

Summer 2021

UEHA

Uplands Estate Newsletter

Uplands Estate Houseowners' Association

*“The best piece of
suburbia in
Southampton”*

*Nikolaus Pevsner,
Architectural Historian
1967*

Please sign up to receive this newsletter by email. Message Rochelle Parkes at uplandsestate@gmail.com. We are still printing and delivering to 37 homes. Let's save paper!

Summer Pizza and Pimm's – Everyone welcome!

Sunday 18th July, 5pm – 7.30pm



The pizza van will be parked near the post box in OW and we'll be serving free Pimm's for adults and soft drinks for children. Bring your own cups, picnic tables and chairs and enjoy some social time with your neighbours.

Please pre-order from the menu below and pre-pay by 10pm Friday 16th July, whether you've already indicated your interest or not. Send your order to Uplandsestate@gmail.com

Pre-pay online to C Dancer. Sort code: 40 47 82 Account: 21858327. Include your surname as the reference.

You can order by household. We'll email you an approximate time for collection. Do come and have a drink and a chat while you're waiting!

Gluten free pizzas are available, but flour is used generally in the van, so a complete guarantee of no contamination cannot be given.



Estate Tree Survey

Losing Another Two Trees



Unfortunately, following a climbing tree inspection, specialist company Arbor-Eco Consultancy have concluded that the cedar outside 25 OW has to be removed. Whilst not considered an imminent danger, our tree surgeons have been instructed to undertake the work and have applied for the necessary permission from Southampton City Council. We expect the work would be carried out by late summer.

A specialist survey of the common-land estate trees was commissioned following the collapse of the large Oak tree in the March gales. It found that most trees were healthy and only needed routine

maintenance and the removal of deadwood. However, the Ash by the stream opposite the Spinney was identified as needing removal because of Ash die-back.

The climbing inspections of the larger trees also recommended:

- Shortening limbs on some major trees to reduce their weight
- Replacing cable bracing where necessary
- Undertaking a "x-ray" inspection of the pine adjacent to 29/31 OW. The report and recommendations are still awaited.

Work to remove the remains of the Oak and general tidying of the area will be put in hand once we know the outcome of the x-ray inspection.

We also wait to hear the recommendations of the City Council regarding replanting requirements, but we have been advised they are likely to recommend native specimen trees.

A fuller report of the survey is available on-line at www.ueha.co.uk As ever, we are indebted to the hard work of Diane Ferry for organising the tree surveys and liaising with the various professionals involved.

Horseshoe Green News



Continuing the plan to develop the Green as a wet flower meadow, it was cut last week with a "high" cut and will be left for 7 to 10 days for seeds to fall to the ground. After this there will be a shorter cut and the cuttings taken away.

The "blooming" part of the meadow on the stream side has been left for wildlife. There was a lot of bindweed along the upper part of the stream which was strangling Meadow sweet, Loosestrife and other plants about to bloom. Thanks to Uli Munford for spending time clearing this. For the future, we've been advised to keep the vegetation in the stream down and not let it fill the stream bed.

Potholes and Drains

Potholes in OW have been repaired and drains around the “Frying Pan” are being cleared. Plans for more major road re-surfacing and development will be reported on and discussed at the AGM in October. Thanks are due to Dave Newhouse for organising road and grounds maintenance throughout the year.

Proposed Vehicle Weight Limits on Estate Roads

Vehicle weight limits on the estate roads are being considered to help minimise damage to the estate. Current plans are for a 7.5 tonne limit around Horseshoe Green and an 18-tonne limit for other roads.

Faster Broadband

A meeting is about to take place with representatives of Toob about the practicalities of installing fibre optic cabling on the estate. If this were successful it would allow consumers to opt for faster broadband speeds.

Committee News

Change of Chair



After 3 years in the role, Gordon Cooper is standing down as Chair of the UEHA. He will remain on the committee as an active member and a trustee. Committee member Dan Nother of 58 OW has been voted in as the new Chair. He has

a background as a family law barrister and has been an active member of the committee for the past year.



Join the Committee

We are seeking new members to join the committee. If you are interested, feel free to speak to any member of the committee about what's involved. You could then be nominated at this year's AGM.

AGM

The AGM will be held at 7-30pm on Tuesday Oct 4th at Highfield Church Hall. A detailed agenda and reports will be circulated nearer the time.

Committee Meeting Dates

2021: No meeting in August. Tuesday Sept 7th; Monday Oct 4th; Monday Nov 1st; Tuesday Dec 7th

2022: Tuesday Jan 11th; Monday Feb 7th; Monday March 1st; Monday April 4th; Tuesday May 19th

Current Committee Members

Committee Members can serve for three years and Trustees for five years although these terms may be extended by general voting



Fiona Britton
86 OW
Trustee



Gordon Cooper
38 OW
Trustee



Diane Ferry
14 OW
Trustee



Catherine Cooper
5 OW
Hon. Sec



Chris Dancer
72 OW
Treasurer



Vicky Lenz
44 OW



Roger Munford
7 OW



Dan Nother
58 OW
Chair



Rob Swindell
20 OW

Dave Newhouse, 9 OW - Trustee/Works Manager
John Coffey, 15 OW - Grounds Manager

Get Involved; If you would like to be involved in the work of the committee, please speak to any member of the committee about what's involved.