



**Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parish Assembly of Dormansland Parish Council held at  
6.00pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Memorial Hall, Dormansland**

**Present:** Cllr Alison Hutchinson (Chair)  
Cllr David Bright  
Cllr Richard Dandy  
Cllr Keith Coleman  
Cllr Liz Lockwood  
Cllr Cheryl Roux  
Cllr Hilary Taylor

**Parish Clerk:** Jacqui O'Sullivan

**Apologies of absence were received from:** Cllr Nicola O'Riordan, Cllr Nicholas White and Cllr Lesley Steeds.

**In Attendance:** There were 30 members of the public present.

**MINUTES**

**1. Introduction and Welcome.**

Cllr Richard Dandy opened the meeting and introduced the newly voted in Chair of Dormansland Parish Council, Cllr Alison Hutchinson.

Cllr. Alison Hutchinson then introduced the new committee to the residents present.

Cllr Dandy welcomed the contributors to the Annual Parish Assembly; children from Dormansland Primary School, John Madden – Guest Speaker as Chairman of Lingfield Nature Reserve's Management Committee, Anna Howie – Guest speaker and singer and her guitarist and also Chris and Margaret Vasey – Fairtrade. He thanked them all for coming to the event.

**2. Dormansland Primary School Children to read poems.**

Dormansland Primary School read their poems that reflected on what Dormansland represented for them.

The Primary School children had also produced some amazing artwork which were displayed at the back of the hall for the public to view. The pictures are going to be used as part of the Dormansland Banner which is going to be produced in the coming months.

**3. Presentation by John Madden – Chairman of Lingfield Nature Reserve's Committee.**

John Madden presented a fascinating lecture on the Lingfield Nature Reserve and the ecosystems that have been developed in the 25 acres since 1994 and the successes it has reaped with increasing butterfly species and many other plants and fauna.

John has had his first meeting with the Lingfield racecourse, Young Epilepsy & some local farmers to encourage connecting pathways of eco-habitats so that we can encourage the increase in different species which appear to be declining everywhere.

#### **4. Anna Howie 'Music during Lockdown' – followed by some songs by Anna**

A short break for refreshments was followed by Anna Howie who talked about her incredible following in lock down on her Friday Night front room music sessions. Within 28 weeks of singing every week, Anna had gained 2 million views on Facebook. Anna sang us a few of her songs which were fabulous and saw most of the audience tapping their toes and joining in with her chorus.

#### **5. Questions and answers session addressing Dormansland Parish Council**

Karil Greenhalgh asked what was happening with the planning application behind the station in Dormansland? Karil asked if the planning permission had expired due to the length of time and the fact that no work had been started?

Cllr Bright advised that there had been a problem with finding a Housing Association who would manage the affordable housing. This problem has now been resolved and the houses will be sold at a % discount to the market value. Cllr Bright advised that sufficient work has been carried out on the site to preserve the planning permission in perpetuity. All conditions are still in place so the car park conditions will be met.

Annie Robinson asked if the Council meetings could be later in the evening to accommodate commuters who get back from work late?

Cllr Hutchinson advised that whilst the session for allowing the public to contribute was normally earlier in the meeting, it would be considered to delay this part of the meeting to later in the evening if residents were to let the Clerk know in advance and then any discussion that need to be discussed can be raised.

Annie Robinson asked if the wildflowers in the recreation ground had been cut back?

Cllr Bright advised that the recreation ground is kept by TDC and DPC are not responsible for this. Cllr Bright advised that DPC are trying to encourage areas of wildflowers and are strimming the edges of the verges to help with sight-lines and road safety but in the main leaving the wildflowers to grow – 'urban cut'

There were no more questions from the public and Cllr Dandy thanked all the contributors for making the meeting so interesting and the meeting was closed at 19.50.

**DATED**

**SIGNED: (CHAIR)**



# **TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF DORMANSLAND 2023**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

We are very grateful for all those contributors who have submitted articles for our Annual Parish Assembly report. We also contacted many of the local groups for an update but at the time of going to print, had not received articles from a couple of these groups.

## **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF DORMANSLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Our mission since July 2022 when we formed has become threefold.

- **Determination;** to follow through on promises made by predecessors.
- **Planting and Planning;** to create an environment that supports the health and well-being of all residents.
- **Conversation;** to start one, to listen and hear more.

