

Newsletter

Autumn 2005

Autumn Open Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the Autumn Open Meeting on **Tuesday 8th**

November 2005 at 8.00pm in **Findon Valley Free Church Hall**, Limetree Avenue. Please note change of venue.

Agenda

- Update on Pedestrian Safety & A24/A27 Congestion
- Recycling presentation
- Q&A with local Councillor & representatives

Chairman's Message

It is with greatest sadness that we record the death of our Honorary Treasurer and very dear friend Robert Walker MBE on Sunday 9th October. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Norma and their family.

As from the 8th November we will have our new Web Site open. Sincere thanks to David Goncalves and his team for undertaking this time consuming job. We continue in partnership with Vale School in voicing our concerns about the speed of traffic, as well as children and residents crossing the A24 by the Doctors Surgery & Library. We congratulate David Morgan & Susan Smith for their input to these initiatives.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our team of Road Representatives who are doing a first class job, also our thanks to those who have retired after many years hard work on our behalf. We do need a few more Representatives to replace them please. We have arranged for those of you who do not have Road Reps to pay you subscription of £2 per household to our Post Office (once again many thanks to Andy & Clare).

My thanks for the total support of your committee. Our thanks also to my Vice Chair, Rebecca Bailey and to Ray Walsh who have both resigned due to other commitments.

Leroy W. Bryan **Chairman**

A24 / A27 Traffic Flow

A27 Pedestrian Safety, Warren Road

Highways Agency has confirmed that they are actively evaluating the proposed siting of a Puffin protected crossing. Installation will be subject to budget, target date late 2006.

Congestion - Offington Corner

InterRoute has advised us that it intends to install "Keep Clear" markings when A27 is next re-marked.

Offington's Proposed One Way Plug

Following strong representations leading to a site meeting with the County Council's Cabinet Member, Col. Pemberton has kindly agreed to postpone installation of this daft proposal by County Highways until all implications have been properly evaluated.

A24 Findon Road

Kings Parade – Off-peak traffic speeds directly off A24

The Local Area Traffic Manager disputes that this is a problem. We do not agree. Our request for a 20mph limit has been refused and for a number of invalid reasons. We shall be pressing this further and requiring traffic calming of one sort or another. County Highways has agreed to install a "30mph" sign at the entrance. We have asked for two, and for the wrongly sited "40mph" sign to be moved back onto A24.

All of the above, and more, will be covered at the Autumn Open Meeting, and on our new website.

Further details from David Morgan on 877288 or by e-mail on davidtreetops@ntlworld.com

Safer Routes to School & Crossing Count

We are now very hopeful of getting a crossing at the Surgery/Library point of

the A24. Exactly when we do not know. Your Society did a 12 hour (7am to 7pm) headcounts on two separate days where over 200 people per day were counted crossing at that point. The Highways Dept. were so sceptical about the results they did their own count a few weeks ago which sparked the remark that "The crossing is a very high priority". The chairman, David Morgan and I have been liaising with the Vale School Safer Routes to School scheme, who are very keen for this crossing to go ahead within the Governments initiative as more and more children will hopefully be walking to school. How long "High Priority" will be we do not know.

Susan Smith. Press & Schools Liaison

Website

We are delighted to announce the launch of the

Findon Valley Website On Tuesday 8th November

There will be pages on
Road Safety
Traffic congestion
Attainments by The Society
Safer Routes To School

These pages will be up-dated on an event basis.

Other pages are planned, and will be published as available.

So, make a diary note to visit
www.findonvalley.org

Canal Trip

Our boat trip on the Wey & Arun canal proved very popular, all had a good time. We hope to organise more trips in the future, especially in the summer. *Any suggestions welcome*

Road Reps

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to be Road Reps, we warmly welcome Carol Oliver who covers Cissbury Drive & Gardens, David Evans covering Hollingbury Gardens, Andrew Seddon, covering Sullington Gardens, & Liam Garton, covering Coombe Rise. We are still looking for a few more, to replace those who are leaving, and to increase

our coverage of the Valley. Many thanks to Eric Moulding for many years sterling service in collecting in the Parade, and Mrs Grigg who is unfortunately now too busy to continue collecting in Sullington Gardens. If you are an outgoing friendly person who knows your neighbours well, or would like to get to know them better this could be just the job for you. You also need to care about local issues and be prepared to listen to the views of residents and pass these on to the Committee. If you, or anyone you know is interested please contact Leroy Bryan on 877622 on or Angela Giles on 873934 or by e-mail on angelagiles@ntlworld.com. Alternatively please come & see us at the Autumn General Meeting on the 8th.

Committee

We urgently need a new Secretary, please volunteer if you can spare the time.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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