



## Nutbourne Residents Association Newsletter – Winter 2016



Dear Resident - We are writing to keep you informed of our activities over the past year and to advise you of matters that you might find interesting and helpful. Our organisation exists in order to maintain the rural character and amenity of the village and its surrounds and to provide a forum for residents to express their views and concerns regarding local issues. We hold meetings quarterly and these are open to all residents and usually well attended. Our Committee is elected by the residents each year, at our AGM. We have a voluntary membership fee of £5/head (max £10/residence).

**AGM:** Our next AGM will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.15pm. Ms Jilly Marcuson of Long Platt has very kindly offered us the use of her barn for the purpose and a cheese and wine social will be held after the meeting. All residents are welcome to attend. Long Platt is next to The Riser as you go up the street. We would be delighted to see you at our next meeting. An Agenda is usually distributed about 2 weeks before the meeting.

**Faster Broadband for Nutbourne:** Very poor broadband speeds for Nutbourne has long been an issue for residents. However earlier this year, following a Residents meeting, a small team of residents were mandated to make a direct approach to West Sussex County Council. Letters were written and a meeting scheduled with the Broadband Project team at WSCC. We highlighted our plight and argued, respectfully, for Nutbourne to be made a top priority. Well the approach worked !! Nutbourne was to be included in the next roll-out phase. Work to install a new Fibre Broadband Cabinet in Nutbourne Road started in November, is now in place and awaits power and connection. We are very hopeful that we shall be getting up to 30 Mbps for dwellings within a 1200 metre cable run from the new cabinet by early in the New Year. Many thanks are due to Rod Wilson and Mike Sherwood for their expertise and commitment to make this happen.

**Aircraft Noise :** Many Nutbourne residents, and those in neighbouring communities noted a perceived increase in aircraft movements and noise earlier in the year. This led to Ian Hare establishing an action group called Pulborough Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions (PAGNE). He has established meaningful communications with Gatwick's Operators, Airlines and the National Air Traffic Services, to address and remediate this concern.

**Heating Oil Syndicate:** Not all residents are on gas. A syndicate operates to negotiate lower prices on a weekly basis and we are given to understand that they would be happy to take on residents from Nutbourne. Before placing an order, please enrol with Derek Bradnum. His details are: Community Oil Buying Syndicate, Meadow Cottage, Nuthurst, Horsham RH13 6LH, Tel: 01403 891181, [DerekBradnum@aol.com](mailto:DerekBradnum@aol.com)

**Pulborough Parish Council (PPC):** We continue to scrutinise their activities, so far as they affect Nutbourne and its surrounds and we make known our opinions. We have a good relationship with PPC and local councillors and the Chairman of PPC regularly attends NRA meetings. Residents pay a 'precept' from their Council Tax, which finances the PPC. In recent years, we have been vocal to ensure that annual increases are kept to a minimum level, on behalf of our residents.

**Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)/Criminality:** Nutbourne runs its own NHW scheme. Its co-ordinator is also the Horsham District Chairman of NHW and is therefore well informed of criminality in the area. Most insurance companies provide discounts to members of NHW schemes, because crime is lower in such locations. NHW is free to join. We provide an email release to advise residents of local criminality and furnish security advice. Our effectiveness can be increased if we can raise the number of people on our circulation list. Presently, our emails cover some 50% of residents but we are keen to raise this number. Email addresses are kept confidential. If you would like to be kept informed of local crime and furnished with occasional security advice, please email Brian White, NRA Chairman on, [brian\\_j\\_white@outlook.com](mailto:brian_j_white@outlook.com). More generally, whilst Nutbourne is relatively peaceful we kindly request that everyone keeps an eye open for suspicious behaviour – perhaps on the part of outsiders who are eying up a property with a view to burglary – both in terms of your own property or those of neighbours. We have a supply of NHW roundels available for those without them. Our Treasurer also has a supply of 6in x 4in NHW signs for gates and fences at £1.50 each. More generally, please ensure that if you are out, keep valuables out of sight, make use of security lights and timers and burglar alarms. Do not leave keys next to an unlocked back or front door. Please ring 101 to report suspicious activity or 999 in the event of an emergency.

Also with Winter approaching bringing with it the possibility of inclement weather please keep a look out for any elderly neighbours, or indeed those not so elderly, and offer whatever assistance may be required. The NRA has a small group of individuals with 4x4's, known as the 'Snow Patrol', who will, whenever possible offer assistance to those in need of help should we suffer severe weather disruption.

**Nutbourne Website :** This site was thoroughly overhauled last year and is now updated on a regular basis to include NRA meeting minutes and future meeting agendas. The site is a mine of information regarding the history and development of the Nutbourne locality, including local properties of historical interest, local communities and commercial activities that are integral to our rural heritage. Please take the time to investigate it and pass on your comments. [www.nutbourne.org](http://www.nutbourne.org)

**NRA Finances:** Our balance sheet currently stands at over £300

**Defibrillator :** This very important Emergency Device is located in the open lobby of The Rising Sun pub and is available for any resident or member of the public to use in an emergency situation night or day.

**Social Events :-**

Please see the [excellent flyer prepared by Ruth Simmonds](#) for Xmas events.

With kind regards and Seasons Greetings from the NRA Committee:

Brian White (Chairman), Bob Allison (Treasurer), Andrew Moffat (NHW Co-Ordinator), Carole Martin (Secretary) Jilly Marcuson (Secretary 2)

