

BOWNHAM PARK RODBOROUGH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION LTD.

NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2009

1. DRAINS

One of the principal responsibilities of your Committee is to ensure that we repair and monitor the drains in the Park to prevent any unexpected problems arising.

Accordingly every five years as has been previous practice we make arrangements for a full camera survey to be completed to check for potential areas of collapse or excessive root incursion etc. This latest survey is shortly to be implemented.

2. GRIT, SAND AND SALT FOR THE ROADS.

It was apparent during the recent cold and icy spell that there was insufficient grit etc. either in the bin or at Committee members' houses to ensure the roads remained passable. As a result we have installed two additional grit bins on the Park for the use of residents in keeping the Associations roadways clear when subject to icy conditions. We will examine the possibility of obtaining outside help in spreading the grit in extreme conditions but inevitably it would appear that the first call would be on young, fit and able residents to perform self help on behalf of the Association.

3. TREASURER

Mrs Sue Hanks, our present Treasurer, has indicated that she will not be seeking re-election at the next AGM in July. Apart from a short break admirably covered by Anthony Greenwood in 2002 – 03 Sue has held this office for 9 years and deserves our sincere thanks for the tremendous amount of work she has given to the Association over the years. Therefore, through this letter we are requesting a resident/owner to put herself/himself forward at the next AGM to be elected as Treasurer. Sue has helpfully listed the responsibilities of the position and also indicated when in the year specific functions have to be completed.

We have included in this Newsletter contributions from Jason Lloyd and Judy Kelsey and we close with a brief note from Chairman Trevor Allen.

David Whittaker
Secretary.

A MESSAGE FROM JASON

Hi everyone, so what's happening then?

The not so good stuff:

Well, you may remember that we had some issues at the bottom entrance with graffiti and antisocial behaviour. We got the police involved and they have been continuing to keep an eye on certain individuals and they have visited them at their homes to warn them with the hope that this will deter them from congregating in larger numbers, as the weather gets warmer. If anti-social problems persist then the police will keep hassling them and eventually they will just get fed up and move on. Obviously we don't have an issue with anyone enjoying the 'view' etc whatever their age just as long as they don't upset anyone else in the process.

As for the graffiti sprayed entrance sign and road, the entrance sign has been replaced and we have covered and sealed it with Perspex. If it should happen again then we only need at worst to replace the protective cover. As for the road graffiti, that was removed with many thanks to one particular resident who helped me it was very much appreciated.

One or two residents believed that there were drugs being traded on Bownham Common. This may or may not be the case, however, on the occasions that the police carried out a drugs search operation no one on Bownham Common was found in possession of anything that they shouldn't have had.

The better stuff:

We put up a mirror at the top entrance in response to residents that use the pedestrian entrance. People have expressed their thanks for this and so that is very much appreciated.

I am really impressed with the support we have had from PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Desmond Moore in relation to the Bownham Common issues mentioned above. Many people became rather cynical about the police, however he has done everything he promised and continues to do so. I have seen him driving around the Park a few times and he always asks if all is well here. Desmond is a very worthwhile person to know and have a good rapport with.

We will organise another summer garden party again this year. If anyone has any ideas or comments on this issue to make it an even more pleasant afternoon then by all means 'bring it on'!

The Google Group is working really well. One resident even got a job through it! How good it that! Those of you who can, please use it as much as possible. Once you get to grips with it it's really simple to use and there's always help if you need it. Anyway, hope all is well and I look forward to seeing some of you from time to time
Take care. Jason Lloyd (No.9)

A MESSAGE FROM JUDY

Very many thanks to everyone for allowing us to use your email address to send out information – and to those of you who helped out by delivering messages to non email neighbours. It has been a great help.
We've had a really good response from the speeding questionnaire and Jason and I are on the case – lots of comments to read! As soon as we are sure there are no more responses to come in, we will collate and report back the findings to you all.
Also if anyone wants to add or update their email address to the BPRRA list – please just email me.
Judy Kelsey bownham@googlemail.com

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

On behalf of the Association I would like to thank the members of the Committee for the work they have done this year and thank also those residents who have contributed to the smooth running of the Park
Trevor Allen.

