

October News Letter

Roads

There were some work parties over the weekend of 17-19th September in which we laid 45 bags of cold tar to fill the pot holes on Thames Side and Riverside between 28 and 29. A big thank you to all those who answered the call and helped out. Even though we still had to resort in child labour.

This method of maintaining the road is quick, easy and cheap to do. Since it does not rely on contractors we can be more responsive in future. So that maintenance can be done before the holes get too big. So please report issues to the committee.

The area outside 94TS is still a bit of a mess. Since 94TS will be renewing their driveway it makes sense to fix the road after that is done. This is anticipated to be next spring.

The area from 67-71 will not last much longer and there are plenty of patches where the surface layer is worn right out. So we do really need to crack on with the plan to re-surface the whole road as soon as funds allow.

The hedges on one side of the Riverside cutting between 28 and 29 have been trimmed. Well done Vic. The other side is due to be trimmed soon.

It has been reported that some people are going through this stretch far too fast. I know the speed limit is 20. However, 5 is much more appropriate through this stretch of the road due to the width and visibility. So please watch your speed.

Soakaways

The five drains to the two soakaways by 28 Riverside have been cleared and are working well. At the other end of Riverside the drain at 2RC has been cleaned along with the drain in the centre of the road. However, further investigation will be carried out to fully clear out this soak away and reset the drain cover in the centre. There should be drain covers all along Riverside. However, I could only find one outside 17RC. If anyone knows where any of the others are please let me know.

If there are further issues of flooding please let the committee know. Details on the web site.

Fast Fibre

You may have seen BT putting in boxes along Wheatsheaf Lane to allow people to subscribe to their fast fibre internet service. This service will also be available to both Riverside and Thames Side via boxes on the poles.



A local residents association based in Staines-Upon-Thames

Neighbourhood Watch

The rogue boat is still parked outside 84TS. However, the EA will be moving the boat under it's own steam or assisted very soon. A big thank you to James Tindall for all the work he has put in with the EA to get this sorted. Alan not sure where it's going but you may need a longer extension lead.

Bins On Silvery Sands

Michele Gibson has been working her magic with both the EA and the council and has finally got both to agree to empty the bins. That's a double win. Well done Michele. So now the EA have arranged for the bin service. If you have bin watching you will have seen that they have finally been emptied. Apologies for the mess in the meantime. However, staying the course has paid off.

Swans

It seems that the temporary fence outside 85-87 TS is working to discourage the swans from living in that area. They still come over occasionally but not 100 birds at a time. There is still more work to be done to discourage the illegal commercial feeding at Truss Island. There have also been incidents of people stealing the temporary fence posts.

Road Maintenance Subscriptions

The maintenance fee not only covers the maintenance to "your" piece of road but also covers the use of the other shared roads along with the other services provided by the SSRA such as neighbourhood watch and representation to the EA and council.

If you haven't paid your road maintenance fee for this year please pay £120 as shown on our web site at:-

<https://silverysands.org/fees-and-payment>

Please make use of our **Barclays Bank Account: Sort Code 20-45-45, Account No.40671851**

please include somewhere in the "details" box; your name or address i.e. **"87TS"**.

Alternatively, your Treasurer Anitha will be happy to accept cheques at 84B Thames Side.

Easy Fund Raising

Easy fund raising is a great way to get money for nothing. Every time you buy something online a small donation 1-2% typically goes to your designated cause. It costs you nothing but the pennies add up over time. It's a great way to help boost the income to the SSRA which in turn will mean we can do Thames Side sooner and hence reduce the road maintenance fees for all.

So every time you shop online you collect a small free commission for the SSRA. So at no cost to yourself it helps to raise additional funds for the SSRA. We will get an additional bonus if you signup using the link below:-

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step1/?char=282432&invite=3HLSCO&referral-campaign=c2s>