



## Chairman's Letter

Summer has finally arrived! Maybe we won't be going abroad for our holidays this year but there will still be plenty to do in and around West End. Go for walks! Enjoy the heathland! Anyway, welcome to the summer edition of the Newsletter.

Our programme of events, which has been in abeyance until now, will start in August. The Picnic in the Park will be held on Saturday 7 August between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Please bring your picnic and as many family and friends as you like. As in past years it is a completely impromptu affair with games for children and an opportunity for Mums and Dads to socialise. Then, on Saturday 11 September we will once again be manning our usual stall at the Ag and Hort show so you can visit us there. We will be holding our 2021 AGM on Wednesday 15 September in the Sports Pavilion, postponed from February.

The past year has seen a number of changes on the Committee. Our Treasurer, Robin Short has moved out of the area and has resigned after well over ten years in the job. We thank him for his excellent service for the Society in which he has looked after our finances prudently. Ildikó Roth who has also served on the Committee for ten years has called it a day in order to have more time for her numerous other activities. We thank her for her input, sound advice and work for the Society over the years. Both Robin and Ildikó have made significant contributions to the Committee and will be missed. We wish them well for the future. That means that we have two vacancies on the Committee and would welcome some fresh and enthusiastic new blood to take the Society forward. Please contact either myself or email [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk) if you would like to offer your services.

As ever, we are also short of Distributors for the Newsletter. Five 'rounds' have no coverage at all. It isn't particularly arduous, just delivering three Newsletters per year and collecting members' subscriptions on summer evenings. It's a good way to get to know people. Contact Mary Anthony or email [comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk) if you would like to help.

Regrettably, I have to report some loss of the daffodil bulbs which volunteers planted in the preceding four years. The damage was done by a grass cutting contractor who mowed down many of the later flowering bulbs in February last year. The Society has since been recompensed by the contractor. Various other contractors have also dug up the grass verges and areas and destroyed the bulbs and we are still seeking compensation from them. We will be mounting a bulb replanting programme in the Autumn and are looking for volunteers to wield their spades and trowels for us once again.

May I remind members that after a free year in 2020, subscriptions are due again for those who haven't paid for 3 years in advance. You can pay at the Picnic in the Park, at the Ag and Hort show or now on line. Or you can pay your Newsletter distributor as in the past.

In the meantime have a good Summer!

Jeff Llewellyn

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All members are welcome to join us at the

**West End Village Society Annual  
General Meeting to be held at the  
Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane at  
7.30pm  
on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The meeting will be followed by a short social get together (Government restrictions allowing!) with drinks and nibbles. This is your opportunity to see what the Society has been doing, ask questions or raise issues.

We look forward to seeing you.

**WEVS Committee—**[comms@wevs.org.uk](mailto:comms@wevs.org.uk)

**Chairperson:** Jeff Llewellyn    **Secretary:** Yvette Jones    **Treasurer:**

**Membership Secretary:** Mary Anthony    **Newsletter Editor:** Pete Jones

**Other members:** Anne Allard, Marc Bedwell, Andrew Hopkins, Savitri Kegge, Dave Norris,

Ravi Raveendran, Jan Smith.



### Picnic in the Park

**SATURDAY 7 August**  
**4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Recreation Ground**

Free event for all the community. For families and friends of our residents. Simply turn up with your food and drink and take a spot on the field. For more details visit:

[www.wevs.org.uk](http://www.wevs.org.uk)

This year's picnic had to be postponed from the original planned date - 10 July - owing to the extension of Covid restrictions. It is now taking place on Saturday 7 August.

This is a free community event; we hope to see many of you there. We are asking you to spread the information on social media to ensure maximum coverage.

