



RAMSHILL ROUNDABOUT

The Newsletter for Residents of Ramshill Estate

March 2020



Dear Residents,

Dates for your diaries:

- **Saturday 21st March @ 10am: Ramshill's Annual Spring Clean** which has been well supported by residents in previous years. Please meet on the Playground and if you have litter picking gear from previous years bring with you. Those without will be supplied thanks to the loan of equipment by Beth Svarovska and The Petersfield Society. Please support this vital project and just turn up on the day or email to confirm you are coming: Chair@Ramshill.org.uk
- **Saturday 13th June:** We are hoping to organise a **Picnic in the Park** on our Playground for families and children. Details will follow nearer to the time if we can raise sufficient volunteers to support us. Email Chair@Ramshill.org.uk if you can help please.
- **Thursday 9th July @ 7pm:** Our annual **AGM in Churcher's College**. We have bought this forward to the summer to encourage more residents to attend. We hope to serve refreshments.
- **Saturday 10th October: Daffodil Bulb Planting** in Ramshill. Many residents turned out last November and in under 60 minutes we planted over 1,000 bulbs in Barentin Way. We plan to repeat the exercise in another area of our estate and further details will follow in due course.

Skidders Farm Lane:

We have been informed by Taylor Wimpey (TW) the lights will be connected by SSE on March 9th good news indeed. Other remedial work is required to the overhanging trees and the barriers at the head of the path before the Petersfield Town Council (PTC) will legally adopt. We continue to badger TW to complete all outstanding work ASAP.

Adoption of our Roads & Paths by Hampshire County Council:

Two steps forward and one step back, as usual! There are now legal issues needing to be resolved with the two Housing Associations who own property on Ramshill which is delaying completion. We continue to maintain a watching brief.

Coppicing of Trees and Shrubs:

After many years of neglect, work has begun coppicing and taming our overgrown trees and shrubs around Crafts Lane and in this instance the work was commissioned and payed for by TW. Following this the PTC and ourselves received two written complaints from residents expressing concern about a “scorched earth policy”. We need to point out to residents that any work planned on Ramshill Green Spaces will, after adoption be carried out by the PTC Grounds Team who are professional and well qualified. Unfortunately, many years of neglect requires some drastic pruning including the removal of some branches from diseased trees. However, the healthy ash and hazel trees, shrubs and undergrowth will rejuvenate within a year or two and the PTC (following adoption) will then maintain Ramshill on a 5-year rotating basis.

Barentin Way Daffodils:

We are delighted to see our first tranche of daffodil bulbs now beginning to flower despite the storms and rain soaking their roots. Some may well be blind, but we are told by those in the know they will multiply naturally over time. Enjoy our little rays of sunshine as you pass by.

PTC Grounds Team:

We have been informed the Grounds Team will shortly resume their regular mowing of our grassed areas plus pruning the shrubs at the entrance to Barentin Way, weather permitting. Other than this there are no plans for further significant pollarding or pruning until winter 2020/2021. If in the meantime you have a particular concern about trees or shrubs near your property, please inform the RRA and we will pass on the information to the PTC who will assess your concern and advise accordingly. For your information the PTC will be taking all Petersfield grounds work in-house from April 1st covering green spaces, playgrounds and sports pitches.

We Need to Hear from You:

We hope this occasional newsletter is read and appreciated by our residents and serves to both communicate and build on a healthy community spirit. But it has to be two way so If you have something to say either positive or negative please

write to us, or through our Facebook page. If you wish we would be happy to publish your comments in future newsletters, in confidence if specified. Your views must be heard.

YOUR Ramshill Residents Association:

With only 6 of us working and planning to achieve all the above we need more residents to “get involved”. Please email if you would like to join our friendly little group and/or come to our AGM in July to hear more.

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