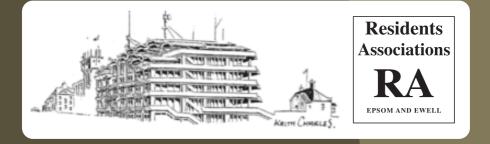
## WOODCOTE (EPSOM) RESIDENTS' SOCIETY Representing Woodcote and Langley Vale



### WHO WE ARE:

Woodcote (Epsom) Residents' Society (W(E)RS) is one of eleven Residents Associations (RAs) within Epsom & Ewell Borough. Ever since the Borough was incorporated in 1937 the Council has been controlled by Councillors representing RAs.

Independent of National Party Politics, local interests have therefore been at the forefront of Council decision-making for nearly 90 years.

WE(R)S is organised and run by a committee of enthusiastic local residents who care deeply about our neighbourhood and who voluntarily give up their time on your behalf. Our principal role is to be the voice of our residents on local issues and concerns. We do this by serving as the bridge between residents and the Council (through our Ward Councillors).

A key role of each Residents' Association/Society is to nominate and support the election of Councillors to represent its Ward, to stand for what is best in their local area.

This society currently has 3 such Borough Councillors and 1 County Councillor.

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER, PLEASE JOIN NOW TO ENJOY. THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP AND HELP TO ENSURE THAT OUR RA-CONTROLLED BOROUGH CONTINUES TO FREQUENTLY APPEAR IN THE TOP 10 BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN BRITAIN

See back page for how to join.

## WHAT WE DO FOR YOU:

#### WE REPRESENT YOUR CONCERNS BY

- Taking prompt actions on issues that are important to you such as street lighting, road resurfacing, local park facilities or supporting requests for borough wide services.
- Formal written submissions and appearances at Council Planning and other Committees
- Enabling you to raise matters that are important to you and make suggestions for improvements to local facilities or services. We have an Annual General Meeting and other regular meetings where you can meet with our representative Councillors and Committee Members.

## YOU RECEIVE:

- A regular flow of informed news posted on our website (www.woodcoteepsomresidentssociety.org)
- Early feedback and alerts on matters which might affect you as residents, e.g. on significant planning applications or services provision such as Epsom Hospital
- 3 Newsletters p.a. and regular bulletins keeping you up-to-date on relevant local matters.

# FOCUSING ON IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR YOU, OUR RECENT ACTIONS INCLUDE:

- Represented residents by speaking against applications at Planning Committee meetings, e.g. Bucknills Close, Rosebery Road, Langley Bottom Farm conditions; raising concerns to request modifications to other applications, e.g. Pine Hill frontages, Green Gables.
- Made representations at National Planning Inspector appeals, e.g. development proposals at Epsom General Hospital and Bucknills Close.
- Raised planning enforcement issue, e.g. Stonegate development.
- Requested removal of fly-tipping, street cleansing.

## WHAT YOUR RA COUNCILLORS DO FOR YOU

#### OUR PRESENT WARD BOROUGH COUNCILLORS AND THEIR KEY RESPONSIBILITIES ARE:



BERNICE FROUD (Community/Wellbeing) bfroud@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



LIZ FROST (Environment) Ifrost@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



STEVEN MCCORMICK (Planning/Audit/Scrutiny) smccormick@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

## Steven McCormick is also your County Councillor, covering Highway matters (roads & pavements); on-street parking; schools; social care.

Our Councillors attend regular W(E)RS Committee meetings, updating the Committee on Council matters, listening to residents' concerns, answering questions and taking appropriate action.

#### **OUR COUNCILLORS' CURRENT PRIORITIES INCLUDE:**

1. Enhancing and protecting our green open spaces, working with council and volunteer groups to grow and plant trees, hedgerows and support working parties

2. Better roads and pavements, providing early reporting of faults, issues and improvements, continued lobbying and follow through to fix.

3. Easing housing problems by working to provide more of the right type in the right place with a focus on affordable units.

4. Making our communities safer, liaising with Police and Police Crime Commissioner, Community Safety Partnership to provide timely and regular updates to residents.

5. Better public transport connections for easier, more predictable journeys, focus on frequency and reliability of services, engaging with County Council and operators.

- 6. Enabling people of all ages to access education and skills
- 7. Promoting better health and wellbeing for all residents
- 8. Tackling climate change and protecting Surrey's countryside and biodiversity
- 9. Reducing waste and increasing recycling
- 10. Reinvigorating town centres and high streets
- 11. Strengthening and supporting community relationships and networks

Please support the work of your Society. As a member you help us to stay informed and benefit from joint action and support on local issues which affect you.

Without your **subscriptions and/or donations** we would not be able to continue with the work we do on your behalf.

Annual membership costs just £5 per household from 1 January each year. A larger donation would of course be very welcome and would go towards improving our communications with residents.

#### PAYING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS VERY SIMPLE TO ARRANGE:

#### By bank transfer

Account Name: Woodcote (Epsom) Resident Society Account Details: Sort Code 23-05-80 | Account Number 18192567 "Reference" to be shown as your postcode and house number

By setting up a standing order or direct debit

**By cash or cheque** - We can also arrange to collect your subscription if you email us on info@woodcoteepsomresidentssociety.org.

Please notify the Society Secretary at info@woodcoteepsomresidentssociety.org of your e-mail address for communications.

#### ADVERTISING YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR NEWSLETTER OR ON OUR WEBSITE

An entry in our regular Newsletters or on our website is an extremely cost-effective way of advertising your business to 2,500 local households.

Our rates and how to book space are on our website www.woodcoteepsomresidentssociety.org or you can email us on info@woodcoteepsomresidentssociety.org

#### VIEW OUR LATEST ACTIVITIES

