



# Charlton Village Residents Association

8 August 2018

## Dear Charlton Village Resident,

I wanted to start with a thank you to the residents, committee members and our local councillor for working hard on Sunday 24th June to clear the litter and debris around the village. We are also grateful to Spelthorne BC for clearing our verges and pathways along Charlton Road especially the south end at the junction of Charlton Lane. What an improvement, thank you to all involved. The planters along Charlton Road have also been refreshed and our hanging baskets continue to brighten up the Village. We will have another "village tidy day" shortly - look out for the dates coming soon.

## Surrey County Council and Spelthorne Borough Council requests:

### The following have been completed:

- Replacement of benches in Hetherington Road.
- Provision of skip for the removal of rockery at 128 Charlton Road
- Additional floral baskets are now in place
- Repair to the wall on Almond Close
- Reinstatement of speed camera lines
- Top and cut back of verges by speed camera, Perendale Rd and Queen Mary Rd and by Speed camera
- Charlton Road Resurfacing, residual chippings cleared

### The following items are requests that are ongoing/under consideration:

- **Reinstate posts** on the verge at the south end of the village.
- **Painting of the village gates.** This has been discussed and the work has been passed to Spelthorne BC. However, the signage commissioned by the previous committee has not been approved by Surrey Highways as it is not in line with County & UK guidelines. Surrey County Council have agreed to provide replacement signage without CVRA incurring additional costs.
- **Memorial tree** in memory of the residents we have sadly lost, will be planted later in the year.
- **Installation of yellow lines** at the entrance of Walnut Tree Road. We don't have 100% confirmation that this is scheduled but, we are following up accordingly.
- **Repair/replacement** of street name signs at Almond Close
- **Queen Mary Road shrubbery** - Following the rather severe cutting back of this area we will have new shrubs and plants installed early October (Due to the hot weather and Council calendar of works)

## Updates

**Flooding:** Surrey CC agreed the Highways section will undertake a drainage works project. We attended the Joint committee meeting held at Spelthorne BC on the 23rd July and are pleased to say this project was questioned by Maureen Attewell one of our local councillors and she reiterated the urgency of this work. The Highways section confirmed they had completed the first stage and are working on next steps, they also confirmed that a resolution will be sought before the end of the financial year which is March 2019.

**Average Speed Cameras:** No particular update at present. However, we are assured the installation is on track to be delivered before the end of 2018. Following a recent request from residents, we will progress with Surrey C.C. Highways Department.

**Eco Park:** Meeting on 24th July.

- Charlton Lane Re-cycling. The Summer hours are now extended to 6pm on weekdays
- An HGV driver using the Charlton Rd has been placed on a final warning for ignoring agreed routes - i.e. driving through the village.
- Over the coming weeks - there will be visible short bursts of steam during the pre-commissioning
- Ivydene cottage will be used as an online re-use "shop", all transactions will be online.
- Commissioning of the Anaerobic Digester and Gasification plant will take place during October

The focus of our concerns continues to be: Increase of HGV and related traffic; Air quality/pollution; Health and safety; Aesthetics and landscaping; Noise once fully operational; Commissioning progress.

Please contact the committee by email if there are any other issues you would like to see addressed, or if you prefer you, can send any questions directly to Eco Park via the website (see below for website details)

We have had two site visits, first as a familiarisation visit and the second to discuss Health & Safety and raise questions from residents - the questions and the answers will be available on our website soon. Meanwhile, we have an Almond Close resident confirmed on the committee. She has much experience in air quality, having spent many years in the oil and gas industry, with a background in vehicle emissions, so it is great news that we have a qualified specialist representing us. If you would like to stay updated on the progress of the build/commissioning, see the website <https://www.ecoparksurrey.uk/> where you can find more information and sign up for their newsletter.

