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So far this year we have completed work on 14 trees, just one felled, and planted 9 new trees. And finally, every year we use funds to repair grass and gravel verges. It would be helpful if vehicles were not parked on our verges, particularly the grass verges.

Peter Hill

Estate Maintenance



Maintenance work throughout the Estate covers many different tasks from changing a street lightbulb to re-surfacing our roads, these works are carried out and most of the time with no disturbance to our residents. These photos show just a little of what goes on, new street signs made from re-cycled plastic to replace the old rotten wood signs, major road re-surfacing works to keep our roads in good condition various plaques which had faded with time replaced with new ones.



Street signs knocked down by a van driver who didn't report it but, with our new CCTV systems at both entrance gates, the driver was traced, and he paid for their replacements. We now have high quality CCTV at Barrack Lane and A'Beckets entrances these both have night vision and can help the police with good quality images whenever required.

The new cast iron black posts on The Dunes and Anchor roundabout replaced the old, tired metal posts, you will soon see new metal railings installed on various twittens replacing old wooden

and metal railings, and each year we look at where to improve the Estate to keep it looking its best and I hope you agree it's quite a special place to live and enjoy.

David Crossley



Aldwick Bay – Aurora May 2024

Finally – what a show we were treated to in early May!!

*Enjoy your
Summer!*

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News and Views

Spring 2024

Chairman's Thoughts

Well, here we are again, entering the Spring hoping for the rain to ease and the sunshine to come. It has been a trying Autumn and Winter, trying to resolve the gates, the amount of rain and of course the burst sewers have all required our attention. With all the disruption it has been a challenge to try and keep the Estate looking its best. I would like to thank those residents who abide by the rules to maintain the Estate's prominence within the local area, it is really disappointing to see our rules being broken, we will be looking to uphold these where we can.



The sewer in Manor Way has now broken twice in recent weeks. Southern Water have reacted very quickly on both occasions, this has caused a huge amount of disruption to the nearby residents. I am pleased to be able to tell you that Southern Water have committed to lining 200 metres of the sewer to prevent another leak happening. This is imminent and should provide a long-term solution.

We are finally at the point of re-instating the A'Beckets gates, this has been a troublesome task, having to deal with 2 suppliers but we are finally there. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Phil and Beverley for the hours and hours of work they have done with my fellow Directors in resolving the key fob issues.

We have had an initial drain survey done; 5 areas of the Estate were looked at to enable us to understand the flooding issues that we have all seen. As I have said before, there is no mains surface water drainage on the Estate, the roads etc drain away into soakaways and French drains. Over the years our gullies and pipework have become clogged with silt and tree roots. We will be starting a program of drain cleaning which will become a matter of routine over the coming years. A more concerning conclusion from the survey is the fact that the ground is saturated, meaning there is literally nowhere for the water to go, this is an issue throughout the local area. Cleaning the gullies and soakaways will help but it will not solve the issue of the high-water table. We are currently working to incorporate the costs into our 5-year plan.

As a result of the flooding, we have paused the spend on The Ridings roundabout. We have instructed a contractor to renovate a section of the roundabout rather than progressing with the rebuild, to see how it might look and to assess the impact on overall costs. The potential savings could go towards our drainage work and allow us to progress with both projects this year.

We continue to look at security and you may have noticed the increased level of CCTV at the Barrack Lane entrance, these cameras now produce crystal clear footage, all vehicles entering and leaving the Estate can now be captured. Only recently we had a group of youths come onto the Estate, the imagery was of great help to the Police, this group were on the Estate to steal a car to order!!

Hopefully by the time of receiving this newsletter, the new railings and signage will have been installed throughout the Estate, these should enhance the Estate and give it a lift. Signage will hopefully reduce cold calling.

During our AGM we suggested holding a separate meeting for those who have concerns over security. We propose to hold this meeting in the middle of July. I would ask any resident who is interested in attending this meeting to please email in and register their interest so that we can arrange a suitable venue. I would ask that, as with any of our meetings, we all respect the views of our fellow residents. We all have differing views and opinions, and we should always be mindful of that.

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All that is left for me to say is a huge thank you to my fellow Directors for their time and help, thank you to Richard and Liz for the work they put in to keep the Estate looking its best and, lastly, thank you to Tim Croad and our Area reps. Wishing you all the best and hope to see you all around the Estate throughout the Summer.

Doug Phillips

Christmas Carols



Casting our minds back to the festive season, the carol service was a great success, free of precipitation and well attended. Thanks to all who made generous payments for mulled wine and mince pies, we raised a fantastic £470 for Chestnut Tree House Children Hospice. (see letter). They were delighted. Thanks also to our talented musicians, Susan Legg on piano and vocals singing her heart out and Lou Martin and Martin Smith doing a fantastic job with their atmospheric brass.



New Company Secretary required.

As I approach 4 years in post, I am looking for someone to replace me as Company Secretary. During my tenure I have got to know more people on the Estate, forged new friendships and learnt a lot about the history of the Estate. However, I feel now is the time to hand over to someone who can inject new energy into the role.

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The core responsibilities include liaising with conveyancing solicitors over the sale and purchase of properties on the Estate, processing Share Transfers, updating Shareholder and Director records at Companies House and looking after our insurance renewals. Aside from these core responsibilities, there are the opportunities to work within a team with other members of the Board and to have a say in how our Estate is managed and maintained.

Having held a managerial role in the Pharmaceutical Industry, prior to owning and running a Tea Rooms and then a Holiday Letting business I had no direct experience and knowledge of Company Secretary responsibilities when I joined the Board. However, I have not found this to have a negative impact on my ability to perform the role.

The time commitment is not huge. Typically, the core responsibilities take no more than a couple of hours a week. On top of this we hold 2-3 hour Board meetings every other month, Area Representative meetings twice a year and the Annual General Meeting every Autumn.

I would be happy to talk to anybody who would like to find out more about the role or who might be interested in taking over from me. I am also more than willing to work alongside my replacement until they are fully up and running in the role.

If you are interested then please do send an email to admin@aldwickbaycompany.com giving a few details about yourself, including prior work experience and any skills that you feel you may be able to bring to the role. I look forward to hearing from you.

Penny Clarke

Estate Management



With over 700 trees on our estate, we are blessed with a beautifully varied display of blossom and other harbingers of Spring putting on their magnificent display every year, regardless of what the weather throws at them. A small selection posed proudly for these photos.

Spring finally arrived and Richard and Liz worked hard getting the Estate back to looking good after all the heavy rain and high winds of the winter, which continued into spring. Our trees survived the bad weather, apart from a very large limb of the Scots Pine on the Ridings roundabout.



As many of you will have noticed, the yellow signs on lamp posts informing the community that we have applied to Arun for permission to undertake tree work on over 40 trees. Over half of the trees only require branches removed so they do not overhang roads and paths. However, we still need to obtain permission because the trees are protected or are in a conservation area.

We obtained permission for work on one of my favourite estate trees, the Monterey Pine on the Anchor roundabout. Arun has described the tree as “A tree with very high amenity value” and granted permission for us to remove overhanging branches and to lift the crown. Richard and Liz have undertaken the work and I believe the tree looks even better than last year.