**Let's celebrate the end of pandemic !**

**Have a good picnic !**

## The Stag Project

## Ravi Raveendran

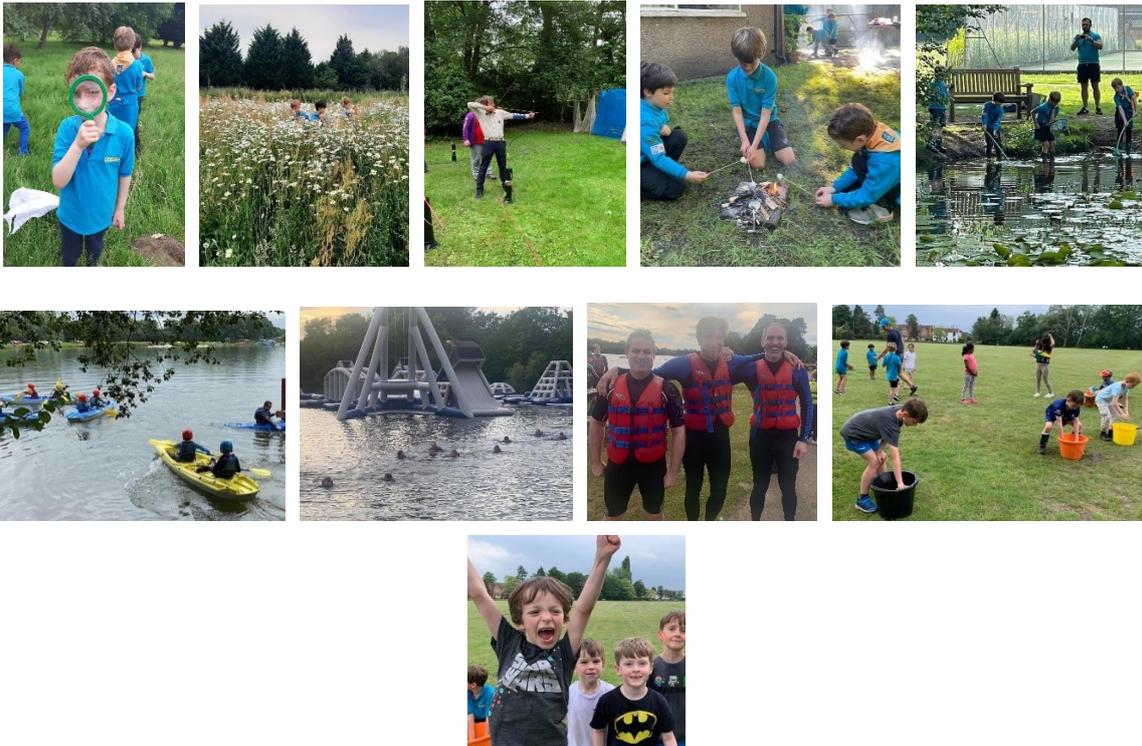
The Stag project is gaining momentum again after fund raising was placed on hold for the past 18 months. Our present fund stands at £3,000. We estimate the cost of the project to be £15,000 - £18,000. We already have the support of the Parish Council which has not only contributed to the funds but will also take on maintenance responsibilities after the sculpture is erected. Councillor, Rebecca Jennings-Evans, has also pledged to provide some funding this year. In the coming weeks WEVS will be applying to a number of funding sources for grants.

We are also asking for your contribution towards this legacy project which will create a new landmark within the next 12 months. It's easy to donate and every little helps. Please make your payment to **Sort code: 20-97-58; Account no: 50930180**. Remember to put the reference as **2019POTY** followed by your surname.



An interesting year so far! After a term of zoom meetings, which was a whole new challenge for our wonderful leaders, we were delighted to be given the green light to begin face to face Scouting again at the start of summer term. However, our current HQ is not big enough to safely social distance with the number of young people we have in each section. So, we decided on a whole term of outdoor activities. Below you can see the result – a fabulous round of outdoor adventures, thoroughly enjoyed by children and leader alike.

Kayaking, archery, bug safari, fire lighting and cooking, water games, fun at Thorpe Lakes to name but a few. Despite the weather only a couple of meetings had to be cancelled.



If you fancy adding some adventure to your life, come and join in the fun!

