



Ripley Parish Council The Parish Review

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The parish council needs your help!

Clean-up Day Sat 23rd March

We **need** your help between 10 and 12 noon on this Saturday morning.

We meet in the village hall car park at 10am

Clean up materials including litter pickers and gloves are being provided by Guildford Borough Council.

Please come along and join us - for as much time as you can spare. Many hands make light work!

Thank you. Your help makes a real difference to the village.



Housing Survey 11th February to 11th March

We **need** your help to complete the survey delivered with this newsletter if it is to provide us with useful information regarding the way in which residents would like Ripley village to develop in the future.

Part 1 has general questions for all to complete.

Part 2 has questions for those in housing need.

Please take the time to complete the survey and return it in the envelope provided.

All responses will be treated as confidential.

Thank you.

Further copies of the survey may be downloaded from our website www.ripleyparish.org.uk

Turn over to find out how **you** can influence development in the parish.



SUPERFAST BROADBAND The new Superfast Surrey website will be publicly released on the 21st Feb and will give residents and businesses the opportunity to find out how and when they can get access to fibre broadband. For more information e-mail superfastbbsurrey@surreycc.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Planning

In the 2011 Localism Act new powers were given to parish councils and community groups to influence planning decisions in their local area. This is Neighbourhood Planning.

How is a Neighbourhood Plan different from a Village Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory planning document for development which the Borough Council must take account of when making planning decisions. It cannot be used to prevent development.

A Village Plan gives an overview of the issues affecting a parish and is useful guidance for the parish council but the Planning Authority is not bound by its findings.

Advantages of Neighbourhood Planning

1. The parish council can inform the planning authority of the kind of development that residents would like to see in the parish.

Disadvantages

1. It is time consuming as any development proposals must be backed by evidence from surveys and public meetings.
2. It is costly because the plan, must be scrutinised by an independent examiner, comply with the Borough Council Local Plan and other planning documents.

The information gathered in Part 1 of the Housing Survey will help the council decide whether to work to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Ripley.

Ripley Green

Work is continuing to reclaim land from the brambles and dead elms along the Dunsborough boundary. An area between the 2 groups of sycamore trees is to be sown as a wildflower meadow.



Following a tree inspection, work is to be carried out on the 7 oak trees near the playground and 6 large lime trees between the oaks and Dunsborough House. The parish council is carrying out a rolling programme of tree inspections in order to identify potential problems early.

Burial Ground Extension

Pre-application advice has now been received from Guildford Borough Council regarding the proposed burial ground extension. An arboricultural survey has taken place and an application lodged with the Borough Council for clearance of the land. Only 2 trees an oak and a spruce are worth keeping. It is hoped that this work can take place before the nesting season begins.

A protected species survey has taken place to ensure that no protected animals are affected by the clearance.

The Environment Agency requires that a Tier 1 groundwater assessment is carried out in order to establish if the water table is low enough to allow this land to be used for burial under current regulations. This will be carried out shortly. If the water table is too high, burials will not be permitted on the land because of the risk of pollution.

If the land passes the groundwater assessment an archaeological survey will need to be carried out prior to the planning application being submitted for change of use to a burial ground.

[RIPLEY CHRISTMAS FAIR](#)

[Thank you to all who worked hard to ensure the success of the fair and to those who came and supported us. £6138 was raised which should just cover the costs of the Christmas lights.](#)

Winter Snow Clearance



2 green salt bins have been provided by the parish council to aid snow clearance on pavements in the centre of the village.

These are situated at the start of the footpath from Rose Lane to White Hart Court and at the entrance to the Green by Ellwood Gallery.

It is intended that the salt is used by volunteers.

Directions for use:

1. Wear protective shoes with good gripping soles.
2. Wear gloves and warm clothing.
3. Take care not to over exert oneself.
4. Clear snow from the centre of the path first, taking care not to block roads, drains or paths.
5. Apply salt each day until the snow and ice has gone.

Join us at the next Parish Council meetings

Thursdays 21st February and 21st March 2013 in the Church Room at the Parish Church, High Street, Ripley

Public questions 7.30-7.45pm