

## Parish Magazine – October 2019 Issue

I am very sad to report that the Assistant to the Clerk, Clare Smith is leaving the role to pursue a career in school administration. Clare has been a great asset to the Council and we all wish her every success in her future career.

The Council is now advertising for a replacement Assistant to the Clerk; please see our website for more details on this very varied part-time and flexible role [www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk). The closing date is 30th September 2019 but if you need a few more days to apply, please call the Clerk on 01483 203431.

Shere Parish Council has agreed to a contribution of **£5,000** each towards the Holmbury St Mary traffic scheme (to slow traffic coming from Forest Green) and the virtual path (like the shared path on Peaslake Lane, Peaslake) on Queen Street in Gomshall. It is hoped that with these contributions, Surrey County Council will go ahead with both proposals in the next financial year.

**Grit bins** – four grit bins in Peaslake and Holmbury St Mary are no longer being maintained by Surrey County Council due to lack of funds. Shere Parish Council has agreed to take them over and re-fill when necessary. The grit bins in question are Hoe Lane, Pitland Street, Walking Bottom and Lenten Close. Please don't forget if the roads are icy, anyone can go and spread some grit from the grit bins – they are there for the public. If they are running out of grit please email the office [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk). For refilling of any other grit bins, please contact Surrey County Council.

**Rights of Way** – our footpaths are increasingly disappearing under vegetation. Rights of Way used to maintain the network more actively but now due to a dramatic reduction in resources, can only maintain a few rights of way and even those will only be cut once a year. It is the responsibility of landowners/householders with hedges and trees overhanging rights of way, to cut them back and keep them clear. Please keep them clear for everyone to enjoy!

**Next Council meeting** – 8pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019, at Holmbury St Mary Village Hall, Felday Glade, Holmbury St Mary RH5 6PG