

# Burwash Parish Matters, July 2021

## Lime Trees



Did you adopt a Lime Tree in the High Street? We need to bring our list of adoptees up to date and would be grateful if you could let Julian (at [Cllr.Julian.Kenny@burwashpc.org.uk](mailto:Cllr.Julian.Kenny@burwashpc.org.uk)) know which tree or trees you have taken responsibility for, together with your contact details so that we can get in touch with you.

Colin Chapman is doing a wonderful job to keep the trees in a good state on our behalf. He would be helped if we knew what level of support there is for the 'adopt a Lime tree' scheme to continue in its present form or if we needed to think of other means of ensuring the trees are kept in good order.

Thanks to those who are continuing to take care of the trees they have adopted.

## Love Burwash

Sam Dowling and his team are gearing up for their work as 'Litter Pickers' – to help keep Burwash tidy. If you have not yet joined up and would like to be a part of this team, let the Parish Clerk know ([parishclerk@burwashpc.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@burwashpc.org.uk)) and she will pass on your details to Sam who will then get in touch with you.



I have heard from a number of you about the work that you are doing already as you take exercise, walk your dogs or take your children to school and that is greatly appreciated. By joining Sam's team you will be given the resources you need *and* be covered by the Council's Insurance should you have an accident whilst carrying out this important work in the community.

We have set aside the week commencing October 4<sup>th</sup> for **Love Burwash Week**, when we will again be tidying up our communities and ensuring we are ready for autumn and winter. We are still working on the details of this and hope to expand Love Burwash to include family activities. Please make a note on your calendar and look out for the details of how you can get involved.

## Public Convenience update

Rother District Council is not going to maintain the Public Convenience in the Village. If the Parish Council was to take on responsibility for this it would have to bear the costs of keeping the facility clean and in good condition. This has been estimated at around £5000 each year with the obvious impact this would have on the Parish finances. The District Council is proposing to have the existing building demolished if we don't take on responsibility for its maintenance.

One solution that the Parish council is considering is that toilet facilities at the Blacksmith's Tea and Coffee Shop, and the Rose and Crown could be made available to those visiting the village. Although this has yet to be finalised, we are grateful to the managers of these premises for their willingness to enter into discussions. Of course, there is some way still to go – this is a project that has taken many years of meetings with Rother District Council to get even this far, but we are hopeful for a resolution later this year.

We recognise this is an important facility for the community, serving the needs of parishioners and visitors alike.

## Communications

The Parish Council is very keen to consolidate, increase and enhance awareness of the work it undertakes in the community. This is being led by the Communication and Community Working Party and we are putting together a review of how we currently work and communicate within the Parish. There have been a number of initiatives already put in place, including the e-bulletin and the Facebook page which are additional to the website and the 'Parish Matters' articles published monthly in the two Village magazines. We send welcome letters out to those who have moved into the Parish and offer 'snail-mail' printed copies of on-line publications to those who prefer their information in print.

Over the next few months we will be involving representatives of local groups in discussions about what more can be done. If at this early stage you'd like to give us feedback on your experience of how the Council presents itself to the community, we would welcome your views. Cllr Keith Lloyd is drawing this together and you can contact him at [cllr.keith.lloyd@burwashpc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.keith.lloyd@burwashpc.org.uk), or drop a letter in at the Council Office.

The next Council meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at the Parish Rooms in the Bear Car Park. This is the first time the Council has been able to meet in person since the start of start of the pandemic.

We hope you are enjoying a safe and happy summer,

Cllr. Brian Newman