

Ferring Road Schemes Association Committee Working on your behalf - 2022 update

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I would like to take this opportunity in introducing myself Pauline Edwards as the new secretary to the FRSA. I only moved into the area in September 2021, and it was obvious that Ferring is a warm and welcoming village.

We hope that following our article in the November 2021 edition of All About Ferring, members of this scheme will have a clearer idea as to the roles and responsibilities of the committee and how they ensure that your service charge fees, and voluntary donations are spent wisely to benefit residents and visitors alike.

In 2021 we introduced an invoicing system primarily to address the falling financial support for the FRSA which had dropped to less than 85% paying the annual road fee. We are pleased to report that 92% of the owners paid last year and we recovered almost £3,000 in arrears. This is excellent news and thank you for your support.

In 2022 we have taken this one step further by sending about a quarter of these invoices via email. Thank you to those residents who have given us permission to use this method, it enables the FRSA to become more efficient, environmentally friendly, and mindful of costs. If you received your invoice as a printed copy this year, then perhaps you would consider emailing our Roads Registrar via roads-registrar@frsa.uk stating your name and address. Automating the delivery of over 300 e-mails has brought its challenges and though we are confident all were sent; we have been contacted from a few members who do not seem to have received their email. If this is the case, please first check your Junk or Spam folder and then contact the Treasurer on treasurer@frsa.uk.

We are happy to announce that over X% of all service charges, effective January 2022 have been paid. We have also received £X in voluntary donations for maintaining the five garden areas. The FRSA would like to express their thanks for all those who have made their payments so promptly.

Our three noticeboards, along with our website www.frsa.uk are there to update you on all the current and future activities commissioned by the FRSA. You will also find contact details for the committee on the web site. The new map now displayed on the noticeboards and on our website provides clarity on the roads and garden areas managed by the FRSA.

In January 2022, the roads verges were mechanically swept and over six tonnes of debris were collected. This is an annual task, and we hope that it goes some way to keeping the area looking clean and safe. We did however encounter some issues with overhanging branches from trees, shrubs, and hedges from private gardens. The FRSA has no responsibility for trimming or clearing such obstructions. So if any resident is aware that perhaps some pruning could benefit the road sweeping task for 2023, then that would be much appreciated and would allow our contractors to do the best job possible and with no exceptions.

In February 2022, some road repairs in Beehive Lane and Chalet Road have been completed along with various potholes. We have other works planned which were highlighted following our road/drain/line survey completed early this year. You may also have noticed that some yellow linework has been put in place in South Drive, West Drive and Ocean Drive. This was because of the FRSA working closely with the Parish and District Councils after a Traffic Road

Order was implemented due to concerns regarding the accessibility of buses and emergency vehicles when the roads were blocked by inconsiderate parking.

Our AGM date has now been set for 21st May 2022 at the Ferring Retirement Club Hall – 10am start. All members are invited to attend, and we will be circulating further information nearer the time.

Our committee is mindful that we represent all members of the scheme: of course, we too live in the village and will, with your financial support, endeavour to keep the areas that are managed by the FRSA in the best possible tip-top condition. Let us hope we get to meet many of you at the AGM in May 2022