

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear All,

In these difficult times it is quite amazing to see just how resilient, humourous and supportive our lovely neighbourhood has been. It is a pleasure being part of the community.

Support for our most vulnerable

There are those in our neighbourhood who require more than others, we have a list of those we're keeping a close eye on. As far as I can see, we have all pitched in to help our most vulnerable with shopping, phone calls and any other areas where help is required.

However, if you do know of anyone who might need further help, do please let me know and we look into how we can help.

Neighbourhood projects for the NHS



Making of Scrubs for NHS

Dorothy - is using her endless energy, on behalf of U3A-K2 Needlecraft group, to reach out for donations of cloth from which 'non surgical scrubs' will be made for NHS workers. The Project is called "Scrubs Up". The response has been unbelievable and Dorothy and her 'virtual team' are busy turning out the goods. If you would like to donate, particularly if you have any double duvets or sheets, please contact chairperson@silverysands.org and Michele will forward on your message..



Silvery Sands

Residents Association



NHS Happy Rainbow signs

Alison - Her friend is making Happy NHS Rainbows signs, proceeds are going to the White Gates Nursing Home to buy games for bored residents. Anyone wanting to order please contact Alison via chairperson@silverysands.org and Michele will forward on your message..



Reusable Crochet Ear Protector For Face Masks

Susan - is making 50 of these crochet ear protectors for the NHS staff at Epsom & St Helier University hospitals. She is short of some buttons and is looking for some with a diameter between 15 to 20 mm.

Please contact chairperson@silverysands.org and Michele will forward on your message..

Pedestrian path along #97 Thames Side

Due to the 'lockdown' and the apparently heavy foot traffic through the above mentioned footpath, Emily and James thought it necessary to put a bicycle lock on the pathway gate. For those still unaware of the Gate Code please contact us.

The lock appears to have stemmed the foot traffic somewhat, with the exception of some quite athletic individuals who felt it necessary to jump the fence. However, on the whole foot traffic seems to be limited to us residents.

We can review after lockdown and with feedback from residents, we can see how well things have worked. The gate seems to have kept out non-residents which is welcome. However, we need to keep in mind the slim chance that Emergency Services may, one day/night require access, and how to address.



Dog Poo Bins – Silvery Sands and Penton Hook Island

The responsibility for emptying Dog Poo Bins in our area is down to the Environment Agency (EA). It appears that the gentleman responsible either is ill or has issues. Last week, I emptied the Doggie Bins on both Penton Hook Island and Silvery Sands, I had the very welcome assistance from Bernie. Peewee helped a bit also 😊. Spelthorne Council very kindly agreed to collect the bin bags from the bottom of Penton Avenue, which was done. The ones on the Lock, go into the Lock bins.

Until we locate the EA to find out what is happening with the service, I will continue to monitor. However, if any of you can help by picking up any rubbish/recycling around the Dog Poo Bins, this will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Anti Social Behaviour in our area

The incidents of teenagers on bicycles continue. The teenagers are now on motorised scooters with no regard for a speed limit or pedestrians.



Here is one of the boys, should know better he is 18 years old!!

Also, there have been a number of thefts recently from gardens along the Thames Side towpath. A bicycle and a boat went missing. Boat later retrieved. Please keep things out of sight if possible.

Individuals are trawling the towpath, sometimes taking photos of houses. Please keep your eyes and CCTV (if you have it) open. If you see anything, please use the “SSRA Suspicious Activity” WhatsApp Group or the Contact Us page on the SSRA Website, to report. Or, tell a neighbour if they have access to social media.

Any information please contact Michele Gibson as actual footage of the events may help in tracing the culprits.

Flood Insurance

Victor has kindly supplied information on Flood Insurance for those who might be interested and unable to obtain insurance elsewhere.

The Company is called Wisemans, 34 Church Road, Ashford, TW15 2UY Phone Number 01784 242138. They provide flood insurance. The scheme is called the Cherish Scheme provided by AXA. Approx £1,000 per annum.

Roads

As we are all aware Wheatsheaf Lane has been resurfaced and the road is in good shape, Riverside Close is also in good shape. Thames Side residents are suffering and the potholes are getting bigger. Any temporary solution will have to wait until lockdown is over because supplies cannot be purchased at this time.

I don't need to remind you that payment of your Subs., would be most welcome to speed our ability to resurface Thames Side properly, as soon as we have the requisite amount.

Subscriptions for 2020

Subscriptions are now due. The fee for this year is £90.

A number of us have paid and there are a number of us whose payments remain outstanding. If you can manage to pay at this difficult time, your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

For details of how to pay please see the information on our website:

www.silverysands.org/fees-and-payment

Yours sincerely,
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