In the nine months since the new council was formed, we trialled some new 'urban' grass cutting techniques to reduce the debris on paths and roads that encourage weeds, this has been successful and welcomed by residents in the affected areas.

We planted 14 trees as part of the Surrey tree scheme in four locations (take a look at the ones opposite the Plough). We have also provided funding for and participated in the events around the Platinum Jubilee including, floral displays, advertising materials for the events and materials for such things as the lighting of the Beacon.

We were involved in the events to mark the passing of the late Queen and the historical moment of the proclamation of the new King was led by Richard Dandy.

In November Jacqui O'Sullivan joined the Parish Council as the clerk. She has been a quick learner, has embraced the training that she has to do and is already on the road to being qualified. More than all of these things, she has also been the glue that has held us together. Her positivity and organisational skills have been the rock of the last five months.

Through our statutory powers we are exploring ways to make the High Street safer; progress is slow because there is so little money available for a rural community such as ours. You may have noticed that the vehicle activated signs have not worked for a while. They have been promised for replacement later this year by Surrey County Council.

We commented on all planning applications and encourage residents to comment on applications that affect them. We campaigned on behalf of residents an example being the recent consultation to remove the 281-bus route which we believe disadvantages rural communities such as ours.

We are very disappointed that in spite of our lobbying Tandridge District Council have refused our request to bring back bulky rubbish collections. We believe that over time, with the gradual withdrawal of large public recycling bins across the county that this will increase fly tipping in a community such as ours.

We do liaise with our District and Surrey County Councillors over matters that affect the Parish, and they are generally in attendance at the Parish Council meetings. These are a good opportunity for residents to ask questions and find out more about what is going on.

In the Autumn we released an online and paper survey. The purpose was to collect feedback on the areas residents would like us to focus on in 2023 and beyond. The results are available from the [Parishclerk@dormansland.org.uk](mailto:Parishclerk@dormansland.org.uk) and are on the Dormansland Parish Council website.

We are a community facing Parish Council and in December we were delighted to host a mulled wine and nibbles Parish Council meeting where we were able to meet over 40 residents, along with many more residents at the Christmas Fair.

I want to thank all members of the council for their commitment and time.

### **PLANNING**

The Parish Council is consulted on all planning applications by Tandridge District Council who are responsible for deciding all applications. During 2022 96 applications were received and considered by our Planning Committee. Most applications are for house extensions and alterations. Three notable applications were for a retirement village at Young Epilepsy, development of the Carewell Lodge site on Racecourse Road and development on the Hollow Lane garages site. At the time of writing these applications have yet to be determined by Tandridge. It is important that residents make their own comments directly to Tandridge. Details of all applications and comments made can be viewed on the Planning Portal at [Planning applications and enforcement - Tandridge District Council](#)

**Reported by Councillor Bright**



Dormansland by talented photographer Matt Young

### **ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP**

The Parish Council Road Safety Working Party formed in Autumn 2022 and consists of three Parish Councillors and a member of the public who has championed safety on the High Street for a number of years. The roads through Surrey are maintained by Surrey County Council so we have made representation to them. We have been given encouragement that our concerns will be taken seriously, so during the next month's look out for replacement vehicle activated signs, removal of foliage in the

way of the school sign opposite Clinton Hill and renewal of the white painted signs on the road. We have also asked for double yellow lines to be painted on the High Street, by the build out near to the Post box on the High Street, in order to improve the sight lines for people wanting to cross the road.

We regret Surrey's decision not to include Dormansland in its 20 is Plenty speed limit scheme and will be continuing to campaign to adopt this speed limit in our village.

In the meantime, road safety is everyone's responsibility, and you can do your bit by,

- 1) Keeping foliage and branches on the edge of your garden, cut back so that they do not become a hazard to pedestrians and car users.
- 2) Not parking close to the build out by the Post Box on the High Street as this blocks the view of cars coming from East Grinstead and makes it difficult to cross the road.
- 3) Drive at 28 mph or less along Plough Road, Dormans Road and the High Street in order to make this the norm in our village.

**Reported by Councillor Taylor**

### **DORMANSLAND PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT**

A precept of £55,000 was raised from Tandridge District Council for the financial year 2022/23. The precept for 2023/24 has not been raised and remains at £55,020.