We are experiencing a high level of demand for places and would love to expand our sections, but we need more adult volunteers – Volunteering is good for you! Contact Julie Komor at [jakswestend@hotmail.com](mailto:jakswestend@hotmail.com)

In other news, our plans for a new home in the village are at last beginning to move forward – watch this space!

## Subscriptions

It is subscription payment time again. Some of you have taken advantage of The Society's three-year membership deal but there are a number of subscriptions outstanding from 2018 and 2019. We will not be collecting a subscription for 2020.

You can check what you owe and pay at the Picnic in the Park on 7<sup>th</sup> August or at the West End Show on 11<sup>th</sup> September. The new Orchid grocery shop has agreed to be a central collection point where you can drop off your sub (in an envelope marked WEVS and with your name and address included).

To pay online, please email [membershipwevs@gmail.com](mailto:membershipwevs@gmail.com) for bank details and a reference code.

There have been two successes on the planning front for the village since the last Newsletter, namely the application at Fenns Lane for 74 houses and Land East of Shangri-La on Fairfield Lane for four houses. Both sites are located within the Green Belt and illustrate the significance of this designation for protecting the village from inappropriate and harmful development.

### 1) Fenns Lane:

The appeal against the refusal of the Council to grant planning permission was held in the form of a Virtual Hearing, hosted by a Planning Inspector. The Council was supported by evidence given on the day from Jeff Llewelyn (WEVS), Guy Consterdine (WEAG) and by Borough and Parish Councilor Graham Alleyway. The Inspector dismissed the appeal, concluding that the development would be harmful to the openness of the Green Belt. The Inspector also found that the proposed development would harm the character and appearance of the area, changing it from “the appearance and feel of a rural lane” to “an extension of the settlement of West End into the open countryside”. Notwithstanding that, the Council could not demonstrate a five year supply of housing as required by the National Planning Policy Framework. The harm identified by the Inspector clearly outweighed such deficiency.

### 2) Land East of Shangri-La, Fairfield Lane

As was reported in our previous Newsletter, another application has been made for the erection of four houses in Fairfield Lane. You may recall in 2018/19 an appeal against the Council’s earlier refusal of permission for four houses on the same site was dismissed. The Surrey Heath Planning Committee voted unanimously (12-0) to refuse permission, essentially on grounds that the development amounted to inappropriate development in the Green Belt resulting in significant harm to its openness and to the character and appearance of the area. No appeal against the Council’s decision has been lodged to date.

The aforementioned applications/appeals highlight the importance and value of the Green Belt in protecting the character and appearance of our village. It also highlights the threat it is under with Surrey Heath Borough Council constantly under pressure to allocate more and more sites for housing development. The Council has put in place a borough-wide consultation of residents to find out what matters to their daily quality of life in their immediate location. Green Belt protection could be communicated loud and clear through this process. The consultation is to make the 5-year housing strategy relevant to residents and their desires and will feed into, and be used to shape, Local Plan policy. If you would like to take part in the survey, click the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JzECd-ROQkqgElnGn1OhbENDamZBpEVLiIFGSzhEnt5UQTiKN1BJSkwyQ0pD-NUFVTkVMNExMREFYWi4u>

The Village Society will continue to monitor these and future developments in the village and make representations on behalf of our members where necessary.

## Orchid Grocery—A New Shop In West End

Orchid Grocery shop opened a couple of months ago. It is situated next to the Inn West End. Products include fresh vegetables, ice cream, and preserves from the Middle East. It is planning to open a coffee shop and dry cleaners in the near future.

Please support your local shops!

# The ESSO Pipeline—An Update

This information is copied from Esso’s Website

## Windlemere SANG

We will inform local residents two months before any works take place.

