

## Rogate Parish Council Chairman's letter

A very warm welcome to Octavia Pollock who joined the Parish Council at our February meeting. We look forward to her support over the coming months. With Octavia's arrival this brings our number to 8 councillors with 1 vacancy remaining. If you can spare a little time please consider applying.

The coronation daffodils that were planted around the Rogate and Rake are now surfacing, some already blooming. There is a separate article in the magazine. Enjoy.

We mentioned in an earlier article that Hyde were selling a number of social housing properties across our area on the open market. This is of concern as it reduces the number of rented properties in an area with a severe shortage of this type of accommodation. Following a recent meeting with Hyde we can confirm that their policy has now changed and unless the property requires significant investment the property will be refurbished and relet – good news. With other local Parishes we have arranged a meeting with SDNP planning to discuss the lack of affordable housing.

The litter pick is scheduled for Saturday 16th March. Please support, tongs and plastic bags available at Rogate Village Hall.

A reminder that trips to the Midhurst household waste recycling centre (HWRC) now need to be booked on the County Council website. East Hants have proposed closing the Petersfield and Bordon HWRCs. We are concerned this may lead to increased fly tipping in our area and have expressed our concerns in our response to the consultation on the EHDC website.

The annual parish meeting is scheduled for 18th April at 7pm in Rogate Village Hall.

Please keep reporting those potholes. Kate O'Kelly our County Councillor has raised this at County level.

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Chairman, Rogate Parish Council