### **DORMANSLAND PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS & GRANTS**

The 2022/23 full accounts are currently being audited and not yet finalised. Dormansland Parish Council's funds go towards maintaining the appearance of the village with planting and strimming the verges, providing salt in the many salt / grit bins during bad weather and general administrative costs for running the council. The current councillors do not claim an allowance. The councillors have provided and paid for refreshments at the lighting of The Beacon during the Platinum Jubilee and at the December 2022 Full Council meeting. The Parish Council continued with its policy of making grants to local organisations and during the last year, the beneficiaries being:

St John's Church	£2000
Befriending Scheme	£850
Dormansland YWI	£250
Mother and Toddler Group	£500
Welcome Lunch	£300
Baptist Church	£300
Dormansland Carnival	£650
Memorial Hall	£1855
Meals on Wheels	£2000
Viewpoint Centre	£1990
Memorial Hall	£1973.05



The Parish Council approved a grant to support the young persons disco for the 2022 Carnival.

## **TANDRIDGE BEFRIENDING SCHEME**



The following is a short report for the Dormansland Parish Council on the activities of the Tandridge Befriending Scheme 2022/23.

The year has been challenging for Tandridge Voluntary Action, which manages the scheme. In addition to a number of the core staff members of TVA leaving in February 2023, the long-standing project manager for the Befriending Scheme also decided to step down. Louise Garrett has ably stepped in to take up the rein. With a background in health and well-being, Louise is striving to refresh the scheme with a new programme of engagement and activities for Befrienders.

Given the changes in the staff team, we cannot provide qualitative data on the match and nature of the Befriending relationships at this stage. We hope to collate a qualitative case study for each parish council over the next six months as we review the scheme to strengthen it and make it more sustainable in the long term. We have invested in training and support from the Befriending Network and will look towards the end of 2023/24 to consider accreditation for TVA's Befriending Scheme.

In the meantime, we can confirm the following for 2022/23. During the year, we have 3 Befrienders from Dormansland and received five referrals, all of which have been accepted and matched on the scheme. Those referred into the scheme have been done so for various reasons, including terminal lung cancer, having suffered a stroke, onset of Alzheimer's, and muscular degeneration. In all cases, the individuals have also been subject to isolation and depression due to their health conditions. The role of the Befriender in such situations allows the Befriended to experience and engage with new people outside their close knot circle of family and existing friends, many of whom are acutely concerned about the individual's well-being. In one case, the Befriender was also able to help support the issues around increased anxiety from being at home.

Overall, the scheme has continued to be an invaluable opportunity for people to connect and find solace in an increasingly harsh and challenging personal situation. We want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Dormansland Parish Council for their continued support, trust, and confidence in the TVA Befriending Scheme.

**Rita Chadha - Chief Officer**  
**March 2023**

## **GATWICK AIRPORT**

The recovery of the airport's business has been quicker than expected, with passenger numbers and flights currently at about 90% pre pandemic levels. New airlines and destinations have been added, which will add to the growth of the airport. There is a downside to this, in increased congestion on the roads heading towards Gatwick and additional noise from overflying aircraft. The new pilots flying into Gatwick may not be familiar with the route and are often the ones not adhering to the agreed flight paths and are noticed by residents as not looking to be in the right place or producing noise disturbance in a location not normally overflown. These are referred to as "outliers" by the



airport and can be fined for not adhering to the route. With a few details like the time of the plane flying over you and it's company, you can report these on Gatwick's Webtrak (<https://webtrak.emsbk.com/lgw2>) where you can locate the plane by time and location, and send an online complaint through this website.

Gatwick is proposing to increase its capacity, almost doubling the 2019 numbers of passenger movements, by bringing the Northern (emergency) runway into routine commercial use. It is applying for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to achieve this and will be submitting their planning application in the next month or so. Everyone will have an opportunity to submit comments directly to the Planning Inspectorate handling the application and can register to make a submission to the public enquiry which will be held probably later in the year or early next year. As a parish council, we will be hoping to submit comments which balance the support for local jobs with the negative impacts of air and noise pollution, which impact the rural nature of our parish significantly.

To complicate matters, alongside the Gatwick DCO, there is a Government driven proposal to reorganise the airspace over the south east to increase the capacity of the air over us to carry even more air traffic. This process is called the Future Airspace Strategy Implementation – South or FASI-S, and the parish council is actively engaged with the continuous consultation process. The parish council will strongly resist any proposals that have the potential to negatively impact the area with new or hugely increased overflying.

