



## Weymede News letter - 2017

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Hi to all Weymeders,

A bit of an update as to what is going in and around the estate so far for 2017.

### **Weymede Community**

At the last AGM, residents suggested that they missed the 'Weyday' and are keen to see a bit of a revival of the event, whereby we can meet informally on the riverbank. We suggest that this year, there is a minimum of organisation needed to kick start the event. Bring your barbecues, food and drinks, and we'll provide a bit of music. In its 'heyday' a few years ago, this was a popular event but interest has declined recently and we are wary of promoting something which has no appeal. As it's a social event, it is open to friends and family and not just confined to Weymede residents. The suggested date and time is between 2.00pm and 7.00pm on Sunday 23rd July (one week before the Ride London event closes the access road to Weymede). All we need is good weather!

To register your interest please contact our Community man, Tom

Jestico on [community@weymede.co.uk](mailto:community@weymede.co.uk) and we will see if Weyday can become a popular event again.

### **Garden Update**

The upkeep of our grounds continues, to the usual pattern of grass cutting, hedge and shrub pruning and general maintenance. In addition, we have commissioned our gardeners to apply a weed & feed treatment to all the lawns on the estate. We are also trialling a more focused approach to repair the lawn to the front of houses 5 - 15, where the lawn will be treated for weeds, scarified, re-seeded and fed to try to bring on strong new growth of the grass. If this is successful we may repeat the approach in other areas where the lawn is tired and becoming overtaken by moss and weeds.

We have also commissioned a new survey of our trees, to identify any safety issues and prioritise pruning,

thinning and necessary maintenance. Work will take place later this year, when we have secured the necessary permissions from Woking Council (all trees are covered by a tree preservation order). Finally, we still need a Committee member to oversee gardening matters! If you are interested, please get in touch.

Email queries to [gardening@weymede.co.uk](mailto:gardening@weymede.co.uk)

### **Maintenance Update**

Maintenance have been busy around the estate with ongoing upkeep. below are a few bullet points of the main items in progress and those due to commence soon:

- Garage and Wall lighting has been upgraded to a softer tone so as to reduce glare into properties.
- Please can residents advise the committee if this type of bulb should be used for the upright lights around Weymede.
- There have been concrete repairs to HN115, 116 and 117 parking bays, as well as repairs to the Spine road kerb. Footpath repairs are due to commence on the 24<sup>th</sup> July. Maintenance are using green marker paint to identify the worst areas, which you will notice around the estate.
- Included in the above concrete work will be the repair and replacement of broken bollards, that are to the original design and specification of the original bollards.
- Dyno –Rod were called out to clear the gulley at the rear of HN's 100,101 etc., which flooded during the recent heavy rain. Further investigations may be carried out on the gulley
- Maintenance were able to de-silt the gulley at the rear of HN's 89,90 etc.
- New signage has been put up on the gates by the river regarding dog mess. It seems to have had an effect already and owners are cleaning up after their pets. Please all be aware of tidying up after pets, especially with more people using the gardens in this warmer weather.
- Signage de-noting "Private Property" has been put on the boundary fence adjacent to the woods and racetrack end, as we have had people climbing over the fences onto the Riverbank and generally loitering about.
- Painting is now underway with Martin the painter, starting on the Prototype houses HN's 5-15, and then moving onto the painting of HN's 16 – 52. Martin is notifying houses as he goes. The contract for painting was renewed, with no substantial increase.
- The window cleaning contract has been renewed with New Horizon, again with minimal price increases. Gutter and skylight cleaning charges remain the same. The cleaners will be paying attention to the cleaning of the Town House window skylights and maintenance will be meeting with Kate Howlett every 4 months regarding any problems. Any concerns can be mailed through to maintenance.

Email any queries to [maintenance@weymede.co.uk](mailto:maintenance@weymede.co.uk)

### **Secretary**

Brief update (spare you from the legal stuff) - house sales have been relatively quiet in the first quarter of the year with only 3 completions so far.

Email any queries to [secretary@weymede.co.uk](mailto:secretary@weymede.co.uk)

### **Note from the Treasurer**

Our finances remain in robust shape. The bulk of activity in terms of gardening, maintenance and painting is still to be conducted (and paid for) during the financial year, but we are managing within budgets across the board, and arrears are down. The treasurer is in contact with the small number of residents who are in arrears and a big thanks to new residents who have set up standing orders as quickly as you have.

Should you find yourself in a position where there are issues with paying the maintenance charge please get in touch. As a committee we understand that we are neighbours and we are more than willing to work out ways of reducing arrears in a sensible manner.

There are still some funds for community events (kept separate from the Weymede accounts) so if anyone has incurred any costs (for example for the Easter Egg hunt) then let me know and George will make sure you get reimbursed.

Email any queries to [treasurer@weymede.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@weymede.co.uk)

### **Upcoming events:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July** – potential date for “Weyday” – please register your interest!

**30<sup>th</sup> July** – Prudential 100 cycle ride – make sure you stock up on snacks and get ready to cheer on the cyclist! Don’t forget to plan around the road closures!

Speaking about the Prudential Cycle, our resident treasurer will be taking part in this, and another gruelling cycle through the French Alps, all to raise money for the “Felix Fund – the bomb disposal charity”. Should you have any spare pennies to donate, I know George would be most grateful.

To read more about the charity, and donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/george-menzies1>

**Wildlife Open Gardens Day** - The Wildlife Group held the Open Gardens day on 1 July was a great success. The Wildlife Group facilitated access to 11 gardens and raised over £200 for improving wildlife habitats at Weymede. The cakes donated by Weymede folk were also much appreciated. A special thanks to Jill Patrick in particular for her enthusiasm and energy. Watch this space for ideas on how the group can improve biodiversity in Weymede.

### **General Housekeeping:**

- River Wey and Surrounds:

There was recently an incident with contaminants in the river Wey, introduced via the drainage in the neighbouring woods. Should you notice anything suspicious, such as a spillage/ fly tipping etc, then please remember to get onto the Environmental Agency, they have a 24 hour incident hotline (0800 80 70 60) to assist with these sort of issues. Quick intervention can lead to quick resolution and minimise the impact

- Vigilance

As you may have been made aware from the forum posts and the material delivered recently, there does seem to be a concern around the increase in home break ins. Please do all keep an eye out and ensure your house is protected. There is a Facebook page: [Byfleet residents action group](#), that has been keeping up to date with the burglaries. Another issue raised has been the night time blackouts with street lights going off at midnight. It has been suggested that every resident/council tax payer calls or emails and makes their feelings known to Surrey County Council, saying that this money saving measure is not well thought out and is in fact detrimental to peoples well being.

- Fishing and the EA Survey

Fishing season is open again, as it runs the 15<sup>th</sup> June until the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please remember to follow the rules and take care of our river and wildlife. With that said – tight lines to all the keen fisherman! The Environmental Agency will be carrying out a fish survey towards the end of July. This was due to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, but due to the heatwave, it was thought best to postpone to avoid placing the fish under any additional stress. We will hopefully be able to circulate the results when it has been done!

Lastly, for all newer joiners to the estate, please note that we have a community forum where members can ask questions or post items of interest for fellow residents. We also have a mail group for correspondence from the Weymede Residents Society. Should you need to register to have access to the forum and be emailed all the relevant newsletters and mail shots, please send your contact details to [pr@weymede.co.uk](mailto:pr@weymede.co.uk) and we can get you added to the various platforms.

That's it for now, hope to see you all over the next few weeks at the various events!

Best,

The WRS