

# Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Ltd

## Newsletter December 2013

Dear Residents,

On your behalf may I say a big thank you to Dan Morris (The Clock House No 49) for arranging and financing the white line re-painting at the top entrance between the main road and the inner Tee junction. It is a vast improvement and in particular the clearly visible solid white line across one side of the road at the inner Tee junction. Will all drivers coming up the Bovis Hill who intend to exit please ensure that when turning right, they drive around that white line rather than cutting across the corner. Also, all drivers entering are expected to stop at the white line before proceeding. This applies equally to those intending to turn left down the Bovis Hill.

After the re-painting another Council Member and I on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 4.20pm, witnessed the driver of a small yellow car entering The Park, ignoring the new white line completely and turning left at speed without stopping, slowing down or even looking to the right. Her right hand was holding a mobile phone to her ear so she was steering only with her left hand. It was a shocking and appalling standard of driving.

Following the recent road safety survey it seems that the majority of our residents are honouring their commitment to drive carefully and within the 20 mph speed limit. As a result, any selfish and inconsiderate driver who ignores those requirements is far more likely to be spotted and even reported. Please make sure that it is not you by driving carefully and within the speed limit at all times.

Graham Hopkins – Chairman BPRRAL

### **1. Winter Arrangements**

We have arranged with VEOLA to carry out a leaf sweep (weather permitting) on 4th December. We have plenty of salt for the roads and the bins around the Park. If you are spreading salt remember that it works better if it is spread thinly on the road surface.

### **2. Surface water drains**

Whilst the main sewers are now the responsibilities of Severn Trent the maintenance of the surface water drains remain under our remit. In recent months emergency work has been required to clear blockages caused by tree roots and unfortunately, it is likely that further work will be needed. Our aim will be to establish a long term maintenance plan with budgeted funding.

### **3. Bownham Park School**

The site may be vacated by early spring next year. Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) has therefore reached the stage where they need to submit a planning application. It is most likely that this will be based on the 11 dwelling scheme similar to the plans issued to you all earlier this year. Further reports in due course.

Your Council wishes you a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year

Martin Clements  
Secretary BPRRAL  
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