**Reported by Councillor Lockwood**



Beautiful Dormansland looking up from the Twitten from the station



### **TREES – Report from Fiona French, Tree Warden**

There was a flurry of tree planting in late 2022, which should add a bit of colour throughout the village this year. Surrey County Council had a tree planting initiative which David Bright and the Parish Council enthusiastically supported. David, Robbie Stewart of SCC and I toured the village to identify potential locations. DPC provided the funds and as a result 12 trees were planted in 4 locations. We also got 2 trees replaced by SCC, which had been detrimentally damaged by their landscape contractors.

David and I helped choose the trees which are mainly flowering cherry in keeping with the village logo. A larger version has been located by the Dormansland village sign on Moor Lane and I particularly like the 6 planted opposite the Plough Pub, which I think will make a real statement in years to come.

As we had a prolonged and exceptionally hot summer period, I sought the help of villagers to water the trees planted by local residents and the council in the previous year. This was taken up and I was very grateful for a lady on the High Street who let me use her tap.

The Carnival Committee have kindly provided me with £150 to buy trees and a water carrier to help with watering as I had ferry back and forth about 12 small containers from home!!

TDC have undertaken a survey of the trees in the Rec and throughout the village and unfortunately some will have to be removed, mainly ash trees, due to the disease that is killing so many of them. I understand due to fungal decay some of the oak trees will be crowned and pollard, but none removed.

My next mission is to try and agree with Tandridge DC Tree Officer an area or areas in the Recreation Ground to support new trees, which like before, have been gifted by local people in memory of family members. I am due to speak to him soon so hopefully David and I can report back with more positive news. David and I will also look at any other areas around the village owned by SCC that may support some further trees. Hopefully by the end of 2023 we have even more lovely trees to admire.

### **Reported by Fiona French**



The iconic Dormansland cherry trees on the triangle

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2023**

Due to the uncertainty of the status of the emerging Tandridge Local Plan, which has not yet been approved by the Inspector, it may be pertinent to revisit the Draft Dormansland Neighbourhood Plan (DNP) completed by the parish council in 2018, who at the time, decided not to proceed with the statutory consultation process. Other parish councils in Tandridge are progressing their neighbourhood plans, and three are now formally adopted by Tandridge with distinctive planning policies to enhance and protect their local areas.

It would be a relatively straightforward task to update the DNP and trim the content, to concentrate on the policies which provide the planning protections and enhancements that are not covered in the current and emerging Tandridge Local Plans. The recent parish community engagement acknowledges the aspirations and concerns raised and for some of these, the DNP can make positive policies towards maintaining the character of the village and supporting the local rural economy. The parish council would be really interested to hear your views.

**Reported by Councillor Lockwood**

### **SPEEDWATCH**

Many residents have complained to the Parish Council about speeding in the High Street and work is underway to replace the vehicle activated signs, refresh the road markings and make the road signs more visible. However, accidents continue to happen and it has been noted by a number of residents in the area by the table top that the number of accidents are increasing. Two very significant ones have occurred in the last 4 months.

Speed watch is the only local deterrent we can use to reduce speeding vehicles by reporting the registration number of those who speed to the police, and repeat offenders will receive a letter from the police. However, currently there are not enough volunteers to support the scheme in Dormansland and therefore the team is only able to be out a couple of times a year. However, when they are out, they are catching people speeding. During their most recent outing 13 vehicles were registered going over 36mph. To join the speed watch team, there is a 20-minute training video to complete, you would then join a what's app group and ideally be available on a monthly basis to go out in pairs to use the equipment. At a recent Parish Council meeting it was agreed that two Parish Council members would join the speed watch team to support an increase in the number of times that the speed watch team can operate. In summary 'speed watch' needs you! Volunteer by contacting the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

We still have 8 road co-ordinators covering 12 roads in the Village plus a separate NHW group in Dormans Park. This is a very small proportion of our Parish and it would be great to get the village more widely covered.

Between 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 & 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 we have been advised of 22 crimes reported within Dormansland a reduction from 49 last year J, 13 associated to car incidents (break ins, theft,

registration plate theft etc), 9 associated to break ins to property. Please remember these statistics are only as good as the information received so please report any crimes to ensure both an accurate reflection but also greater support from Surrey Policing for our village.

With more roads participating in the scheme, we have greater chance of deterring such crimes by looking out for each other and highlighting any suspicious behaviour.

