

Planning

No significant planning is reported since the AGM.

Environment

At last we have dog bins on the common and at the Squirrel triangle. We only have to encourage their use. With thanks to Darren Hayday and WDC. We paid for one.

The bi-annual litter collection took place in May. The usual volunteers turned up, and the number of bags was again fewer than last year. An increasing number of "walkers" are carrying litter bags and collecting as they go, which makes it so much easier for the bi-annual groups. This may also be a deterrent, since no-one wants to be seen to be the first to foul. As usual, however, we have the determined Mars bar eater, the suicidal smoker, the sad persons who can't make it home from work without a serious alcohol hit and the designer water carriers, all of whom managed to carry the full container or wrapper into the common but find the empty too heavy to continue home with.....or perhaps it's simply guilt, they want no-one to know. So "empty/lighter" does not register.

Sadly, however, this year has seen the advent of more disgusting littering than even plastic-bagged dog mess. Used disposable nappies - three one day over the spring holiday, then another a couple of days later - regrettably an example of the exception proving the rule? Words fail. Not so surprisingly, they were closely associated with an empty vodka bottle and four empty beer cans.

The seeding of the Squirrel triangle wasn't altogether successful, but there was a flash of colour for a few weeks, though the tree planted also failed due to the dry weather - remember the dry weather? We will try again.

The rat-runners on the bridle path are less frequent since the signage was added. Long may it continue.

The Society, in association with the Hall Committee and the Horticultural Society, has contributed to another lockable post for access to the common. This was ordered and installed by Hedley.

Apparently those responsible for the local graffiti have been identified, and action is being taken to deter.

Communication

We have a new local community policeman, though his presence may have been somewhat obfuscated by the presence of so many others over the past month. He is Dan MacCulloch and can be contacted through Windsor CC 0845 8505505.

A community notice board has been erected at the Turnpike - access via "Impression" hairdresser.

You can contact the society on E-Mail at rtewalker@aol.com or through WDC or BCC web pages.

Members who would like to be kept in touch by this method are invited to send their Email addresses. Hopefully we can keep you up-dated more quickly. Since we only meet six times a year, please appreciate that we cannot be in touch with all members immediately. The "LINK" Magazine has proved useful in disseminating local information, including a news item from BCWPS.

The attendance at the AGM was small even by normal standards. The Committee need to know what you want for and from your Society. It really does have a purpose, the protection of your very own local environment. We believe that most areas of the common are now covered by a local committee representative.

All complaints regarding odour from High Heavens should be passed to 01296382307 BCC Waste Management.

Membership Subscriptions for 2006/2007.

The committee has elected Mrs Betty Duggin an Honorary Life Member of the Society.

Subs for 2005 were collected late due to a technical hitch; we intend to get round to collecting 2006 subs before Xmas. The committee would like to thank those members of the society who contribute, with special thanks for those who augment the agreed £3.00 annual contribution. We are currently solvent.

Litter picking

The next collection will be on Sunday 8th October. Meet below The Squirrel Pub at 11a.m., at the south end of Rydal Way or at the pylon, south end of Highwood Avenue. Stout footwear and gloves are essential. Waste bags will be supplied. All welcome.