

Headley Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Autumn/ Winter 2013



Cycling



The RideLondon-Surrey cycling event will take place on Sunday 10th August 2014.

We know that cycling is a very emotive subject these days, and we are working with the organisers and other various bodies to ensure that all our questions and concerns are taken into consideration, especially things like road closures, marshalling, access for emergency services etc.

We are also aware of the impact the increasing number of cyclists has at normal times, not just at event times. Much of this is of course outside our control, but again we are working with various agencies i.e. MVDC, SCC, Police etc. so that we can work together to find answers to the problems that the mass cycling causes.

Surrey Police have asked to be informed of any incidents of poor cycling behaviour, as they are compiling a register of these issues. These are things like riding several abreast, blocking road junctions, littering, shouting, abuse, racing, etc. If you see any of this, please advise us and the Police at molevalley@surrey.pnn.police.uk or phone 101. If you can take photos, especially of club logo, this is even better.

We would love to hear your views on cycling issues in the area generally - please email:- chairman@headley-pc.gov.uk

Affordable Housing

There is little to report at this time... The Parish Council had a meeting in the summer with Tudors, the agents acting for the Church Lane nursery site, who showed us *provisional* plans for Affordable Housing units, and a small number of market homes - necessary to make the Affordable scheme viable. Tudors had also done a viability study on the site.

These documents have been shown to Mole Valley District Council's planning policy team, and the next stage is for a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council, MVDC's planning team and Tudors, to discuss these plans. At present, Tudors are waiting on some sketch drawings from a housing association, before this meeting can proceed.

The meeting is purely to establish whether the proposals are, in principle, acceptable to MVDC. If they are, these will next be discussed by the full Parish Council, who if in agreement in principle, will then hold a public meeting of local Headley residents, to gain your views.

MVDC will do nothing without our support, and we will agree to nothing without village support.

Parish Council meeting dates 2013 and 2014

(7.30 p.m. Headley village Hall)

Monday 25th November (2013)

Monday 27th January

Monday 2nd June

Monday 29th September

Monday 31st March

Monday 21st July

Monday 24th November

All meetings are open to the public and start with an Open Forum where residents can raise any issue of local concern.



Playground update...



You will have noticed that the first stage of the project has been completed, with the new fencing, gates and stiles installed in May. We hope you agree it looks much more attractive, and is safer for our children. ★

Fundraising is going well and at the end of September the project had raised over £21,000 in fundraising and donations. But more recently, we have received some very generous donations of over £6,000, - so although these will remain in strict confidence, you know who you are, so a big **THANK YOU!** We held a great fashion show event in the summer which raised just over £1,300 - profits from the sale were kindly donated by **ForYouX** of Walton on the Hill - our thanks to Karen, Vickie and Maria.

We have two major grant applications in the pipeline, each for £12,000 and decisions on these will be known in December and early 2014 - we are keeping our fingers crossed! A grant application to the Big Lottery is being worked on and should be submitted early in the New Year. They have recently told us that they require a "refresher" survey, so we are putting this together and will send it round soon - it will be via Survey Monkey - please look out for it as this is vitally important to our application!

John Jenkins will be running an ultra-marathon on Sunday 4th May 2014 (50 miles - mad or what!) in aid of the playground - we wish him the best of luck. He will be using <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/johnjenkins> but if you would like to send a donation or pledge for his run, please contact John at Church Cottage, or via the village shop.

We do still need your support so that we can get our new playground installed as soon as possible, so if you are able to donate anything at all, however small, this will be warmly welcomed. Please send to 'Headley Playground Steering Group' at Church Cottage, Church Lane, Headley.

We would like to thank **AshWell Landscapes** for their recent time and help by removing the old spring rocker, and **Robin Scarry** for his help in removing shrubs and land levelling prior to the fencing contractor coming on site.

We hope you can join us for our **Christmas Sing-Along** with mulled wine and mince pies, in the Village Hall on **8th December** at 5.15 - it was a fun event last year and promises to be again!! ★

We will continue to keep you posted on our progress and look forward to seeing you on **8th December**.

Jane Jenkins, Chair,
Headley Playground Steering Group





Road matters !!



Headley's roads have never looked so good in years! Much chasing by the Parish Council, coupled with the major cycling events, has led to a lot of resurfacing this year and our roads now look very smart!

We are often asked about the loose chippings when roads are being "tar and chipped"....

We understand that the work is done, then the loose chippings are left to settle for two weeks (rolled in by vehicle wheels), then once the surface has somewhat settled, the loose chippings are removed and white lines replaced ♦



Headley Clay Pigeon Club



This has been something with a disappointing outcome, with Mole Valley District Council failing to take any action, and claiming that noise nuisance levels are not significant, during the periods they monitored. As a Parish Council, we do not have the large sums required to pursue this ourselves - but affected residents can do this via private action or in a Magistrates' Court, under Section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

We know this is frustrating and disappointing, but our hands are tied, without the backing of MVDC.

What we are doing, is having ongoing discussions with Surrey County Council's Rights of Way Officer, regarding use of the nearby public bridleway in terms of shot fallout over the path and vehicles using the path to access the shoot. We will report further on this ♦

A gentle reminder...

Parish Plan - the Parish Plan Committee is still awaiting some of your questionnaires.... If you haven't completed yours yet, could we urge you to do so please.... It is important that you give us your views.

Following the last Parish Plan, a large number of initiatives have been completed and achieved - as a direct result of what you told us about how you would like to see the future of Headley. It's time to do that again, and your views are vital!

If you would like another questionnaire, either delivered or via email, please contact the Parish Clerk at:- clerk@headley-pc.gov.uk Thanks!!



Protect your property!



Please help the police in their fight against crime...

At www.immobilise.com you can enter the serial numbers of your property (electronics, bikes, lawnmowers, mobile phones etc) - this saves you the bother of noting serial numbers on pieces of paper, which often can't be found when you need them most!

The register can be easily checked by the Police, and items flagged as stolen. The database is checked by all Pawn Brokers prior to paying for an item and they don't accept items without a serial number. Even if an item is reported stolen after it has been sold to a Pawn Broker, the Police can obtain the records of who sold it to them and so catch the offenders ♦



Surrey County Council's Engagement Manager gave a presentation at a recent Parish Council meeting on the roll-out of Superfast Broadband. The planned date for fibre to Headley to enable Superfast Broadband is March 2014. The majority of Headley will be able to access it from that time.

Fibre will be connected to the BT cabinet, not to individual properties. Once enabled, residents will need to contact their Internet providers (ISP's) regarding costs of connection for the Superfast service - it is not automatic.

Connection from the cabinet to individual properties will still be by copper wires; the distance from cabinet to property determining the Broadband speed. The aim is for speeds of 15-80 Mb to each cabinet, with the best speeds being to properties nearest the cabinet, although it is not known at this stage exactly how speeds will degrade with distance until the cabinet is enabled and tests made on each property, however 15 Mb is the speed SCC are hoping for.



Our new website ...

Don't forget to take a look at our new website - www.headley-pc.org.uk 

You'll find lots of information, as well as the normal documents you would expect to see like agendas, minutes etc. You can see maps, photos, our response to planning applications, view community pages, and lots more. We are in the process of setting up an online discussion forum - watch this space!

You'll find lots of documents and information about what we're up to, as well as local news and information - if there's anything you would like to include, that we may not have thought of, do let us know - the website is there for you!



Village email list



Just a reminder to let us know your email address, if you are not yet on our email contact list. We have about 110 people now! We always send emails by Bcc to protect your privacy and security. Email our Clerk at clerk@headley-pc.gov.uk to be added to the list so you can receive those important updates! ♦