

Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Ltd

Newsletter December 2011

Dear Residents,

It seems that Christmas came early this year as on 1st October the responsibility for the maintenance of the Bownham Park drains and sewers was taken over by Severn Trent. This historic event should eliminate the risk of another catastrophically expensive repair bill which has happened previously. Obviously this has many implications and your Committee are already preparing a long term budget with the intention of lowering the maintenance subscription fee for 2012 which was set at £250 at the last AGM. For convenience we hope to introduce a Standing Order payment option with the fee paid either annually or quarterly.

Finally, if we are faced with yet another winter of snow and freezing conditions may I request your help, assistance and support to our neighbours and residents who find the conditions particularly difficult?

Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Graham Hopkins

1. Road Maintenance

Over past couple of weeks we have had the roads swept to clear the backlog of leaves from the verges. Luckily we only needed one sweep this year. Over 10 tons of leaves were collected. Thank you to those who assisted in the clearance and supervision.

We would like to thank Pip and Richard for the removal of all the leaves from the top compound to allow us to store our main salt stock and the spreading machine.

The majority of the cracks in the roads around the Park have been filled with tarmac to stop the ingress of water with possible subsequent damage due to frost. A further application of tarmac will take place in the summer when temperature is higher as the tarmac compound used is air drying.

We have considered what to do about the raised manhole on the road between number 77 & 79. Our initial thoughts were to see if Severn Trent would be prepared to lower it but it was unlikely that they would consider it a priority. We could raise the level of the tarmac around the manhole but have decided to leave it until a later date. It also acts as a slight deterrent to speeding vehicles.

2. Salt.

We have supplies of salt available around the park to be used in the event of snow or ice. If you are spreading the salt only a small amount is needed to be spread quite widely on the roads. It is not available for personal use on your drives.

Please do not park on the road for long periods, especially the slopes, during the winter months to keep the road as clear as possible for passing vehicles and to avoid accidents.

Finally, your Council would like to wish all residents a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.