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SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION - HALF YEAR REPORT - MAY 2012

SUMMER PARTY This year's summer party will be held on Sunday 24th June between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. It is kindly being hosted by Michael and Nicolette Meyer and will be held in their garden at Pentagon at the lower end of the Hill. All members of the family are welcome. As before, please bring with you a savoury or sweet dish to share, suitable for a finger buffet, and something to drink. Invitations with more details will be circulated shortly.

SNOW ON THE HILL Fortunately the weather has been kinder this winter than in previous years. We have used little salt to date and our reserves are sufficient for the time being.

ROAD MAINTENANCE The road repairs which were carried out last October seem to be coping with the additional traffic of various construction vehicles serving a number of sites along the Hill. The repairs will be inspected by our consultant and the contractor at the end of the 12 month warranty period. There are signs of distress to other parts of the road surface and advice will be taken on dealing with these.

PREFERRED TRADERS We have been asked by residents whether it would be feasible to keep a central "notice board" of contractors/trades people whom residents can recommend from personal experience. The Committee has decided to run this as an experiment to evaluate the idea but stress that inclusion of a name does not carry any implied endorsement by the SHA nor the Committee. If you would like to make a suggestion please would you send details (Name/Service Provided/Contact details) to the Hon Sec at christinowallage@aol.com. We will then prepare a schedule for inclusion on the SHA website.

TREES AND HEDGES AND STREET LIGHTING The new lamp posts were installed a few weeks ago at no cost to the residents. Frontagers are again requested to trim any trees and hedges which obstruct the footpaths and particularly where these may affect the effectiveness of the new street lighting.

SHA COMMITTEE MEETINGS The Committee normally meets four times a year and the next meetings are scheduled for 4th July and 3rd October 2011. If you wish the Committee to consider a particular issue, please brief your area representative in advance of the meeting.

HIGHCROFT DEVELOPMENT This project is in the final stages of completion. Landscaping and fencing is underway and the only access from Sleepers Hill is via the footpath at the lower boundary and also to the small electrical substation, for maintenance purposes.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE ROMSEY ROAD At the last AGM the question was raised of introducing a pedestrian crossing on the Romsey Road near the junction with Sleepers Hill. Representations have been made by your Committee to both Members and Officers of Hampshire County Council. The response to date has been that the criteria for pedestrian flows do not appear to have been met but we are continuing to pursue this with them.

VEHICLE CLAMPING The Freedom Bill is making its passage through Parliament and if it passes into law will forbid clamping of vehicles on private property. It is currently at the stage called "Ping Pong" according to the Parliamentary website and after that should reach Royal Assent. We will provide an update once the final wording of the legislation is known. It is unfortunate that when the lamp posts were replaced, the wheel clamping signs were also removed. Replacements have been requested from our clamping contractor and we are assured that they will be in place very shortly.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. This year's AGM will be held on Sunday 18th November at 12 noon in the John Stripe Theatre complex - Winchester University and the usual papers will be circulated in advance. Refreshments will be provided at the close of the meeting. Please put the date in your diary.

Paul Barlow
Chairman
1 May 2012