

# CWMC News Update May 2016

## **Chairman's Update**

Welcome to our spring newsletter for all residents of Wheal Regent Park from all of us serving on the board of Crinnis Wood Management Company.

I am happy to report that our Woodland has weathered the winter storms very well. We have lost two trees, one uprooted and the other with a broken canopy. These have been dealt with by our tree surgeon.

At the end of 2015 we had our bi-annual tree survey of the whole woodland. From this report, ten trees have been identified as requiring attention. Our managing agent, Christopher Anderson, has put this work out to tender and reported the results to the Board. It was agreed to place the work with Western Tree Services and they have completed the work.

The second year of our Woodland Management Plan is due to start as soon as weather permits, hopefully in early May.

As you have been advised, the plan is to work on several areas in the woodland each year. Making entry into the various areas takes time. As our budget for the work is modest, we must address the best use of time/funds. From the review of such work last year, Mr Anderson and our contractor, Paul Wallace, have been in discussions.

It is now proposed to tackle one large area and get the fallen timber gathered ready for removal. This area will be adjacent to the railway line, from the north east gate to the middle section of the woodland. When we have a start date, those members whose homes adjoin the site will be informed.

By 2017 we should have the phytophthora restrictions lifted and the timber removed from the woodland although we shall be in discussion with the Animal and Plant Health Agency to see if it is possible to lift the restriction on our central area sooner. In the autumn we hope to proceed to the areas already cleared beside Beach Road and complete further work there and continue our replanting scheme.

***Jane West - Chairman***

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## **Company Accountants**

For the past few years the annual company service charge accounts have been drawn up by AJ Wheelers Ltd from Portsmouth. They have provided a good service but the board felt it would be preferable to engage a local company to act on CWMCLs behalf. We are therefore in the process of receiving tenders from three selected local companies and intend to move our business to the new accountants in order to complete the 2015 accounts.

***Chris Anderson - Managing Agent***

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## **Woodland Tree Report**

The high but erratic winds have caused some tree failures, fortunately none resulted in too much damage.

Western Tree Services have been on site for a few days taking down these trees, being mainly a mix of Scots Pines and Oaks. Western Power Distribution have cleared land under their overhead cables.

The saplings planted last year by Paul Wallace are growing well within the plastic tubes, we await them bursting out of the top. Several areas need clearing or burning of cut debris, any volunteers to assist would be welcome if a working party was formed.

We would welcome anyone who is fit and able to occasionally walk the woods.

***Peter FitzGerald - Director***

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## **Decorative Trees**

You will be pleased to see that the promised Magnolia Campbellii has now been planted in one of the grassed areas, looks healthy and is now budding up well.

There have been some concerns as to the health of the foxglove tree that we planted near the entrance to WRP. Last summer, the top died back, although it sprouted healthy leaves from its base. I am in contact with Burncoose Nurseries, who supplied us with the tree.

***Alicia Fox - Director***

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## **Respecting our Woodland**

With winter behind us and a minimum of tree damage, it is nice to see signs of spring and the start of the next phase of clearance and replanting.

However, in the recent storms a number of residents suffered damage to fencing and a there was a limited amount of tree surgery has been required. Nigel Scrace has done an excellent job of cutting back the hedges in the pathway behind No 6a – 9 and may carry out some grass seeding when the ground warms up a little.

***Peter Harrison - Director***

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## **Woodland Litter Pick**

As the woodland is regularly inspected and the management plan continues to be implemented, more and more rubbish, including garden waste, is being uncovered. Clean Cornwall is an organisation that supports community groups, who want to keep their neighbourhoods clean. There is also a specific campaign this year – Clean for the Queen – to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday. You may have read of the recent litter-pick in Charlestown. Your directors are investigating the practicalities of organising a litter pick in the woodland. If you

would like to get involved, please contact myself on 814612 or [Julia.keep@bennion.demon.co.uk](mailto:Julia.keep@bennion.demon.co.uk).

## **Facebook Page**

Don't forget to join our residents Facebook group. It's very handy for news items in between the newsletters. For joining instructions and further details, visit [www.crinniswoodmanagement.co.uk](http://www.crinniswoodmanagement.co.uk).

## **Local News**

There will be a Queen's Birthday Street Party in Charlestown on 12 June. Festivities start on the Regatta Field from noon. Take your own tables, chairs and picnics.

The St Paul's Flower Festival and Craft Fair runs from 13 to 17 July and this year's theme is "England's Glory". This is followed two weeks later by the Charlestown Regatta from 30 July to 5 August.

The improvement works to Beach Road have been delayed as the necessary utility works in Sea Road North cannot be organised before the start of the summer season. The developers of Carlyon Beach (CEG) had hoped to get all the various companies to work together to minimise traffic disruption. They are hoping to re-schedule in the autumn. In the meantime, more summer events are planned for the beach, including the return of Sam's Café. More information can be found at [www.carlyonbeach.com](http://www.carlyonbeach.com).

Continuing on the traffic theme, another meeting has been held to try and resolve the parking problems around the primary school – unfortunately, inconclusive. Further information can be found in the Minutes section of the St Austell Bay Parish Council website [www.staustellbayparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.staustellbayparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Publicly Available Defibrillators (PADs) are being installed locally, thanks to the many fundraising activities. Our nearest one is outside the sports shop – Personal Best – on Beach Road.

***Julia Keep - Director***

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## **Neighbourhood Watch**

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is now up and running with 16 of the residents currently signed up arrangements are being made to acquire 3 new signs to replace the out-dated ones on the three designated lamp-posts throughout the estate. Should any other residents wish to join in the scheme please contact Jeff Franklin on 01726 817690 or by email [annettefranklyn@btinternet.com](mailto:annettefranklyn@btinternet.com).

There are two coordinators myself and Jane West at number 15 Wheal Regent 01726 875547 email [west31@btinternet.com](mailto:west31@btinternet.com). Please be assured that your details will be kept confidential and only used in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch.

I am also in the process of registering with the community messaging service run by the police as this enables the coordinators to be informed of crime trends in the area. I have a number of window stickers if anyone would like please contact me and I will be happy to drop one off in your letter box.

If you are leaving your property empty, please let a neighbour know and leave a number where you can be contacted. Please remember that the neighbourhood watch is a two-way street, if you have any information that you feel would be of benefit to the police or community do not hesitate to contact the police, Jane or myself.

***Jeff Franklin - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator (No 30 WRP)***

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