

# ROWLY DRIVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER - February 2008

### 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Last year's AGM was held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Minutes can be found on the new RDRA website ([www.rowlydrive.co.uk](http://www.rowlydrive.co.uk)). However this is in the process of being updated with the latest information relating to the affairs of the RDRA so may not be immediately accessible. Please note - the previous website is no longer active ([www.rowlydrive.org.uk](http://www.rowlydrive.org.uk))

### THAMES WATER

Meetings have recently taken place with Thames Water who will be replacing the mains between York Cottage and Nutshell because it is "prone to bursting". This was to take place in the spring. However, we have now been advised by Thames Water that they have postponed their work. We will advise everyone when we have a new date.

### ROAD REPAIRS

You might have noticed that a number of potholes were marked for repair in the autumn of last year but we decided to delay filling them until Thames Water had completed their work. As this has now been postponed, work to the potholes will take place as soon as the contractor is able to attend. Thames Water has already filled the worst one as part of their sewer repairs. Road repairs do remain our priority and are kept under constant review.

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the AGM held in July 2007 the committee recommended that the annual subscription remains the same for 2007/2008 at £40.00 per household and this was approved by the members present. Most of you have already paid your subscriptions directly to your committee member which is extremely helpful as it does save having to send out reminders and means that the committee members don't have to keep knocking on doors! Some subscriptions are however still overdue and it would be much appreciated if you could deliver the money to your committee member or to Roger King, Treasurer, at Meadowside as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to "Rowly Drive Residents' Association" and put in an envelope marked with your house name.

### SPEED AND ROAD SIGNS

Once again we would like to remind residents and their visitors to respect others living on Rowly Drive by reducing their speed and being mindful of children playing and people walking their dogs.

A number of cars are continuing to be parked on the grass verges - this not only damages the verge and the edge of the road but also restricts the line of vision causing a hazard. People are also cutting the corner when entering the drive, sometimes at speed which is also dangerous.

The committee has been investigating the design and cost of road signs following the AGM. A Private Road / No Through Road sign will be incorporated into the Rowly Drive road name sign and a 20mph speed sign will be located towards the end of the drive by the main road entrance. This will take place in the spring.

### BONFIRES

Once again we have been asked to remind residents about the bonfire code as the smoke from bonfires does constitute a nuisance at times. Please do consider your surrounding neighbours when lighting bonfires and follow the code which basically means using your common sense and being courteous. In the coming months you can help by:

- not having a bonfire in the day time if possible when washing might be out (yes - even in this cold weather!),
- burn dry matter not wet,
- take rubbish to the dump esp. noxious materials due to their smells.

**And last but by no means least!** A warm welcome from the RDRA Committee to new residents to Rowly Drive since our last newsletter.

# Best wishes for 2008