be tackled – but this is an area where sanctions lag way behind speeding in terms of the effectiveness of prosecuting the worst offenders.

Cycling on Footpaths



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Just recently I have had residents bring to my attention what appear to be organised night mountain-bike rides through the outskirts of the village making use of Footpaths. They are called footpaths for a reason and cycling on them is not permitted. If you see or hear of such night rides making use of the numerous footpaths around the village,

please let me know. We don't want to spoil people's enjoyment of this sport but being confronted at night by a pack of cyclists while walking your dog on a footpath can be a little disconcerting!

New Westcott Village Association



The new WVA (Charity Number 1185622) has a new bank account. If you pay your annual membership by standing order arranged via on-line banking you may want to change this to the new account:-

Account Name: Westcott Village Association
Sort Code: 82-11-07
Account Number: 20072790

Payment dates can remain the same and usually are paid between May and June each year. We will be sending out more detailed information in the new year, but for the computer savvy it is really a very simple thing to do. There is no time like the present – I have already changed my standing order for 2020.

And finally...

The MVDC Planning Committee has now approved the plans for the Crown Public House site to be converted into 7 housing units. The WVA believe this to be the right decision and would like to thank all those who contributed to

achieving this. Dennis Downes (who is planning on taking one of the 7 units so that he and his wife can remain in the village) also asked me to extend his thanks to all those who supported him over the planned development.

Dates

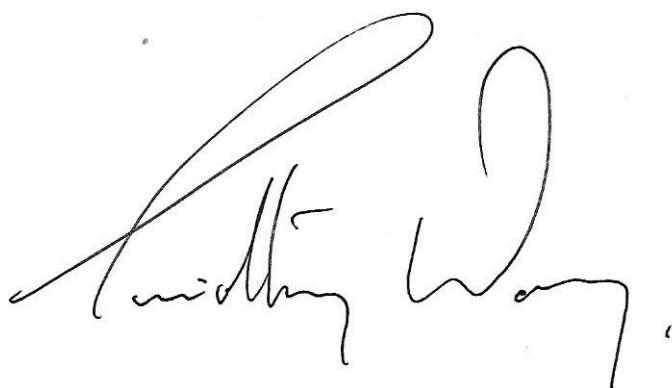
Please make a note of the Open Meetings for the early part of 2020

February 21st 2020

May 9th 2020

All Open meetings are held at Holy Trinity Church commencing 19.30 hours.

As always, you are invited to write to me on issues which concern you, and the WVA will do their best to address them.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Way', with a large, sweeping flourish above the first name.

Tim Way

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