IT'S A REAL WIN WIN!

Thanks to funding secured from East Hampshire District Council, the first phase of a new tree planting project is about to get underway on Ramshill.

On **Saturday 26 March at 9.30am**, around 10 fruit trees are to be planted along the side of the Kickabout area which will be coppiced and cleared.

The project - managed by Ramshill Residents Association (RRA) committee as part of its commitment to improve our environment - received overwhelming support from residents who attended last November's AGM.

"With climate change very much in the news and with Petersfield Town Council having set out a clear tree strategy for the town, this project could not be more timely," said John Lees, RRA chairman (pictured above).

"These trees will be planted as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations where estates like ours are encouraged to join the Queen's Green Canopy initiative".

- Special thanks to resident Phil Paulo (not an RRA committee member!) for sharing his expertise and for all his help with this project.
- Do come and help to plant our trees! To volunteer please email **Chair@Ramshill.org.uk.**

AROUND & ABOUT

- Land ownership discussions continue, so delaying Petersfield Town Council from adopting Skinners Farm Lane. Once completed, maintenance responsibility for the lane will pass to the PTC Grounds Team.
- Open Reach engineers have been installing hardware and cabling in preparation for full fibre broadband to Ramshill. No date for completion has been given but watch out for news.
- The PTC has approved funding to replace the wooden fencing around the playground. We await a date for the work to be carried out.
- Looking ahead to the autumn, the RRA is planning to plant more daffodils around the estate. The call for bulb-planting volunteers will be going out in October.
- Finally, as we go to press, the RRA committee is also exploring the possibility of erecting a noticeboard as part of its drive to improve communication and to bring the community together. Watch this space!

JUBILEE CHEERS!

The RRA committee has decided not to organise a large event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, yet it is hoped this milestone will not be overlooked on Ramshill.

Plans are in hand to put up Union Jack bunting at the entrance into Barentin Way and residents are invited to join in by 'dressing' their own front gardens.

And, of course, if anyone would like to organise their own street party or Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5 June …….

AGM UPDATE

Last year's AGM was held on a dark, rather dismal November evening.

Nevertheless, it was good to see residents still turn out to hear updates and share views on topics ranging from 'no parking' signs to fly tipping and from a nearby planning application to daffodil planting.

At the meeting RRA Chairman John Lees thanked retiring committee members Lesley Gibb and Louise Jones for their many years of service.

Liz Wright and Mark Jones were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The current committee is also made up of John Lees (Chair), Andy Moffat (environment), Maurice Snell (IT), and Marco Sacchi (Neighbourhood Watch).

To encourage more residents to come along, the date of this year's AGM is planned for May (date to be confirmed). Once again, Churcher's College have been kind enough to provide the venue.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone – all ages and even one of our four legged friends! – who took part in last autumn's litter pick around the estate.

Whilst the haul was impressive, there was healthy of competition to fill those black sacks!

- If you fancy doing your bit independently, the 2022 Great British Spring Clean is taking place from 25 March to 10 April.

To keep up-to-date with what's happening around Ramshill – or to have your say - please make sure you're on the RRA database by sending your email details to **Chair@Ramshill.org.uk**.

GDPR

Incidentally the RRA follows all General Data Protection Regulations, and we only keep private addresses with your permission.