

Rogate Parish Council Chair's letter

We keenly await the WSCC Highways proposed design for the Rogate Community Highways Scheme. The essence of scheme is the imposition of a 20mph speed restriction in the village. The proposed design will be the subject of public consultation which we will arrange as soon as we receive it.

On the subject of roads, we are aware of problems caused by unnotified road closures on B2070 London Road, Rake and changes to the proposed Harting road closures. We have taken issue with WSCC Highways who have apologised for lack of notification. Local road closure information notified to the PC is published on our website (if it's not emergency works). Current roadwork information map is available on <https://one.network/>

A number of thanks are due this month.

Firstly, to Philip Lymbery for acting as our honorary tree warden for the past two years. Philip has now moved from the village and we are seeking someone to replace him. As part of the role of the Parish Council we monitor the applications for felling licence. The Parish Council do not have expert knowledge of woodland management so it is helpful to have someone with that experience to bounce ideas off. If you would like to help, we would be interested to hear from you.

Thanks also are due to Chris and Sarah Redpath who responded to our call for volunteers to help manage the Speed Indicator Sign in Rake.

And lastly, a big thank you to Adrian Collins, Laura and John Craven for refurbishing the Rogate village sign in the churchyard and for a number of repairs to the playground on Rogate recreation ground. It helps to keep Rogate looking spic and span as well as saving costs.

A heads up, we are planning some woodland management in Terwick wood during September. We will not be closing the wood, but whilst the work is being carried out please take care and follow any signs that are put up. This is routine maintenance that has been planned for some time.

We and other interested parties have been talking to the National Trust about the maintenance of the Lupin field. More details when a definite plan is formulated.

Finally, it is that time off the year when we start to plan our budget for 2025/26. If you are considering any projects that will help the community and a small grant would be helpful from the Parish Council we would like to hear from you.

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Chair, Rogate Parish Council