



WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

17th January 2020

Dear Member,

There is a lot happening early in the new year which requires some thought, and positive action on everyone's part in expressing their views.

Out with the old and in with the new!!



I am pleased to confirm that on 3rd January the Charity Commission confirmed that the "Old WVA" has now been dissolved as agreed at the AGM on 16th October 2019.



Westcott residents are now represented by the new Westcott Village Association charity (Number 1185622 – a Charitable Incorporated Organisation) with a revised and updated set of objectives and constitution, all of which can be found on the Website – www.westcottvillage.com

We will be sending out letters in the next few months reminding you to change your standing order mandate with your bank:

The new bank account details are



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

This can be done at any time and we request that the standing order is paid in May or June each year.

Please encourage friends and neighbours to use this method of payment as collecting cash for membership fees is becoming increasingly

cumbersome and costly as banks seek to charge for cash deposits and push customers to paperless transactions.

Future Mole Valley – Draft Local Plan for consultation

MVDC has now released into the public domain the draft Local Plan which covers the next 15 years and which identifies potential locations and other development sites in the District. This is a very comprehensive document. The process which will be followed is as follows:

At its extraordinary meeting on 14th January the MVDC Cabinet agreed to put the consultation proposal on a draft Local Plan to a full Council meeting on 28th January.

If the Plan is approved by this full Council Meeting it will be put out for public consultation between 3rd February and 23rd March 2020 (one week later than originally advertised).



The draft local Plan is available on the Village Association web site www.westcottvillage.com The proposed sites for Westcott can be found in this document.

The council will be holding presentation meetings across the District and residents are encouraged to attend one of these meetings – the dates are also available on the Village Association Web site.

If the Local Plan is released for consultation the subject will be on the agenda for the Open Meeting of the Village Association on 5th March 2020 to be held at Holy Trinity Church Westcott commencing at 19.45 hours.

All residents (not just members of the WVA) are encouraged to attend to express views on the draft Plan. **All residents** are also encouraged to make their own views known directly to the Council by following the links on the Future Mole Valley site when the consultation process commences on 3rd February.

Prudential Ride London – Surrey County Council consultation

You will have seen in various sources that Surrey County Council have launched their consultation on the future of the Prudential Ride London which impacts the Village and has done so since the London Olympics eight years ago.



The consultation is open until 16th February 2020, and it is important therefore that as many people as possible express their views on the future of the race. This year's race on Sunday 16th August will be the last under the current agreement but you should be aware that there will be one further race in 2021 even if the consultation concludes that the event should be

discontinued; this is to allow the organisers time to organise another event and/or alternative routes.

Please ensure that you have submitted your views by the deadline by going on line to <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/deputy-ceo/survey-on-prudential-ridelondon-surrey/> or by e-mail at events@surreycc.gov.uk.

Speeding and Noise Campaign



In the coming months we are planning

- To survey residents on their views on speeding and what measures they want to see implemented
- To produce car stickers for rear windscreens encouraging 30mph through the village
- To lobby the County Highways department to make changes to the road layout and markings to try to reduce speeds through the village.

Cycle Hub – Coast Hill

We are pleased to announce that the Cycle Hub reported in the November Village Magazine article as part of the initiative to develop a multi-user pathway between Box Hill and Leith Hill, has been approved by the MVDC Planning committee. In addition to a cycle workshop and café, the development has around 70 parking spaces which will help to ease the parking problems we face in the village from visitors parking on the very congested roads around the village – usually at weekends and usually for the whole day. I would like to thank Laurence Matthews for working with the Village Association on this. When the facility is open – hopefully in the spring – we will be preparing polite letters to visiting car owners directing them to the parking and other facilities on the new site.

Suspension of parking restrictions outside The Hut, Westcott

Thanks to Howard Walden, with support from Cllr Hazel Watson, an application has been lodged to temporarily suspend the double yellow line parking restrictions outside The Hut while the centre is closed. The outcome will be known in the next few weeks.

And finally...

Thank you to Westcott's Secret Santa who brought cheer and a little smile to



a number of faces in the village by awarding a chocolate coin to those of us who tastefully decorated our properties with festive lights. We hope you will return next year when more people will vie for the reward and recognition!!

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "W".

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