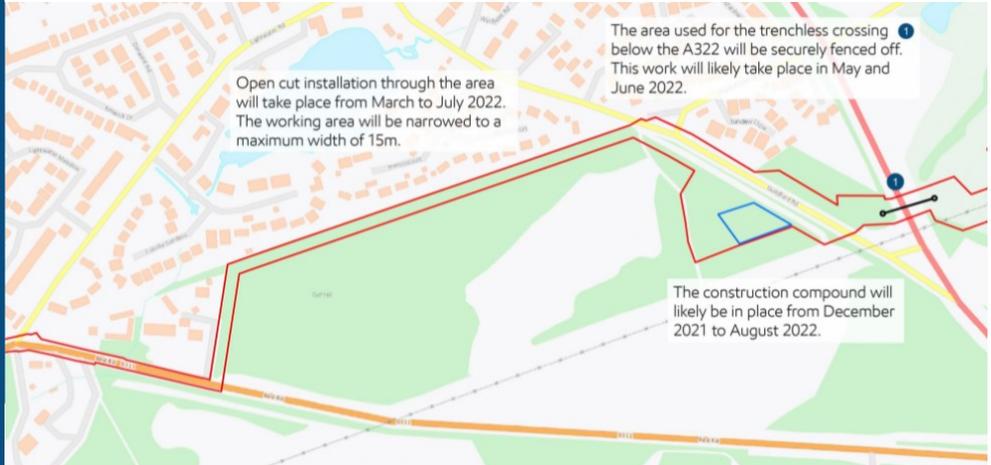
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Vegetation clearance occurs prior to main installation to avoid the bird nesting season.

Reinstatement will take place in the next available season appropriate for planting; likely to be November 2022.

Once installed, the pipeline will be a quiet neighbour and will go unnoticed by most people.

We will fully mitigate and reduce impacts to great-crested newts under a licence from Natural England.



## Turf Hill

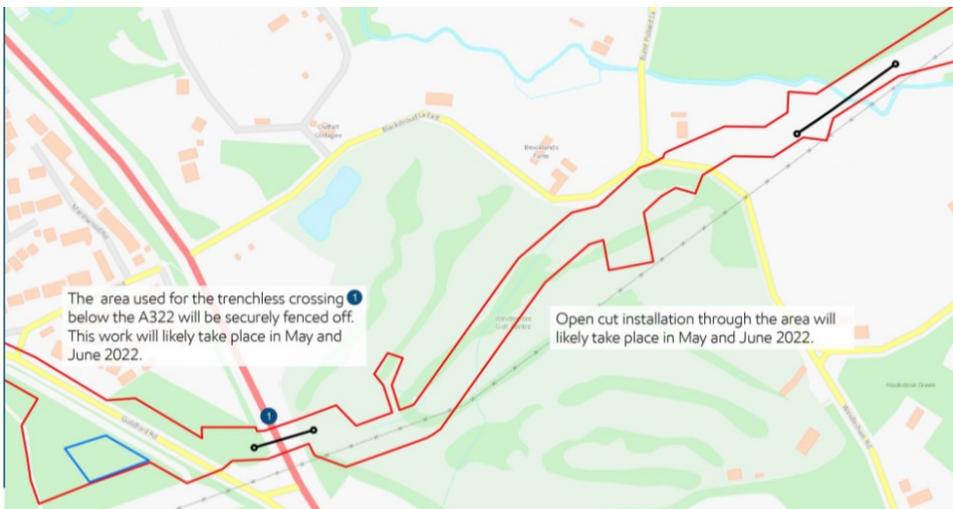
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Reinstatement will take place in the next available seasons appropriate for planting and seeding; likely to be August and November 2022.

Once installed, the pipeline will be a quiet neighbour and will go unnoticed by most people.



# Proposed Parking Restrictions In West End

Surrey Heath Borough Council is looking at imposing parking restrictions in selected of areas in the village. These comprise: 1. Benner Lane – close to Holy Trinity School; 2. Streets Heath – near Gracewell nursing home; 3. Streets Heath – at the traffic lights.

For more details search “Surrey Heath Parking Review.”

