



## **LRA Bulletin for the end of March 2022.**

**Dear Member,**

I am sure that you have been missing our regular **Litter-Picks** and so I am delighted to tell you that Mrs. Julia Jarrett, one of our long standing members, has undertaken to organise the next one.

It will take place on **Sunday April 10th in the morning from 10.00 till 12.00**. If you can join in please let Julia know on 01372 379248, or email <[jarrett238@btinternet.com](mailto:jarrett238@btinternet.com)> with your name and contact details. Please say which area you would like to work on (to avoid duplication) and also we recommend you work in pairs. It is also possible for you to work on other days, but please put the results in the Randalls Road car park on Sunday so it can be properly collected by the Council

### **Our Next Meeting:**

The next LRA meeting is on April 4<sup>th</sup> when Graham Hanson will talk about "Giving Customers a voice on Water Company Performance." Until he retired a few months ago, Graham was the Chairman of the "Customer Scrutiny Panel at S.E.S. Water."

### **Community Networking Conference:**

Dealing with subjects such as health , housing ,finance and Climate Change ,this conference is being organised by Hilary Porter to explore the extra stress being heaped on to all strata of society by these and other current issues .It will take place at the Leatherhead Institute on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April between 10.30 -15.30 .Hilary would like to know if you intend to come. Her email is: [hm.porter@ntlworld.com](mailto:hm.porter@ntlworld.com) and her phone is 01372 376247. The address is 2 Linden Court, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7JG

### **Appointment of partner for the joint venture development of the Swan Centre and Bull Hill, as part of Transform Leatherhead**

During March, Mole Valley District Council have been considering the appointment of a joint venture partner for the development of the Swan Centre and Bull Hill, as part of the Transform Leatherhead project. The new partner should be announced in **the Autumn** of this year, and Councillor Keira Vyvyan-Robinson has promised extensive stakeholder and resident engagement and consultation.

### **Local Plan – appointment of Programme Officer and Inspectors**

Louise St. John Howe, the Programme Officer, has been asked to inform all who wrote in about the Local Plan that the Secretary of State has appointed **Roisin Barratt MSc (Hons), MRTPI, IHBC and Beverley Wilders B.A. (Hons), PgDurp, MRTPI to carry out the independent examination**. As I believe is well known, prior to the Hearing Session of the examination, the Inspectors do not have direct contact with either the Council or the Representors. All communication takes place through the Programme Officer. Further information may be found at <https://futuremolevalley.org>

### **Help for prospective Retail managers**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> March, MVDC launched "**Pop-Up-Leatherhead**," a pilot "pop-up" shop in the former Next shop in the Swan Centre. Here small businesses and entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to dip their toe into High Street Retailing and receive 1-2-1 mentoring and advice. Interested parties should contact the Mole Valley Employment & Skills Hub, also in the Swan Centre.

## **Wildflowering Surrey's verges & Gardens: how to make it happen.**

The Surrey Wildflower Project are having their first event by zoom on **24<sup>th</sup> March, 7-8pm**. There will be three fantastic speakers and the following topics:

1. The Blue Heart scheme in Surrey
2. Bookham Blue Hearts and their wildflowering journey
3. Tips on how to successfully wildflower your garden.

Free event, register by Eventbrite, and follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wildflowering-surreys-verges-gardens-how-to-make-it-happen-tickets-294047613327?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

## **Step into Mole Valley Campaign**

This would seem to be a very attractive and “do-able” idea from Mole Valley. They have compiled a list of 24 of the best walks in our area with full descriptions of what there is to be seen and the history behind some of it. Type <**Step into Mole Valley**> into your browser and allow at least half an hour!!

## **The crisis in Ukraine**

Mole Valley does have an informative section on this on its website, but perhaps the most important advice concerning giving is to go to [www.gov.uk/checkcharity](http://www.gov.uk/checkcharity) so that your donation goes to a bona fide organisation .

## **Improving Food Storage and Reducing Food Waste in Local Homes.**

Joint Waste Solutions are working with the Waste Resource and Action Programme (WRAP) on this valuable project. They would like to know if you would like to be involved?

WRAP are working with a small number of proactive authorities across England to pilot some behaviour change interventions **that aim to get residents to store fresh fruit and vegetables correctly at home**. This should help to prolong product life, reduce food waste and save money. Of the 4.5 million tonnes of food wasted each year in the UK, 1.9million tonnes (41%) is wasted because it is not used in time.

If you would like to be involved, we will need your help to get the intervention toolkits out to as many residents as possible using existing delivery or community engagement methods.

Seb-Ratcliffe-Edmonson@jointwastesolutions.org

## **Finally,**

As some of you know, I am giving up the Chairmanship of the LRA at the next AGM, in October (not May). Basically, age and other family commitments are making the job very hard for me, and after a couple of similar departures, there will be only a few people (not enough) left on the committee. If you feel that Leatherhead is worth fighting for, please join the committee and take on a specific role. The LRA cannot carry on unless people step up, and after 14 years this would be very sad. I will be around to help, particularly anyone who could take over the role of Chairman. **The plus factors for this role** are the many friends one makes and the honour of being consulted on many of the decisions that our Council has to make.

With very best wishes,

Caroline (Brown), Chairman