If you would like to know more about Neighbourhood Watch, whether to understand if your road has a co-ordinator so you can join the scheme or to become a road co-ordinator yourself and need to understand what it requires. Please feel free to contact either Clive Robinson @ [cliverobinson040@btinternet.com](mailto:cliverobinson040@btinternet.com) or Steve Pollock @ [steve\\_pollock@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:steve_pollock@hotmail.co.uk)

### **PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

The late Queens' platinum jubilee was an opportunity for the different village groups to come together to plan a village wide celebration.

It was exciting to see the lovely red, white and blue planting at the Memorial Hall, in the Parish Council planters and at the entrance to New Farthingale. We are grateful to the DEWI, the memorial hall volunteers and David Bright from the Parish Council who made this happen.

The painting exhibition at the Baptist Church was a showcase for our local art and crafting talent and even included a full-sized regal cape and knitted corgis all enjoyed with homemade and delicious cream teas. St Johns and the Memorial Hall hosted two history exhibitions along with refreshments. On Saturday the Memorial Hall hosted a BBQ with Arcana bars present. Natalie Williamson ran the bar all afternoon and ensured that everyone was well watered, whilst Phil Davy and his Dad kept flipping the burgers.

The Dormansland Diamonds organized the creation of 7 cherry tree mosaics along with support of the Dormansland Primary School and adults and children of all ages who enjoyed engaging with the art of mosaic making across the weekend. Whilst the Dormansland Carnival lent us miles of bunting!

A special call out to Jenny Green who sang at the picnic in the park, and succeeded in turning what might have been a little on the cold side into a warm sing and dance along.

We are grateful to the Baptist Church, St Johns Church, the Memorial Hall, the RH7 history society, the Dormansland Diamonds, the Carnival committee, the YWI, the DEWI, the Primary School, David, Cheryl and Alison from the Parish Council and Jenny Green who all helped to make weekend's events memorable. Plus, everyone else who painted, planted and baked and of course all residents who helped to make the weekend a success.



One of the cherry tree mosaics

## **DORMANSLAND WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

In the last 12 months, the Trustees of the Dormansland War Memorial Community Hall (to give it the new name adopted at our AGM last October) have been delighted by the continuing support of the parish, as we look to deliver the Hall for All the community deserves. It has been hectic, as we have simultaneously:

- been putting in place modern governance structures, challenging inheriting debts, to ensure that they are either written off or are allocated to the people who incurred them. We have already addressed over £20,000 of debts in this way;
- working tirelessly on the grounds: it's hard to believe that they were a completely overgrown mess when took over, to see the garden looking Hollow Lane take shape and to see the flower troughs in all their respectful glory;
- working on the building inside and out: entirely repairing and modernising the power and heating systems, repairing the gutters, roof, ceilings and walls, and making good the damage caused as a result of water getting in;
- reorganising and decluttering large areas of the building, in many cases clearing decades of debris, and freeing up huge spaces we can now put to good use, and painting, repairing, polishing and decorating inside and out; and
- simultaneously, wherever and whenever we can, opening our doors to community events, including our traditional Memorial Sunday service and the Christmas Fair, hosting the PC Christmas meeting, and forming a central part of the Jubilee Celebrations. We have also been delighted to begin hosting parties for young and old, and classes, including fitness and dog training sessions.

We feel that the end of this initial phase is near: soon we will have heating again, the car park will be clear for us to use, the roof repairs will be complete, the Jubilee room will be transformed into a beautiful ocean of calm, and our new kitchen will take shape.

We could not have achieved any of this without the support of the Parish. It is our privilege and our pleasure to hold the Hall for All on trust, on your behalf.

***David Birchall – Trustee of Dormansland War Memorial Hall***



The hall floor, lovingly restored by Dormansland craftspeople.

## **DORMANSLAND DIAMONDS**

The Dormansland Diamonds came into being shortly after the Covid 19 lockdown in March of 2020, as a result of the realisation that many people in the local community were trapped in their own homes without the ability to visit the chemist, shop, or indeed, meet people. So various teams were set up locally to collect prescriptions, carry out food shopping for those shielding, and also provide home cooked meals.

A team was also formed to deliver food parcels from outside a local Public House, to those sheltering, but financially able to pay for their shopping. Conversely there were others in the community who were hit hard by job losses and furlough who (thanks to the very generous spirit shown by the locals) benefited from food donations to the village shop and monetary donations to purchase food, called the Food Fund. The Diamonds also set up a Resilience Fund to help those in need in the community deal with broken appliances/boilers, electrical problems etc. and anyone needing a reliable tradesman.