WEBCare (West End & Bisley Care & Good Neighbour Group ) is continuing to provide practical short-term help seven days a week for anyone needing a hand with transport and/or shopping, prescription collection & assistance with other small jobs - just call 07713 915393. Our phone line is open 10:00 to 12noon Monday to Friday; messages can also be left via email ([webcaregu24@gmail.com](mailto:webcaregu24@gmail.com)) which will be actioned by the next Duty Officer on duty (a minimum of 48 hours' notice please).



Our normal voluntary contributions apply but **where transport is requested in connection with a Covid vaccination appointment and/or assistance for those who are still having to shield no voluntary contributions are requested.** See our website ([webcaregu24.org.uk](http://webcaregu24.org.uk)) for a list of the voluntary contributions which cover volunteers' expenses, the DBS checks we undertake on our drivers, insurance and the Covid cleaning equipment needed by our Duty Officers and volunteers.

When transport is requested, we ask that masks continue to be worn despite the lifting of restrictions from 19<sup>th</sup> July. Clients also need to be able to get in and out of a vehicle unaided, i.e., no rollators or walking frames that a volunteer needs to put in the boot - walking sticks are fine.

Finally, we would welcome new members onto the WEBCare Committee, particularly someone who could take over the management of our website and social media.

Sarah Wynter Bee  
(Secretary WEBCare)

## **Join The GB Hedgehog Survey**

If you have seen hedgehogs in or near your garden, why not report the sighting to the Great British Hedgehog survey? Just go to the website below and answer as many questions as you can to help create a map of sightings.

<https://www.gracethehedgehog.co.uk/surrey-heath-hedgehog-survey/>

and click on Great British Hedgehog survey logo.

We know there are many hedgehogs in West End. If you make your garden accessible and hedgehog friendly it is very likely they will visit. A hedgehog travels 2 or 3 kilometres a night in search of food. Please also leave out a shallow dish of fresh water for them as, like us, they become dehydrated in hot weather.



## **The Great British Hedgehog Survey**

Collecting data to help Britains hedgehogs

The Ultimate Survey to help Amazing Grace.

## Dead Hedges.....Not What You Think They Are!

Most of us in West End have gardens and these have been an absolute godsend during the lengthy Covid lockdowns. Some of us are fortunate enough to have quite big plots, though others might argue that this isn't necessarily a bonus, given the extra work involved in their upkeep.

One thing a large garden will generate is a good deal of waste, something that can cause the occasional headache, especially as the traditional method of disposing of woody waste – the trusty bonfire – is a source of pollution and considered anti-social in our less than rural environment.

Composting of green waste is one solution; another is resorting to the garden waste collection service run by the Council. But this will not necessarily meet all the disposal requirements of the large garden, especially hedge clippings, shrub prunings and tree branches. Fear not, there are other solutions, one of which is the creation of "dead hedges".

I first saw one of these a number of years ago at a garden managed by the National Trust and it certainly is an eco-friendly way of dealing with the problem of waste as well as providing habitats for all sorts of wildlife that lives in, or visits, a garden during the course of the year.

There is nothing particularly complicated about dead hedges. Essentially they are clumps of trimmed vegetation stacked in a relatively orderly manner, generally at the edge of the garden, though they can form barriers at strategic points anywhere you like. To make the hedge, drive in two parallel lines of stakes positioned about a metre apart so that the width of the actual hedge is about 60cms, or 2ft in old 'currency'. This is shown in the accompanying picture. The hedge can be as long as you like, mine are about 4 metres.

It is quite useful, though not essential, to line the structure with large mesh wire netting as this will ensure smaller cuttings etc. do not spill out and cause unwanted mess. If you do use wire, make sure there are strategically spaced gaps to allow hedgehogs to pass through. The hedge can be a short or tall as you choose, it depends on the length of the stakes you use. I tend to go for ones about a metre high as they are less likely to be a prominent feature.



Once the structure is in place, you can begin to fill it up with waste and as this gradually rots down the hedge can be topped up. Replacement stakes will have to be driven in from time-to-time to replace those that rot. Your dead hedge will provide ideal habitats for all kinds of wildlife which can enrich your relationship with the local fauna while relieving some of the headache of waste disposal.

