

Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Ltd

Newsletter February 2018

Dear Residents,

The relatively mild winters of the past few years may have lulled us into a false sense of security and I do hope that the heavy snowfall prior to Christmas did not cause too much inconvenience. Martin has listed below some of the details and I would like to thank him for his leaf raking and also assisting Richard Smith and Warren with the salt-bag lifting and distribution. Hopefully, spring is just around the corner.

Graham Hopkins Chairman BPRRAL

1. Leaf clearance

You may have wondered about the delay to the leaf sweeping this year and why we have a new contractor. Previously Veola, the contractor for Stroud District Council, had also been available to sweep our roads and had done a superb job at a reasonably price. Unfortunately, when they lost the contract with SDC in 2016, their replacement was not available so we had to find a new one. Warren Richards, one of our Council members, volunteered to find a new road sweeping company and a reputable company in Bristol was selected. Unfortunately, two things occurred that year. Their sweeping mechanism picked up a cable which become entangled in the roller and it took a long time to clear, and also they were not able to get to clear the leaves at the edges of the road in some places.

For 2017, because of the snowfall, the leaf sweep had to be postponed. Prior to the later day selected the leaves were cleared out from the edges so that they could be picked up more easily but because of the snow where very wet and soggy. When the road sweeper came, because of the weight, they filled their vehicle within a short period just collecting from the bottom road. They then had to return to Bristol to dump the leaves. They returned two days later to complete the sweep collecting several tonnes of leaves and debris in all. Unfortunately, they did not clear all of the bottom entrance and this has now been done by volunteers from on the Park.

2. Salt.

We now have a plentiful supply of salt in the three bins on the Park plus in our store. The salt in the store is in sealed bags and so should last for a long time. Of course we are hoping that we do not need to use too much of it.

3. Water Supply

Severn Trent will have to cut off the water supply around the Park for about 30 minutes during the night to investigate a possible leak outside numbers 69 and 28. We have not been informed when this may occur.

4. Council meetings

The next Council meeting will be on 8th May 2018. If there are any specific matters for which BPRRAL has responsibility and that you would like to be considered, can you please let me know by the 1st May.

Martin Clements

Secretary BPRRAL

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