

Roebuck Residents Association AGM

Environment – Commentary

3/10/16

Following the inaugural meeting of the Association in September 2015 at the Goat the committee started in earnest on various issues. I took on the environment role which involves a very wide variety of issues. I drafted a long list of environmental objectives that ranged from trees to refuse bins/footpaths etc. Given the wide brief it was decided to prioritise a few objectives to try and deliver results on specific issues.

I started with a survey of the trees in the verges to discover that there were 117 trees missing. Through engagement with DLRCC we had some trees planted last spring with the balance due to be planted next spring. On footpaths we received commitment recently from DLRCC to complete new footpath to south side of Larchfield Road (to join existing footpaths). Footpaths and kerbs are hard issues to resolve as it takes a few years to get works on the DLRCC programme of works and then actually completed. Very little can be achieved in any one year.

Through our 'Reclaim our Footpaths' campaign we received a good response from residents to clearing overgrown verge grass and trees/scrubs from the footpaths. This still needs work and I would ask that everyone please clear the footpath of all vegetation obstructing the footpaths.

There were a number of other issues that arose like unofficial refuse collectors operating in our area, dressing room proposals at Rosemount pitches, new railings at end of Larchfield Road, Car parking issues as well as comments requests from individual homeowners. It has been difficult to make progress on road drainage and other issues but hopefully progress on this and other issues can be made in the year ahead.

It became apparent early in the year that it would be appropriate to set up a Tidy Districts sub-committee to see what could be done to enhance the verges and green areas in the district. This sub-committee have completed enormous workload as they will outline next.

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