So, if you have the space or a little-visited corner in your garden why not give it a try. If you find you don't like it you can always dismantle it, though I doubt there will be many of you who do.

Bisley & West End Food Bank started work in January 2021 supported by generous donations of food & money for which its Trustees are most grateful. Set up to support local people in need during the pandemic, it primarily covers residents of Bisley & West End and referrals from the immediate surrounding villages.



It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charities Commission, and run by a Board of Trustees (Cllr Erica Agombar, Helen Francis, Simon Moore, Liz Noble, the Rev Fiona Simon & Sarah Wynter Bee).

To date it has received 23 referrals and supported 27 adults & 49 children with food parcels delivered twice a week for 3 weeks (the length of each referral). Included in the parcels are details of local organisations & charities which can help with advice in many areas, including debt & budgeting, benefit reviews, parenting, CV review & career coaching and social & emotional support.

A fantastic team of volunteers collects donations, stores & co-ordinates stock control, packs food parcels and delivers them. Having a local food bank is proving a very effective resource and we have established links with the Knaphill Community Fridge (whose aim is to prevent food waste) and this is proving a valuable source of fresh fruit, vegetables and other food for those in receipt of our food parcels, which currently are only able to contain tinned & dried food.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, whether food or money. More information, including locations of donation points and a complete list of our referral partners, can be found on our website:  
**[bisleywestendfoodbank.org](http://bisleywestendfoodbank.org)**.

If you would like more information please do not hesitate to email  
**[bisleywestendfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:bisleywestendfoodbank@gmail.com)**

and, if you would like to make a financial contribution, please visit the JustGiving website and type in Bisley and West End Food Bank.

Thank you.

## **Did You Know? .....The Bisley & West End By-Pass**

The idea of a by-pass for Bisley and West End is said to have been proposed as early as 1946 and again in 1971 by a group of Bisley residents.

But the exceedingly confusing story of the proposed by-pass really starts in December 1981 with the proposal by the Surrey County Council of a bypass to the west of the village.

Following protests an eastern route was proposed which was overwhelmingly favoured and subsequently adopted.

Construction was planned to start in 1990. The estimated cost of the cheapest route was £2.3 million. It was abandoned in 1997 after government funding was cut.

In our February newsletter we informed you about the damage to the planted areas caused by the gas works that was being carried out on behalf of Cadent by one of its partners. Their site activities dug up the daffodils that were planted in the ground. We told you that they had given us verbal assurance to replant the areas that were being dug up and trafficked, however at that time we were still waiting for a formal letter of undertaking from Cadent.

# Cadent

As you may remember the work in Guildford Road was completed in March and the areas were levelled and top soiled soon after. To our disappointment Cadent changed their tune afterwards. They claimed to have damaged only a fraction of the true quantity of area that was jointly measured during the works. This led to a protracted dialogue which is still continuing, but we think we have reached an agreement only last week. It has not been easy to get them to the negotiating table.

We would like to thank the Parish Council and Councillor Rebecca Jennings-Evans for their support and influencing Cadent to bring this to a close without further delays.

We offered two options to Cadent; either they carry out the works to our specification or pay us to do it. We estimated the cost to replant the areas to be £3,070 based on commercial rates.

Last week, Cadent came up with an offer of £1,911 and if it's not acceptable to us they said that they will carry out the works themselves.

We have told them to undertake the works with the condition that we witness their work to ensure that the areas are planted with the matching variety of daffodils and at the correct density. We are still awaiting a final statement from them.



*An example of the devastation caused to the planted areas by Cadent's gas works (Spring 2021)*

Back in January, you may remember that Murrill (Surrey County Council's sub-contractor) started footway renewal works in Benner Lane.

They had their site compounds set up on the corners of Benner Lane and Jenner Drive. Their operations inevitably stopped the daffodils from emerging and also many bulbs were unearthed.

