

WGRA Westgate Residents Association, Chichester

Westgate, Henty Gardens, Mount Lane, St Bartholomew's Close, Tannery Close

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Dear Resident,

White House Farm

The development this month is that the application for planning permission for the first group of 73 houses on the north east of the plot was deferred by the planning committee (Councillors) for the second time. There are a number of concerns, including:-

1. Lack of "green" features, eg. adequate solar panels, in view of the fact that the Council have declared "A Climate Emergency".
2. Poor arrangements for parking on site which in some cases appear to require neighbours to park behind each other in shared drives.
3. Poor external appearance of the houses - lack of variety and character.
4. No decision yet from the developers about the sewage system i.e. on-site plant or connection to Southern Water's new sewer to the Tangmere works.

The next Infrastructure Steering Group will be on Friday 4 October (at WSCC), when we shall learn whether our request to re-open the plans for Westgate has been granted.

SID / Community Speedwatch

Another issue your committee have been considering is the problem of speeding along Westgate. A proposal for a fixed SID (Speed Indicating Device) has been turned down by the Highways Department on the grounds that the "Fixed Loop" traffic recorder on the road by the entrance to Henty Gardens does not show a high enough average speed. We believe the average is affected by cars slowing down to enter or leave Henty Gardens and that many drivers do speed, especially when the road is not busy. We need evidence of speeding to appeal this decision which can only be obtained using the handheld SID (speed gun). Please join the group of volunteers who carry out these speed checks. Note that not only are speeds recorded by the Speedwatch operators, but details of cars caught speeding are sent to Chichester Police and offenders receive a warning letter. Further such letters will lead to a speeding fine. The first necessity for volunteers is to visit the website (www.communityspeedwatch.org) to sign up and complete the on-line training. Details of how to sign up were given in the August Bulletin but if you need further help, please contact Bebette Jones (sec.wgra@gmail.com) *Richard Brownfield*

WGRA AGM

A reminder that this is scheduled for Saturday 23 November 2019 at 10am at St. Wilfrid's Church Hall on Sherborne Road.

Westgate Christmas Celebrations

Wednesday 11 December - details are still being finalised but please make a note of the date in your diaries.

Westgate Street Cleaning

Bebette Jones had an onsite meeting with an officer from CDC, to complain about the current state of Westgate with gutters / drains / pavements full of leaves and weeds. Happily the problems were dealt with promptly and CDC are going to review their mechanical sweeping schedules to increase the frequency but is limited due to resources and manpower. There is also a division in responsibilities with CDC responsible for litter picking and sweeping gutters and WSCC responsible for clearing drains and pavement

weeds and grass mowing. Pavements are not swept but the street is litter picked daily from the roundabout at the east end up to and including Mount Lane and weekly from the same roundabout to the Sherborne Road roundabout.

Regular events / Notices

WGRA Coffee Morning - Every 1st Saturday morning of the month at the Crate and Apple. Just turn up between 10am and 11am and meet your neighbours. The next one is on Saturday 5 October.

Knitting and Social Group - Every Monday morning from 10am - 12 noon. Knitter or not, please come along and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea at the Crate and Apple. Organiser: Sally Lowe (sallylowe10@gmail.com)

“Bavardage au Pub” Last Monday in the month at the Crate and Apple at 6.30pm. A relaxed hour or so speaking French. All levels welcome. Contact Jane Davies (jane-davies31@gmail.com)

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