The Dormansland Diamonds then set up a Registered Charity #1194028 in April of 2021 which has 7 Trustees. Worth mentioning at this juncture, the Mission Statement of the Dormansland Diamonds ...known as the Objects:-

**To relieve people in the Parish of Dormansland, Surrey and nearby communities who are in need, by reason of their age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or social circumstances in such ways as the trustees shall think fit, with particular focus on providing assistance to those affected by coronavirus (covid-19)**

Whilst the Coronavirus needs have diminished almost entirely over the last year, the work of the Diamonds will continue. Indeed, the focus of attention now is helping those struggling with the cost of living, particularly with regard to very high energy bills. That said, we have also assisted local residents with severe financial problems supplying them with supermarket vouchers and food parcels.

In summary..... **Dormansland Diamonds are here to help and serve the good people of Dormansland.**

Full details of how to contact the Diamonds can be found on the left-hand side page, inside the back cover of the monthly Village Voice.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> LINGFIELD AND DORMANSLAND SCOUTS**

1st Lingfield and Dormansland Scout Group is going through a period of change. Unfortunately, we were forced to temporarily close our Beaver Section whilst we found a new leader. Luckily a younger member of the Dormansland community, Phoebe Givron-Taylor, has stepped forward and taken on the leader role. She is proving to be a dynamic and enthusiastic leader who will be a real asset to the group and wider community. Beavers has now reopened, and we look to a new intake after Easter.

Tanya and Sarah, our stalwart Girl Scout leaders are stepping down after years of excellent involvement, we will need new Girl Scout Leaders from September so if you're looking for a rewarding and fun role in local scouting then please contact me at [GSL.lingfielddormans@icloud.com](mailto:GSL.lingfielddormans@icloud.com) for more information.

In the last year the group has returned to having a presence at the Dormansland Carnival with Beavers and Cubs joining in with a Mary Poppins themed walking float. The same weekend saw the return of Scoutabout at Ardingly Showground with over 3000 scouts from across Surrey coming together to take part in loads of different activities, as usual our group ran a car driving experience which saw our leaders give hundreds of young people the opportunity to get behind the wheel!

Going forward we are fundraising for a Ski trip to Austria next February, if any readers have fundraising ideas, then please get in touch!

***Rob Watson***

***Group Scout Leader***

### **YWI Dormansland Report to March 2023**

YWI meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month usually in the Parish Room. Current membership is around 40 ladies. We have several sub-groups including our Social/Theatre group, Kindred Krafters (crafting), Sole Sisters (walking group) and two book groups the Bookaholics & the Bookworms. Sub-groups tend to meet 4-6 weekly. A new adventurer's group, The Brave Hearts has its first event planned in April – Bungee Aerobics!

Our meetings over the past year have included:

- A talk from I Choose Freedom (Women's refuge)
- Learning the Charleston
- Swishing (clothes swap)
- Annual Ramble. A local walk ending at The Star
- Garden Party
- History of Carriage Driving
- Christmas Card Making
- Wine Tasting at our Annual meeting
- Movie Night
- Salsa Dancing
- Visit to Godstone Firestation

We continue to support the village Carnival and were proud to win best float in the procession with our portrayal of Joseph & his Technicolour Dream Coat. It was very special to receive our prize from David Mills and Dame Judy Dench!

As part of our Social group, ladies have attended a tour and tasting at Kingscote vineyard, toured Chiddingley Estate with Ross the Ranger on an ecological visit and seen Great British Bake Off the Musical and the play Lemon, Lemons, Lemons. Our Sole Sisters are great supporters of the fabulous DBC Community Café and can be found most months, with 4-legged friends, enjoying their hospitality.

Our Kindred Krafters have continued to create stunning installations in the village throughout the year including a Partridge in a Pear Tree Christmas display, a knitted, crocheted and stitched Spring display, four Platinum Jubilee displays, and our most popular to date, a crocheted and knitted Remembrance display to honour those (and animals) who lost their lives to defend our freedoms. It was particularly appreciated that members of the community joined in and added their own poppies to the display



making a fitting and inclusive community project. Coronation displays are in the planning and will be appearing around the village mid-April.

In September, along with the National Federation of WIs, we expressed our sadness at the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen was a long-standing member and passionate supporter of the WI.

**Liz Mouland - President YWI Dormansland**

### **DORMANS EVENING W.I. - 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023**

Dormans Evening W.I. (DEWI) meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the St. John's Parish Room, Dormansland at 7.30pm and has over 60 active members. All members are affiliated to the County Federation and National Federation of Women's Institutes and therefore entitled to participate in what both offer all W.I. members.

The past year has been busy for us. We have had speakers and entertainers at our monthly meetings, theatre outings, visits to museums and galleries and joined in with HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

It's not just monthly meetings that we offer our members. There are two Book groups, a Walking group, appropriately named the "Walkie Talkies", weekly Mah Jong sessions, a Knit & Natter group as well as a Film and Theatre group.

The year started on a very sad note for us when our hardworking Secretary, Marlene Hughes, passed away very suddenly. Marlene had not only contributed hugely to our W.I. but to many other local organisations in Lingfield and Dormansland. President Christine Perkins stepped up to the plate and took on the role of Secretary too.

Sadly, some of our longstanding members (both current and past) also passed away during the year and these included Mavis Tettmar, Fay Vaughan, Christine Faulkner and Gudrun Cundey who will have been well known in Dormansland.

In May we held our Annual Plant Sale at The Parish Room and we ran the Tea Tent at Dormansland Carnival in July. 2024 will see DEWI celebrate their Diamond Anniversary which is a marvellous achievement, and we are very proud that some of our founder members remain members today.

We like to think of our W.I. as being very welcoming and invite those women looking for a social group in Dormansland to come along to one of our meetings.

**Karil Greenhalgh - President  
March 2023**

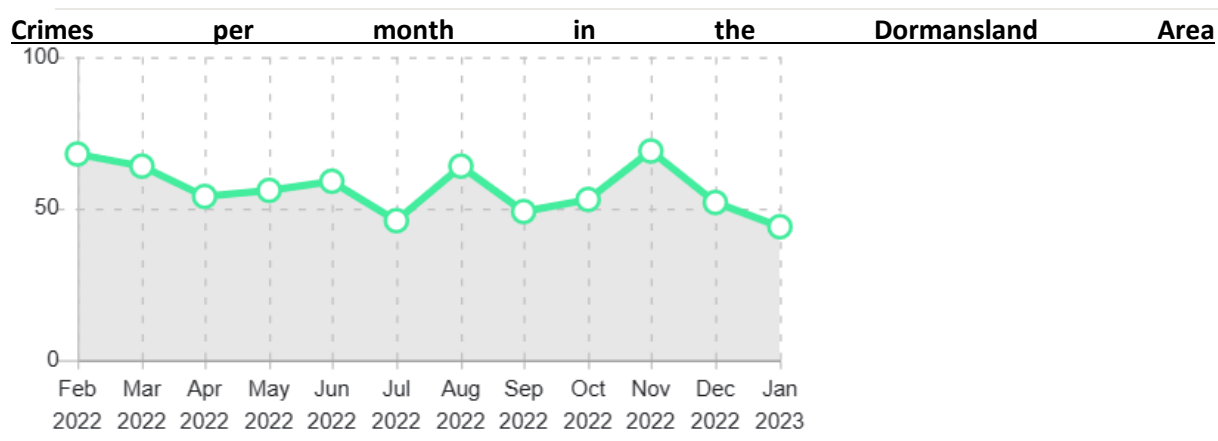
### **SURREY POLICE**

Neighbourhood policing within Surrey Police is delivered by Safer Neighbourhood Teams in each of the 11 districts and boroughs of the County. Each neighbourhood within the districts and boroughs is served by a dedicated team of officers and staff.

Neighbourhood Teams provide community engagement, targeted foot patrols and collaborative problem solving to tackle the issues that cause the greatest harm in our communities. Teams are made of sergeants, police officers and PCSOs, led by the Borough Commander, with further support provided by other team members - with specialisms in youth engagement, licensing and crime prevention.

#### Most commonly reported crimes during Jan 2023

- Anti-social behaviour – 9 offences
- Violence and sexual offences – 8 offences
- Public Order – 6 offences
- Criminal Damage & Arson – 5 offences



Crime figures for your area can also be viewed via the Surrey Police Website [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk)

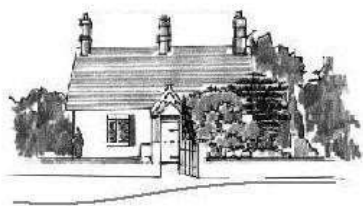
#### **The Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team**

*Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team is split into 3 areas – North, Mid and South.*  
Our Borough Commander is Inspector Karen Hughes.