# Murrill

We had a meeting with Murrill's site manager in February whilst the works were still underway. We jointly measured the areas in question and the manager gave us a commitment to replant the damaged areas.

They completed the streetworks in April and reinstated the areas. After they vacated the site, their Contract Manager contacted us and told that the site manager had no authority to commit to replant the areas and denied causing any damage to the daffodils even though we had supplied him with photographic evidence of the absence of flowers.

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## Daffodil Damage Caused By Contractors *(continued from Page 9)*

As Murrill are a sub-contractor to SCC, we sought the help of Cllr Jennings-Evans. Thanks to her, we now have an acceptance of accountability by SCC and an assurance that the areas will be planted in the autumn. Another success story.

Glendale are the grass cutting contractor for Surrey Heath Borough Council since autumn 2020. Early in the cutting season, due to lack of information transfer, some damage was caused to the emerging daffodils when their operative, using a ride-on grass cutting machine, inadvertently went over daffodils that were already above ground.



Glendale's manager accepted their culpability straight away and agreed to replant the areas. They have recently confirmed that they have placed an order for the bulbs.

To avoid future errors, we have worked with SBHC to mark up all the planted zones in our village on their Geographical Information System (GIS) which will be shared with Glendale.

## Volunteers Needed

Ravi Raveendran

We will be embarking on a new bulb planting programme this autumn. We need your help for this. You might have seen or taken part in the bulb planting works that WEVS carried out between 2016 and 2018. You may therefore ask why the need to do more planting?

First, some of you may remember that last year, Sodexo (SBHC's previous grass cutting contractor), damaged a significant number of our daffodil bulb stock through bad cutting practice. Following compensation from Sodexo for the damage inflicted, WEVS committee has approved the replanting of the areas that suffered. Secondly, due to the natural process of decay, we have lost some of the older stock that was planted more than 15 years ago. We need to replenish those areas to stop them from looking straggly.

WEVs committee has approved the purchase of 21,500 bulbs as a first phase. Just as we did in the past, we are asking residents to come out at the weekends for a few hours to help plant the bulbs. We need lots of volunteers. It doesn't matter if you have no previous experience, we'll show you how. If you have a garden trowel please bring it along, together with a pair of gloves and something to kneel on. You can join or leave the planting session at anytime, you don't have to stay to the end.

Please ask your friends and family to join us; it's fun, satisfying and gives you a chance to top up the exercise you missed in the last 18 months. Please note, due to safety reasons and the requirement of the highway authority, we cannot have children under 16 taking part as we will be working close to live traffic. Our sessions will always start with a safety briefing and we normally split into two groups which will be led by an experienced person. Remember to wear suitable clothing.

The planting programme will start on Sunday 12 September and will take place on every subsequent Saturday and Sunday until end of November. We will meet in the Rosewood Way car park at 10:00am before moving on to various locations.

### Volunteers Needed

Please join us to plant  
Daffodils in the village

Meeting point:

Rosewood Way car park

From 12 September till end  
November, every Saturday  
and Sunday

Time : 10:00 – 13:00

**West End, Windlesham & District**

**Agricultural & Horticultural Society**

**Covid restrictions allowing, we are hoping to run our**

# **ANNUAL SHOW**

**Tringham Hall, Benner Lane, West End**

## **SATURDAY**

# **11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

## **2.00 pm**

**Classes open to all:**

**Fruit, Flowers, Floral Art, Vegetables, Honey, Wine, Poultry, Pets,**

**Handicrafts, Art, Cookery, Children's Classes, Fun Classes,**

**W.I. Competition**

**Entries Close: 4th September 2021**

**Attractions Include:**

**Sideshowes, Tractor Rides, Refreshments, Ice Cream, Plant Stall, Raffle, Craft Stalls, Dog Show.**

**For further information on Schedules, Entries, etc.**

**Please contact Hon. Secretary**

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**Or visit : [www.wewdahs.org](http://www.wewdahs.org)**