



Ferring Roads Scheme Association Committee **Working hard on your behalf**

We do hope that all residents of Ferring are looking forward to a bright and sunny Spring. We are certainly spoilt for choice with places to enjoy our free time.

We are delighted to report that we now have a new Chairman: Jackie Ring. I am sure some of you may have met with her already, as her previous roles included Treasurer and Roads Registrar. Obviously as a committee of volunteers, we were grateful to Jackie in taking up this post whilst wishing the outgoing Chairman Trevor Martin, a fond farewell and best wishes for the future.

Since our last article in November, we have cracked on with some very important maintenance work on the roads and drains. Over three visits the road sweeper was at work and helped clear up some of the debris from the gas mains work along with the winter's way of preparing for spring. Relatively clean roads were not unnecessarily swept as steel in the brushes will degrade the surface. We also contracted a company to do a drain clear. This along with the road sweep will form part of our annual maintenance routine. The FRSA are very clear on priorities for 2024, that being drain gully/soakaway repairs. It has been mentioned before that the FRSA roads do not have the benefit of Southern Water maintained mains drainage and totally rely on soakaways to absorb the road surface water. It is very evident to all residents within Ferring that since the latter part of 2023, surface water drainage has provided some exceptional challenges. We are working on our short list of problem areas and work will commence to provide some improvements soon.

Gas works will be continuing over the next few months, once we have been provided with their works schedule we will communicate this to our members.

Garden areas have also seen some maintenance work in 2024, and perhaps you can take time to enjoy the refreshed planting whilst relaxing on the benches in Langbury Lane and Ocean Parade sites.

We are currently looking for a Roads Liaison person and also another person to provide technical expertise. You will find more details on this role in our various publicity sources. For those with an interest in social media, you will find a FRSA roads page in Facebook. So along with that site, three noticeboards, articles in this great magazine and our own web site www.frsa.uk, we endeavour to provide you with the latest information available.

The 2024 AGM has been scheduled for 1st June 2024, 10am start at the Ferring Retirement Club. All current scheme members are invited to attend: the formal invite was shown in the letter that accompanied your invoice, emailed or hand delivered in January/February this year. If you wish to see the 2024 agenda or minutes from the 2023 meeting prior to the 2024 AGM, then please go to our web site www.frsa.uk or email me secretary@frsa.uk to receive this information.

On behalf of the FRSA, I would like to wish you a fulfilling Spring within our beautiful village.
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