

## **NORTH EAST HAYLING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Dear All,

How different things are from last Christmas and our well attended winter meeting with our guests and the excellent refreshments and wine that we all enjoy. This follows the popular Carol Service in the hall the week before with Pam Richards enthusiastically leading the choir.

Despite the lockdowns your Committee has remained busy and have regularly kept in touch by phone and email and a recent zoom meeting. Regrettably there have of course been no social events but the following matters have been dealt with.

On planning matters Mike Dawe checks the planning list each week and if there are any applications in our area he circulates these to the committee and invites comments. We are very fortunate to have Judy Clark on the Committee who helps us make any representations to the local authority if it is thought necessary. We do always try and keep these constructive. Karen Peacock also takes an active interest in planning matters and any other issues which affect the village such as the play area etc. Our thanks to Mike and others for their hard work here.

Jane Dodsworth and Mike Dawe are also attending the Council lead Coastal Strategy Meetings and Mike, Jane and I are also included on the Hayling Island Infrastructure advisory group where we feel that our contribution from Northney and Tye can be of assistance on general island matters.

Chris Emery is a member of the Advisory Board of the Harbour Conservancy and keeps us informed of any relevant matters including maintenance issues at North Common.

Chris, Tom and Jane have also organised a litter pick through the village from the bridge to the Yew Tree. A great effort.

Fenella continues her excellent work on membership and Colin Pim continues as our Treasurer.

As far as the Coastal Path is concerned by the hotel, after now some 6 years, Judy and I have still not been able to agree anything here with the authorities – very frustrating. On a different tack Tom Dyche is actively pursuing the Council and others to carry out essential repairs to the tidal flaps and repair the banks to try and prevent the flooding we have recently seen at the hotel.

Tom continues to regularly update the website. [www.nehra.org.uk/contact.htm](http://www.nehra.org.uk/contact.htm)

Sarah Watson has resigned from the Committee as she is moving away and we thank her for all her efforts and wish her well for the future. I wish to thank most sincerely the Committee for all their hard work and support in these most difficult times and we are looking forward to the time we can all meet up again in the hall for one of Alan and Fiona's pantomimes and other social events.

I think it appropriate to also recognise the hard work and assistance given by local businesses particularly Stoke Fruit Farm in the way they organised things to keep everybody as safe as possible and their delivery service etc.

I wish you all a merry and safe Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Kind Regards

Derek Bowerman (Chairman)