

HOLMWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER



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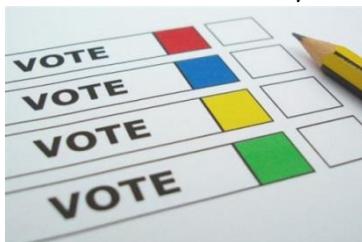
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Local Elections - May 7, 2015

Not only is there a General Election that day, there will also be the opportunity to elect your new Parish Council. The Parish Council consists of 7 Councillors and any member of the public (if they fulfil the criteria required which can be obtained from the Electoral Roll Officer at Mole Valley District Council or the Clerk) can also put themselves forward for election. If there are 7 or less applicants, there will be no need for an election, but should there be more than 7, then an election will be held. This is an opportunity to serve your



community and it is important that South Holmwood continues to have a Council because, should there not be a sufficient number willing to stand, your Parish Council would be swallowed up by Mole Valley District Council, which we do not think a good idea.

Playground

The safety surfaces beneath the two swing areas have now been completely replaced. The Parish Council has weighed up all the issues concerning a new outdoor fitness centre and has decided not to proceed with this project.

Airports Commission Consultation on a Second Runway at Gatwick



Your Parish Council, along with most of the other parish councils in the Mole Valley Area, and Mole Valley District Council have responded to this consultation, opposing a second runway at Gatwick. You can see the letter which was sent from us on our website.

Precept for 2015/16

In recent years, the Parish Council has had to meet increased expenditure to maintain the level of facilities in the Parish, but we are pleased that for the forthcoming year, a reduced Precept of £10,500 is being requested from Mole Valley District Council - a reduction of £2,000.

Vandalism in South Holmwood

Holmwood Parish Council has the responsibility of ensuring that the subway is kept in good order by contacting Mole Valley District Council or Surrey County Council when maintenance needs to be done. Mole Valley District Council removes graffiti. Surrey County Council repairs lighting, clears the slipway of weed growth, and provides the mirrors in the subway.



The mirrors have been replaced on a number of occasions, only to be vandalised within days of fitting. After The Council's meeting last September the replacement mirrors were fitted, and almost immediately vandals damaged them. The Parish Council has made the decision not to arrange for their replacement any more.

There are notices requesting cyclists to dismount before going through the subway, but unfortunately these are being ignored, this puts pedestrians' lives at risk by riding at speed down the slipways and through the subway. The Parish Council has approached Surrey County Council to see if they can install barriers in the subway so cyclists are forced to dismount. However, their response is that as barriers would need to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act, so that the spacing of the barriers does not prevent wheelchair or mobility scooter access. In view of this SCC are not willing to put barriers in the subway.

The vandalism to bus shelters is another recurring problem, with the shelter on the northbound carriageway at the Holly and Laurel and the one on the southbound carriageway by the War Memorial both being damaged. Once reported, Mole Valley



District Council has excellent workers who do a very good job of repairing the damage as can be seen from this picture.

If you see anyone vandalising property, do not approach them, but report the matter to Surrey Police on 101, but if your call is urgent then dial 999. You can also report minor crimes using the online crime reporting facility available on www.surrey.police.uk

Heartstart



HEART START

Holmwood Parish Council is co-operating with Mole Valley District Council and Professional Minds Ltd, who are offering a two hour training course on basic emergency life support skills. The training will last for 2 hours. The date and time to be determined. Participants will be asked to contribute a nominal sum to cover costs. The topics being covered are:

1. Priorities and the conscious casualty.
2. The unconscious cardiac patient.
3. Suspected heart attack.
4. Choking.

If you are interested in this course, please contact the Parish Clerk, with your contact details, telephone 01306 632889.

Housing and Traveller Sites Plan

This plan produced by MVDC has now been terminated because the Government has issued new guidelines giving greater protection to the Green Belt. MVDC will now prepare a new local plan in line with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework.