

HOLMWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER



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PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR

With generous donations from the British Heart Foundation, Mole Valley District Council, the Holmwood Village Club and the Parish Council we are pleased to report that a Public Access Defibrillator has been installed at the Village Hall, Warwick Road, South Holmwood, this has been installed by Mr. Steve Jolley, the fully automatic defibrillator housed in a green cabinet can be used by any member of the public as it provides full audible instructions. It could potentially save the life of a heart attack patient before an ambulance is able to reach the scene. Training will be given to any member of the public and it is recommended that as many as possible take this training which will take place at the Village Hall dates and times to be announced. This defibrillator will be available 24 hours a day if required.

PLANNING.

The Council have considered several planning applications during the year and have recently responded supporting Mole Valley Planning in refusing the application, and the Appeal at Woodholm, Horsham Road, the appeal has been lodged to remove Condition 4 relating to the hours of work at these premises.

If granted this would lead to serious problems at the junction of Betchets Green Road and the A24.

PRECEPT FOR 2016/17.

In recent years, the Parish Council has had to meet increased expenditure to maintain the level of facilities in the Parish, for the forthcoming year, a Precept of £11,500 is being requested from Mole Valley District Council - this is an increase of £1,000.00 from the previous year.

VANDALISM IN SOUTH HOLMWOOD.



The vandalism to bus shelters is another recurring problem, with the shelter on the southbound carriageway by the War Memorial again

this has been damaged. Unfortunately Mole Valley District Council have indicated that they will not be repairing any further damage to the bus shelters in Holmwood because of the frequency of having to attend, and it maybe that they will even consider removing them totally.

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.

GRASSCUTTING

The Council have been in contact with Mole Valley to ensure that the intersections of the dual carriageway are cut on a more regular intervals. It has also been suggested that just the edges of the reservation and the sides of the dual carriageway only are cut to a width of about 4' and leave the centre as has been done in the past on the North Holmwood section of the A24 to enable the wild flowers to flower and seed.

PLAYGROUND

The playground is still inspected on an annual basis by Wicksteed's and on a weekly basis by a Councillor and the grass cut regularly. Should any problems be noticed then please do report to the Council immediately so that action can be taken to ensure the safety of all our users.

PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

This is a matter of concern and whilst it is appreciated that residents have to leave their cars somewhere the Council have requested that perhaps white lines could be painted at the junction of the Village Roads with particular attention given to the junction of Warwick/Norfolk Roads to enable safe access through the village.

EAST SURREY WHEELS 2 WORK

No transport? From £28.00 pw inc VAT you can hire a moped to help you get to work, education or training. The scheme includes rider training, helmet, padded reflective jacket and gloves. For more details and an application form please call 01883 732791 or e.mail rtp@tandridge.gov.uk or visit www.eastsurreywheels2work.co.uk

This scheme is a project of the East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership funded by Local Authorities in Surrey.

ALMSHOUSES - DORKING

The Almshouses on Cotmandene provide affordable accommodation for local people over the age of 55 years who are of limited means. Applicants would also need to have been resident in the parish of Dorking, including The Holmwoods and Westcott, for three or more years prior to application or have spent a substantial part of their life there.

There are 19 flats of varying sizes, some suitable for a couple. Each flat comprises a sitting room, bedroom, kitchen and either a bath or shower room. There is a resident Warden on hand and an emergency call system.

Occupiers need to be capable of looking after themselves, are not tenants but are granted a licence to occupy on terms that will not cause hardship. Vacancies occur from time to time and the Trustees will meet anyone who has expressed an interest so that they can be contacted when a vacancy occurs. For more information and details of how to apply please contact the Clerk to the Trustees on 01372 370073 or luchar@btinternet.com

SUBWAY

Mole Valley District Council should now be cleaning this on a weekly basis.

FINANCE

The Council's thanks are extended to Mr. Pat Casey who has acted as the Internal Auditor for the council for many years and who has now retired. The Council are now in the process of appointing another Auditor.