**Littleton Lane Quarry:** Meeting on 2nd July with the new Chief Executive of Spelthorne, Daniel Mouawad, along with the Resident Committees of Laleham and Shepperton. These discussions are detailed, lengthy and still ongoing. However, Daniel is very supportive of our concerns (increase of HGV traffic, environmental impact and the general aesthetics of the site). He has discussed some very positive solutions which he is currently presenting to senior management at Brett Aggregates who own the land and site at Littleton Lane. We hope to have more news following the next meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Shepperton Studios:** You will be aware from recent "letterbox" communications and subsequent presentations that a major expansion is planned. Some of the Committee along with many residents attended these presentations. The main concern from Charlton Village residents is the increase in traffic. We spent about 30 minutes with their transport consultant who assured us that they are looking at mitigating any pressure on the already busy roads into the Studios. They are also currently conducting traffic surveys and have already identified the build-up of queueing traffic at the Charlton Lane/New Road junction during rush hour. The studios are working with Surrey County Council and when they apply for official planning permission they will include their plans to mitigate the impact of increased traffic.

Of course, we have taken the opportunity to suggest they fund a crossing for Charlton Village within their plans, one can but try! Meanwhile we have made a request to the Development Team, to meet with us to discuss the mitigation of the increased traffic, so please give us your feedback so we can share your thoughts with them.

Please take the opportunity to view their plans on their website:

<http://www.sheppertonstudiosconsultation.co.uk/>

We expect this development to be an ongoing item on our agenda.

## Subscriptions

We urge anyone with outstanding subscriptions to please let us have your payments which are always greatly appreciated and help keep us running. All general donations are always warmly welcomed! Our bank details are: Account name: CVRA Account number: 5095 4687 Sort code: 54 41 51

Subscriptions: £3 - General subscription, £5 - Floral displays - for 2018 most residents have contributed £10 - but as it is voluntary please contribute what you feel you can - Thank you.

## Charlton Village Residents Association Members

As a new team, the CVRA is keen to welcome new committee members. We are an informal and friendly group who meet regularly to discuss ideas for the village. If you want to join us as a one off, to table an idea or you just want to help at events we would love to see you. We welcome Greg and Magdalena, neighbours from north end of Charlton Rd. Thank you for joining us, we look forward to working with you both.

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## Communication

So many of you are not on Facebook and as our Facebook page is not exclusive to Charlton Village Residents, we are working on the CVRA website. The site is quite complex in terms of usability, but this is a priority and very much work in progress. Whilst we are working on our website we are trying to keep everyone up to date by sending more regular newsletters.

We really appreciate your patience whilst the new committee get to grips with everything "Charlton Village." Meanwhile, I know many of you have already used our email, so please do continue to do so., where we will endeavour to respond to you by return.

We represent the resident's opinions and thoughts, which why it is important that you tell us what your concerns, ideas and comments are. When we go to County or Borough meetings we only take forward the suggestions presented to us by you. We are not political, but of course if it requires a stronger representation we will go forward with any majority opinions it requires.

Meanwhile, we continue to focus on helping Charlton Village to be a safe and enjoyable place to live.

Alison, Arzu, Denise, Gill, Greg, Helen, Jo, Magdalena and Shivali

If you wish to contact us, please do email us on: [cvramail@gmail.com](mailto:cvramail@gmail.com)

## Community Events in the Village

**Do on the Green – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, 3pm Onwards:** This is a smaller event which is held annually at Hetherington Road Green. The residents local to the green set up their own table and chairs and provide their own picnics. There will be a bouncy castle for the children. Please come over with the children, visit the park and bouncy castle. See you there.

**Family Day at the Harrow Inn Pub – 15<sup>th</sup> September:** This is still in the planning stages; however, we will have activities for the children in the garden and a BBQ plus music later in the day for the adults. More details about the event will be communicated very soon. Meanwhile save the date in your calendar.

**Village Fireworks – 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Children's Christmas Party at the Harrow Inn Pub – Mid December** (Date and details to be confirmed later)

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