

HOLMWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

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NEW COUNCILLORS.

We will be losing some very valuable members of the council in May as they step down from office at the local Parish Elections. It is a great opportunity to introduce some new blood on to the council with fresh ideas to help guide the council forward in the coming year. We are therefore asking for volunteers to consider coming forward and joining the Parish Council. Interested? Eligibility requirements include being over 18 years old and residing within 3 miles of the Parish. Full criteria can be found by Googling 'eligibility to be a parish councillor'. The next Parish Council meeting takes place on Thursday 3 March at 7pm in the village hall and you are invited to come along and see what happens.

For more information either email the Clerk clerk@holmwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact a current Councillor.

PLAYGROUND

After earmarking funds for the past three years, two new pieces of playground equipment have been purchased and will be installed in the playground this summer. They are a Masquerade Multi Play Unit ...



...and a built-in ground trampoline.



Thank you to those who have made comments on the choice of equipment, we have done our best to choose items for all to enjoy. We would also like to thank County Councillor Stephen Cooksey and the Surrey County Council's Members' Community Allocation fund for the grant of £2,800 toward the total cost of this equipment.

MOLE VALLEY LOCAL PLAN

Although it does not appear that South Holmwood is directly affected by any of the proposals in the Local Plan, it is currently being finalised by Mole Valley Council and details can be seen at the Pippbrook offices in Dorking.

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TREE WORK ON HOLMWOOD COMMON

The National Trust undertook extensive work on trees with Ash Dieback on Holmwood Common at the end of January. This work was necessary to protect users of the common from dangerous, unstable trees.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee this year. Commemorations may include a Beacon lighting ceremony, or you may like to organise street parties. We are discussing different ways to mark this momentous occasion. A unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark The Platinum Jubilee has been launched [@queensgreencanopy](#) and we have purchased 6 trees to coincide with this initiative (see below)

TREE PLANTING

After obtaining permission from the National Trust, we have planted the 6 new trees in the area adjacent to Church Path, Betchetts Green Road - 3 Rowan (Mountain Ash) and 3 Flowering Cherry. Sincere thanks are given to 7 hardy volunteers who undertook the planting task on one of the coldest mornings of the year. Coffee drinking was an essential part of the planting!



The team consisted of
Mike Murray (team leader)
Roland Pullen
Charlie Turner
Stuart Hoad
Gerald Risbridger
and James and Keith (councillors)

We are looking forward to spring blossom!!

VILLAGE HALL

The Council acts as managing agents to the Trustees of the Village Hall. Please note that this is YOUR village hall. Although it also accommodates the Village Club, the hall is available to all for hire for parties, clubs and events of any kind. Rates to members of our community are extremely reasonable. There is also a kitchen available and bar facilities can be provided from the Village Club.

For bookings please contact Kathryn Tupper on 07748 980964 or Facebook [@southholmwoodvillageclub](#).

A24 MILL ROAD JUNCTION

We have been concerned about the recent changes and road markings introduced on the central reservation at this busy, dangerous junction. We understand many of you also share this concern. We have written to Surrey County Council Highways who have undertaken those changes. Our concerns have been noted and they are currently reviewing the layout.

PERMITTED DISCRETIONARY DONATION

We have made a £50.00 donation to St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley £25.00 to the Royal British Legion.