

## RESIDENT SURGERY

Saturday 6th June 2026 – 11.30am -13.00pm at The Boundary on the Green (outside seating area).

This 'drop-in' session is designed to provide an opportunity for residents to hear and engage in the work of the VA as well as to further improve the transparency of the VA and the projects and work we are involved in. The VA surgery will be open to all residents and businesses within The Village to come and discuss any relevant topics and ask questions. We hope to see you there.

Also look out for details of further resident engagement in August/September to be announced on our website and The Village Facebook page.



## NEW DIRECTORS



**Karen Lee-Brindle**



**Sarah Yearsley**

The VA is delighted to announce that Karen Lee-Brindle has joined the Village Association Board of Directors, filling one of the vacant resident director roles.

Karen has been a resident of the Village since 2000 and brings with her a wealth of experience having worked for Linden Homes as a Sales and Marketing Director when The Village was being developed.

We also welcome Sarah Yearsley to the VA Board. Sarah is the Alternate Director to her partner Mark Bishop who was ratified as a Resident Director in November 2025. They have lived together in The Village since March 2002.

Sarah has worked in both the private and public sectors in administrative roles and spent two years helping the VA as an Associate. She grew up on the South Downs and is now enjoying life here at The Village on the North Downs.

We look forward to having Karen and Sarah on board and to working with them both over the coming months and years as the VA continues to work on its numerous projects to further enhance the environment and high standard of The Village.

## RUBBISH CLEARANCE

In our last newsletter we highlighted that there had been a significant increase in fly-tipping in The Village. While we are pleased to see that many residents have removed rubbish from front gardens and by garages, there remained a large amount of dumped rubbish in common areas.

In March this year the VA, with Acacia's help, removed the majority of the fly-tipped items from common areas. Having to do this incurs fees and costs which impacts us all and we ask residents to please use the council services to have larger items of domestic waste removed and also immediately report any fly-tipping incidents to the VA or the Warden.



## BINS AWAY ON COLLECTION DAY!



On rubbish and recycling days please collect your emptied bins and tidy them away as soon as possible. This is as a courtesy to other residents and to help The Village to remain an enjoyable place to live and work.

Also, please lock the lids of your green food waste bins at all times. Not only does this prevent foxes from stealing the contents, spreading germs and littering our environment, it also prevents lids becoming loose, flying away and causing a hazard.

## CONSIDERATE PARKING

With more than 350 homes in The Village and an increasing number of vehicles than the parking areas can accommodate, we know that parking can be a daily challenge.

Please remember:

- Keep pavements clear so everyone can pass safely.
- Don't block driveways or park too close to junctions.
- Park neatly and close to the kerb to make the best use of space.
- Use your driveway or garage whenever you can.
- Do not park on double yellow lines or in areas not designed for parking.
- If a neighbour has inconsiderately parked, and it is causing problems or concerns, please engage with the neighbour concerned as the Village Association does not deal with parking complaints.

Thank you for being considerate.



## THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

This year marks the 22nd anniversary since The Village was completed! After over two decades of British weather, many of the original fittings are beginning to show their age and are in a little need of some TLC. To keep the Village looking its best and to protect the long-term value of our homes, the VA is encouraging everyone to take a fresh look at their property's exterior.



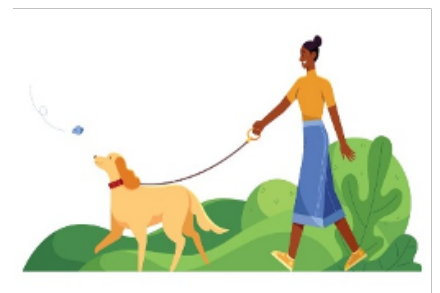
We know that many of us have busy lives but if you have a moment, we kindly ask you to check your home's exterior condition including:

- Front Doors: A simple fresh coat of paint or stain in the original palette can make a world of difference.
- Garage Doors: Some have holes in them, some need a refresh of paint or stain.
- Wooden Fencing: Replacing rotten wood, repairing or re-staining of weathered panels helps too.
- Railings and Gates: May need cleaning and a fresh coat of paint or stain.
- Porticoes/Porches: Green verdigris can build up on porches and porticoes over a number of years. The appearance of these coverings would be much improved if this was removed.

With thanks in advance for your help in keeping The Village looking well cared for and an attractive place to live.

## DOGS ON LEADS PLEASE!

In order to keep our community here at The Village a safe, attractive and enjoyable place to be for all, please ensure you follow the Village Code and keep your dogs on a lead at all times while in The Village. Please also pick up your dog's poop and put it into one of the many dog-poop bins located at various sites around The Village.



Thank you.