



Thank you for coming to the Open Meeting but if you couldn't make it here is a quick round up...

It was a great turnout last Thursday 21st March for the Open Meeting at the Prince of Wales. There was plenty of lively debate with a wide variety of topics covered.

Surrey County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Paul Goddard explained how the WVA, as a resident's association, have been given a short-extended window to submit a response to the **Surrey County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan** consultation. We have been gathering your views but it's not too late, so if you have comments or observations about how the existing network of footpaths, bridleways and by-ways through and around Westcott can be improved then please let us know before the end of this week. Please send your comments by email to contact@westcottvillage.com or directly to Paul Goddard prwg104@icloud.com



Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

James Leaver spoke about the forthcoming review of the **Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** as the current plan expires in 2026. Decisions on planning applications are made by MVDC with reference to the Westcott NDP as well as the Local Plan and so it is an important document which gives the village an opportunity to set out a positive vision for the future development needs of our community.

James will be leading a steering group that will review the current document and after a consultation process with the village will propose a new version that will come in to effect in 2027 and be valid until 2036. The Steering Group's work will start in the summer and last for about 12 months. We are delighted to already have some volunteers who want to join the steering group but if you would also like to get involved please get in touch via contact@westcottvillage.com

To view a copy of the existing Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan follow this link [Westcott-Neighbourhood-Development-Plan.pdf](#)

Guest Speakers

Jacky Fyson, Executive Head at **Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School** spoke passionately about how the school value being at the heart of our community and how much they appreciate the many people who give up their time to assist with school activities. If you have some time to spare and would like to get involved with various activities at the school please get in touch with westcott@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk

Marisa Heath, Cabinet Member for the **Environment at Surrey County Council** spoke about her many roles covering the countryside, net zero, flooding, rights of way and waste management. She is also a member of the Surrey Hills National Landscape Board (AONB) as well as Chair of the Surrey Environment Partnership and of the Surrey Greener Futures Board. She invited anyone with issues or concerns to get in touch with her directly at marisa.heath@surreycc.gov.uk and reaffirmed her commitment to working with us as a local community.

Tim Way also spoke about the new **Mole Valley Community Fund** which working in partnership with the Community Foundation for Surrey is a new grant making body looking to support local good causes. Initially they are looking for funding from local organisations or philanthropic individuals who are keen to make a difference in their community and in time of course they will be open for grant applications from local groups looking for financial support. Further information is available from Tim Way directly timway.westcott@gmail.com or online at <https://www.cfsurrey.org.uk/fund/mole-valley/>

Mole Valley Community Fund

The Mole Valley Community Fund is an initiative specifically for the benefit of Mole Valley borough and its residents.

By working in partnership with the Community Foundation of Surrey we have established a permanent fund enabling and encouraging local giving, so that as an area we can respond to local concerns.

There are many reasons to give:

- Help older or disadvantaged residents combat isolation and stay happy, healthy and included
- Increase facilities, training, skills and experience for young people in Mole Valley
- Support district activities, services and community focal points such as village halls

Supporting a local fund like Mole Valley Community Fund is a simple way to help people in your area

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WVA subscriptions

Finally, the WVA relies on the generosity of the residents of Westcott through annual subscriptions to continue its work. As we no longer have Street Stewards who go door to door collecting subscriptions we rely on you paying either via direct debit or paypal. If you are unsure whether you still have a direct debit set up or if you need our bank details please get in touch with Edwin Harland, Treasurer via contact@westcottvillage.com or follow the paypal link on the village website <https://westcottvillage.com/contact-us/>



We are still keen to hear from any residents who would like to come and join us on the Committee, we encourage anyone with a passion for the village and our community to get in touch.

Best wishes
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