

## Parish Magazine – May 2017 issue

**Traffic calming in Shere** – further traffic calming measures have been called for by local residents in Shere, to build upon the recent first phase of traffic calming works: ie, pavement widening, road narrowing and the 20mph speed limit. These measures have slowed down the traffic substantially but many vehicles still exceed the 20mph speed limit. Going into a second phase, the Parish Council has agreed to:

- ask Surrey Highways whether it would be possible to have a 20mph flashing sign on the bend at the top of Upper Street
- organise a rota for more frequent Speedwatch sessions and look into the possibility of using new speed monitoring kit belonging to the County Council with a view to providing to the police, evidence of the need to calm traffic speed
- investigate the use of other traffic calming measures
- discuss with the County Council, the need to change the speed limit on the section of the A25 running past the village and to re-configure the layout of the junction of the A25 with Gomshall Lane, in light of poor road safety here and the recent fatality. This last matter of concern will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.

**Holmbury St Mary integrated speeding and parking plan** – traffic problems in Holmbury were the major concern of Holmbury residents, identified at the recent public consultation meeting. So the Parish Council is working up a plan to remedy some of the issues, like speeding traffic, dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking. Once the plan is drafted, there will be a second public consultation, hopefully this autumn, with a view to works starting next year.

**Vodafone and Telecoms mast, Holmbury St Mary** – siting of a mast is often a sensitive issue. Recognising this and taking into account comments made by local residents, the Parish Council has agreed to a revised siting of the mast. Originally, it was proposed to site the mast on the grass verge, close to the junction of Holmbury Hill Road and Horsham Road. Now, it will be sited on the opposite side of Horsham Road, further up and in the parking area opposite the garage, on land owned by the Parish Council. A technical assessment of this site has to be made first, by the company concerned.

**London Lane flood prevention works** – initial flood prevention works in London Lane, Shere, have now been completed by Surrey Highways. These will be monitored but it is hoped that they will help to protect the middle of Shere from the worst effects of flooding.

**Shere stream improvements** – on a lighter note, spring has brought welcome good weather and the re-turfing of Shere river bank together with the new cobbles around the last bench, furthest from the road, have made this popular area look very smart indeed. A big thank you goes to Christine, from Crumbs, for watering-in the turf during the warm weather. Thank you also to the cub scouts who have re-seeded the area under the old oak tree in The Square, in the centre of Shere.h

**Invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** at Tanyard Hall, Gomshall, starting at 7.30pm. All residents of the Parish are cordially invited to the Annual Parish Meeting. There will be an interesting speaker, a brief report on the Parish Council's activities over the past year and then the opportunity to chat with your Parish Councillors over drinks and nibbles.

**Next Council meeting** – Thursday 4 May 2017, starting at 8pm at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF.