

Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Ltd

Newsletter November 2014

Dear Residents,

1. Road sweeping and winter preparations.

Our annual big road sweep has been organised for Tuesday 9th December weather permitting. We have plenty of salt distributed in the bins around the Park. Hopefully we will not have to use much of it. If you are going to help by spreading salt on the road remember that only small amount is needed to melt the ice. Large amounts just get washed away

2. Top Gate posts

Thanks go to our Chairman Graham who repaired the top gate post which had become dislodged by an articulated lorry some while ago. He has also replaced the 20 mph speed sign with a newer version. None of materials are of cost to the Association.

3. Broadband

Don't get too excited but we may be getting high speed internet access in the next 9-18 months.

You may have seen an Openreach BT team going round the Park recently. They are carrying out an initial survey of the BT cabling in the Park.

There are two options in which high speed broadband can be provided.

1. by bringing the fibre optic cabling direct to your house
2. having fibre optic cable from Amberley exchange to the cabinet behind the Bear of Rodborough and then using the current copper cabling from the cabinet and to our houses.

The preferred method would be option 1. but this is dependent firstly upon the cost and secondly having our permission to cut a trench in the road around the Park to lay the fibre cable. There would then be access points around the Park to individual properties.

Option 2. is simpler and would cost less but depends upon the quality of the copper cabling to and around the Park. Unfortunately the cables around the Park were laid many years ago and are not of very good quality.

Openreach are in the very early days of the project and budgets have to be prepared, submitted and approved before we will know when we can apply for high speed connection, so do not hold your breath.

I am the contact with Openreach and as soon as I know of any developments I will circulate them to you all.

Finally, your Council hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and our best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Martin Clements
Secretary BPRRAL December 2014