

Ferring Roads Scheme Association Committee Working hard on your behalf

Well, what a great summer and autumn we have had this year in Ferring. The FRSA held their regular meetings and continued to agree course of action for 2022 works and indeed to look ahead for future needs within the remit of the FRSA.

We have had the full drain network surveyed over the summer months. The contractor made recommendations and from this we have been able to agree an initial spend of around £15,000 to £16,000. There does appear to be some problems with tree roots, causing damage or drainage difficulties. Sadly, some of these trees are on private property. We will review any further spend in this area in 2023.

The management and repair of the FRSA roads will always form part of the major expense from your fees received. The committee agreed that West Drive and Upper West Drive should be resurfaced and hopefully by the time this magazine is in your hands you will see the benefit of this decision.

Sadly, at the time of writing, the shortfall to the garden fund which relies on voluntary donations (members, Ferring residents and business: all sums gratefully received please) is close to £1600. The FRSA are having to seriously consider how to accommodate this shortfall going forward into 2023, particularly when we have been prewarned of 10%+ increases from our gardening team.

Whilst on the "income" dialogue, I must report that approximately 150 members have yet to pay their 2022 fees. The FRSA fully appreciate that we are all currently experiencing an unexpected level of increase in our personal spend. We too as an organisation are also seeing increased contractor/material costs. The FRSA always endeavour to spend the money wisely and prudently but with a current 2022 shortfall in excess of £11,000 to date, this will undoubtably cause us to make some hard, difficult decisions for future works. It goes without saying we can only spend what we receive from the members.

We would like to thank residents for supplying their emails as we now have close to 500. We will soon send out a new batch of emailed invoices so, especially for those who did not receive their invoice this way last year, please check your junk/spam mail next month. The sender account will be frsatreasurer@gmail.com or in some cases with a suffix of frsa.uk.

It's worth an occasional look at the website www.frsa.uk as we post all our articles from All About Ferring articles, notices, financial information and future plans of our activities.

On behalf of the FRSA, I would like to wish you all a great Christmas and New Year. Pauline Edwards secretary@frsa.uk.