

Rogate Parish Council Chair's letter

A big thank you to Laura Craven for organising the annual litter pick on Saturday 15th March and all those that joined her. It is good to have Rogate looking spic and span as we head into the spring.

Much of my article last month was around the SDNPA proposal to allocate the land opposite Rogate Village Hall as a possible site to develop 9 houses. We have now submitted the Parish Council response which largely follows our views last month. Suffice to say, we are opposed to the development, our full submission is available on the Parish Council website or by contacting the Clerk.

The community highways scheme to reduce the speed limit in the centre of Rogate to 20mph. We understand a number of comments were made from the public that are being considered. Once these have been dealt with by the designers, we will have a better idea of whether the scheme will progress and the time frame. All we can say at the moment is we are modestly confident.

The County Council offered us a £250 grant towards something to remember the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We have spent the grant money on a new bench for the path in Rogate church yard. Hopefully people will use the bench to enjoy the daffodils we planted in 2024. It is not the intention to be sombre but you can see the war memorial from the bench and perhaps consider the sacrifice made in two world wars.

Now something I had given up hope on. The post box on Fyning Lane and Terwick Lane has been difficult to access for some time and nearly two years ago we approached the Post Office with a request to move it to the entrance to Terwick Rise. It has finally be installed by the bus shelter and provides easy access for users and the postman. It is the first post box I have seen with the Charles logo.

Kate O'Kelly, our County Councillor is standing down and there is likely to be a by-election in May. Kate has represented us for a long time and her support has enabled us to achieve many projects in Rake and Rogate. We wish her well and thank her for all the tireless work, support and help.

A reminder the Annual Parish Meeting is in Rogate village hall on Thursday 24th April at 7.00pm. It is preceded by Rogate Village Hall AGM at 6.00pm, we will be serving coffee from 6.30pm and the meeting will be followed by a talk on swifts – see Octavia's article.

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Chair, Rogate Parish Council