



FERRING ROADS SCHEME ASSOCIATION

Spring 2021 Newsletter

Dear FRSA Members and Residents,

The lighter evenings, the daffodils and crocus in our gardens, and the busy nest-building garden birds all herald the arrival of Spring. That, together with the easing of the lockdown restrictions, will give us all a reason to smile.



Following on from our Autumn newsletter here is an update on our activities.

Annual Road Fees 2021

The annual road fees invoice was delivered to all our members in January. Over the previous six months Tim Harris (Treasurer) and Denise Ibbertson (Roads Register) had updated the property lists as well as designed and implemented the new invoice format for our road fees. We have received very positive feedback on this new format, which is nice to hear.

To date, the level of payments received exceeds that of previous years, for which we would thank you. It is also heartening to receive payments from those who have 'overlooked' paying in previous years. The level of payments for this year would appear to suggest a payment ratio of over 90% of the properties on our roads, although we will not know the final figure for a few months yet. Also, we are receiving still more payments for last year. Thank you to everyone.

Road Maintenance Programme

After an inspection in the New Year there are no requirements for any major road works this year. The final works to complete the overhaul of the drainage system will be completed by late Spring. The roads will be re-lined and swept in the Autumn. (Where road works are

scheduled we write to the residents directly involved and we update our website with the location of these works.) Please telephone or email any FRSA committee member if you spot any road or drainage issues that need to be addressed.

Parking Issues

We are extremely disappointed to have been advised that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) is unable to process the necessary paperwork for the Road Traffic Order (TRO), which was promised to have been implemented before the Summer of 2021 in order to address the parking issues in South Drive and West Drive. There have been no delays attributable to the FRSA. Now we have to wait until after the local elections, one of the causes of delay, which means that any permitted parking restrictions will not be in place until July at the earliest. Inevitably, the lack of such restrictions will result in constricted access for the bus service – and emergency services – on these roads. On a separate note, Benton Weatherstone sell Lewis Verge Markers for £25.00 each with free delivery. How opportune!

With the final Lockdown restrictions due to be lifted in the late Spring / early Summer then we should expect an influx of beach-seeking visitors to the village. To reinforce the message that our roads are private, not for public parking, we intend to install notices on the roads leading in to Ferring from Sea Lane. (We are in the process of obtaining the property owners' permission to install these signs on their verges.)



New Committee Members

Currently serving as our Treasurer, but with many years of FRSA service, Tim Harris has decided to retire from the FRSA as from May. Fortunately, two residents who had volunteered their services over recent months had relevant experience corresponding with our current vacancies. So we are back to full strength. We welcome Jackie Ring, as our new Treasurer, and Simon Thompson, as our Gardens Manager.

Annual General Meetings (AGMs)

I can confirm that we will be holding a combined AGM to cover the years 2019 and 2020 on Saturday 25th September in the Village Hall. All the relevant papers will be delivered nearer the time, but please put the date in your diary now.

Comments from Our Members

I thought it might be useful to pass on some of the comments received from members when paying their road fee. Although these items do not fall within the FRSA's remit it is useful to know what causes concerns with our neighbours.

Please could you ask residents to park vehicles on their drives rather than the road. The roads are too narrow and it causes a problem / danger with wheelchairs, pushchairs, and less agile residents.

Please could you ask residents to keep their dragons teeth / verge markers on their verges, rather than on the road, as it causes damage to vehicles when trying to pass.

There were also comments about security lights that were either too bright or left on all night.

Greener Communications



Thank you to all the residents who have given us their email addresses for all their FRSA correspondence. We would like to move the majority of our correspondence to email in order to reduce the amount of paper that we use. If you would like to receive all future FRSA correspondence via email then please email us at contactfrsa@yahoo.com giving your name, address, ID Number (as per your invoice), your email address, and confirmation that we may use your email address for FRSA correspondence. Thank you for your help in making the FRSA greener! We anticipate that this will be last Newsletter that is delivered 'through the door' to every resident, and that the next one has a good percentage of email deliveries.

FRSA Road Wardens

Again, many thanks to our band of road wardens for delivering all our letters, leaflets, and invoices.

We need Road Wardens for Langbury Close and Green Park. If you would like more details please contact Nikki Hall on 07456 091488 or [nikkiahall23@hotmail.com](mailto:nikkihall23@hotmail.com).

I am sure that we really appreciate how lucky we are to live in Ferring and, hopefully, we are a shade more optimistic now that many of us have been vaccinated. Stay safe and keep fit,

Trevor Martin

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Although not part of the FRSA we have included this message from the Friends of Ferring.

Friends of Ferring

With the majority of the lockdown restrictions due to be lifted by the summer, the Friends of Ferring hope to resume their services to those of our residents who need assistance with transport for medical appointments. During the last twelve months the personal circumstances of some of our drivers and telephonists have changed and they are no longer available to volunteer. If you are able to offer your help to this much-appreciated service then please visit the website for details or phone John Manning on 01903 415791 as he will be pleased to discuss the role of a Friends of Ferring volunteer.