



WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

March 2020

Dear Member

Future Mole Valley – Village Open Meeting



Thank you to everyone who braved a filthy night to attend the Open Meeting on 5th March. The discussion and comments were constructive and challenging and I urge everyone to follow this up with personal comments directly to Mole Valley via the web-site - at www.futuremolevalley.org.

The minutes of the meeting are now on the WVA website and you may want to use the information in your submissions to the Council. We will be publishing our formal reply to the Council, so look out for this after

23rd March www.westcottvillage.com

Speeding and Noise Campaign



Speed: If you do not already have one, please display one of our "30mph THROUGH WESTCOTT PLEASE" car stickers in your car urging drivers to observe the 30mph speed limit; these are available at the [Riverbank surgery](#), [Surrey Hills School \(Westcott site\)](#), and [St John's Community Centre](#). The more that are on display the greater the chance other drivers will get the message!! To date I have seen very few so please, please, please display one in your car.

Thank you to those who completed the **questionnaire**; at 13th March however, we have had only 80 replies and we need more to have sufficient weight of evidence to present to the County Highways Department. The closing date for completing the survey has now been extended to 29th March. It only takes 5 minutes, and we need as many people as possible to complete one. Please go to the news section on our website www.westcottvillage.com to complete the survey and ask friends and neighbours to do the same.

Noise: Again, if you have not already done so, please go on-line to sign the Surrey-wide petition to press the Department for Transport and the Highways Authorities to take action on excessive **motorbike noise** through our villages. **Please sign the petition on line** at <https://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/DAAENS2019/> and encourage others to do so; we need more people to sign up to ensure that this blight on our villages and countryside is stopped. It only takes a few minutes.



Mickleham village residents are suffering particularly badly as riders avoid the Average Speed Cameras on the Mickleham bends by riding at speed along Old London Road through the village. The Police acknowledge this and recognise that bike riders are now finding other stretches of road to speed on – the A25 out of Westcott being one of them! The technology does exist to catch noisy vehicles (in the same way as speed cameras do) but it is being trialled

elsewhere. If more people sign the petition, we have a chance to extend the trial to Surrey.

Prudential Ride London

The WVA is planning to apply in the charity ballot for up to 20 places in the **2021 Prudential Ride London 100 race** with the intention of making those it is successfully granted available to Westcott residents at cost. The registration process is expected to open this autumn once the 2020 event is out of the way. By applying as a charity, it is hoped that people who have approached the WVA about places in the past, and who have perhaps been unlucky in getting a place in the individual ballot, will be able to take part.



Depending on the outcome of the current consultation on the future of the race (which should be known by the end of April), the 2021 race may be the last opportunity to ride this classic event and raise money for your chosen charity.

Change of meeting dates

Please note the following dates in your diary:

Next Open Meeting **Thursday 21st May** – St John's Community Centre (Hall) moved from 28th May.

AGM **Thursday 8th October 2020** – Holy Trinity Church, Westcott moved from 15th October.

Good Neighbour

During the current concerns about the spread of Covid-19, various people have contacted me about support for people in the village who may be having problems. The best way to deal with this as a community is to “keep an eye out” for our neighbours – especially those who are older and/or on their own. If you do have specific concerns then please let me know and the WVA will look at the best ways to help.

And finally...

Can I remind you please to take a moment to amend your **Membership subscription** standing order to the new Bank Account.

Account Name: Westcott Village Association

Sort Code: 82-11-07

Account Number: 20072790

You can also go on line to www.westcottvillage.com and click on the Pay/Renew button. You can pay with any debit card – you don't have to have a PayPal account to do this.

Please do it now while it is in your mind!!! The annual subscription is £10 per household, but if you would like to pay a little more, and can afford it, this is always welcome, and all the money is put towards projects which benefit the village.

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

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