#### **Dormansland is covered by the South team:**

PS Fee Mead – Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant  
PC Lee Newman – Neighbourhood Specialist Officer  
PC Rowan Futter – Neighbourhood Specialist Officer  
PC Sarah Adams – Youth Intervention Officer  
PCSO Kerrie Furlong – Rural Crime PCSO

In order to have a true reflection of the needs and issues of our communities in order to tackle them people need to report issues to us. This can be done online or by calling 101. You can also follow us @TandridgeBeat and there is lots of useful information available on the Surrey Police Website [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk)



## Lingfield United Trust

### LUT Chairman's Report to Dormansland Parish Council meeting, 31st March 2023

The objects of the charity remain;

- The provision and maintenance of Almshouse Accommodation.
- The provision of Grants for assistance to those meeting the charity's criteria and resident within the parishes of Dormansland, Lingfield and Baldwins Hill.

I set out below the works that Lingfield United Trust has carried out in these respects over the past year.

The Provision and Maintenance of Almshouse Accommodation. We continue to maintain our 2 Almshouses known as 'HoChee Cottages' in Plough Road, Dormansland.

Our residents remain those who were in occupancy since the refurbishment of the almshouses in 2013 and in one case, prior to that date. Sadly, Mr Joe Abbott died in 2022 and so his widow Maureen remains in residence. We continue to support them in any way they require and check their wellbeing. We have put in place assistance in the garden and with pruning and heavy jobs that are required.

As it is now 10 years since the refurbishment works to the Almshouses were carried out, we appointed a surveyor to carry out a Quinquennial Inspection Report on the properties in accordance with the Almshouse Association requirements. The report highlighted a few minor issues which we have taken action to resolve. There were no significant structural problems or any works which require major remediation.

#### **The Provision of Grants**

At Christmas 2022, the Trustees of Lingfield United Trust were able to distribute 102 payments. This comprised grants to 25 couples and 77 single applicants and came to £7005 in total. 127 people were helped in total.

The amounts distributed are £65 per single person and £80 per couple. Once again, we sent application forms to those who had applied the previous year, as the distribution points used prior to the pandemic, are still not as accessible as they have been previously. We also advertised locally for applicants.

We continue to pay grants for assistance to vulnerable and needy residents and families in Lingfield and Dormansland parishes and we have received referrals and supported financially at least 6 families and additionally organizations such as Dormansland Diamonds and the Dormansland War Memorial Hall.

We continue to be successful in attracting additional funding from the Henry Smith Charity and again this year we made an application for assistance towards the Warm Hubs initiative which seven local premises are involved with. We were successful in attracting £4000 for this year and the same sum for the next 2 years. This has been distributed to each organization on a pro rata basis in accordance with the amount of time they were open for shelter and refuge and apportioned as a result of a questionnaire completed by the organizations involved.

### **Trustees**

We have 7 Trustees who have been in place for the duration of this year and I attach a current updated list for your information. I am grateful for all their work and support on behalf of Lingfield United Trust.

The very sad and sudden death of our Clerk, Marlene Hughes in March 2022 has left us without her valuable services and her tremendous support is sorely missed. I as Chairman have covered those duties in the meantime, and we are still hoping to find a replacement.

As always the Annual Report and Financial Statement will be audited and sent to the Charity Commissioners in due course.

I have sent this report to the Lingfield Parish Council for their meeting.



**Marion Wardell - Chairman Lingfield United Trust - March 10th 2023**

Registered Charity no 1150971

Chairman – Mrs. Marion Wardell, 5 Wallace Square, Lavington Park, Petworth, West Sussex GU28  
0FJ 01798 867661 Clerk to the Trustees – position vacant

Lingfield United Trust company no 8296570 reg address 1 HoChee Cottages, Plough Road, Dormansland RH7 6HQ

### **CONCLUSION**

The Parish Council would like to thank all the residents for their support over the last year, and for the support of our District Councillor Sir Nicholas White and outgoing District Councillor (and County Councillor) Lesley Steeds for their engagement and commitment.

The Parish Council were confirmed in April for a further four year term in an uncontested election and are grateful for the opportunity to continue the work serving residents and we were delighted to appoint Jacqui O’Sullivan as our permanent clerk at the same time.

Your sincerely

Jacqui, David, Cheryl, Richard, Hilary, Keith, Liz and Alison