June 2023

**Maintaining Olivers Mill**

Olivers Mill is now a well-established and maturing neighbourhood.    Over time, the Residents' Society has worked hard to maintain the green areas with some sporadic work required on some of the mature trees.    We are now at the peak of the growing season and our gardening team is working hard to keep on top of the grass cutting and hedge maintenance.   Please be patient, chances are that if you have noticed an area that needs attention, it is already on the list of work to do.  However, you can always send us an email using the Contact page on this website, if you wish to report some urgent attention needed for greenlands.

We regularly assess and plan works to maintain the hardland areas too (pathways, driveways, garage courts).   As time goes by and Olivers Mill ages, we will expect to have to make hardland repairs more often.   This work will always be completed to the specifications that are given by the Village Association; this helps us to keep Olivers Mill looking smart and as close to the original asthetics as possible.  If you happen to notice any part of our pathways, driveways or garage courts that may require some maintenance work, please do let us know; you can use the Contact tab on this website to send us an email.

**Rubbish on Olivers Mill**

It has been noted that there has been an increase in rubbish and litter on Olivers Mill, particularly around garage courts.   There is a bin at the playground and another at the bus stop; please use these or take your rubbish home with you.    It appears that we have had an issue with works vehicles emptying rubbish into the bushes by the parking areas.   Please ensure that if you empty your vehicle of rubbish, that you take it home with you and don't leave it for someone else to clean up.     Please also remember not to put out food waste until the morning of collection as the bags can be split by animals and the contents spread around.   The refuse collection team will not pick up the spilled contents of rubbish bins.  It is each resident's responsibility to ensure that they clear up straight away if their rubbish ends up being spread across the area.   The refuse team seem to arrive fairly early (around 8am) most weeks.   If you happen to miss the collection, please take your rubbish back inside and wait until the next week to put it out again.

**Volunteers needed!**

The Residents' Society has a small committee and there are sometimes jobs that need to be done that we just don't have the ability to carry out.   If there is any resident that is willing to take on some casual, neighbourly duties, all the residents would be very grateful.  For example, a garage wall was rebuilt by the Housing Association that owns it, but there is a lot of sand in the area and this needs to be swept and disposed of.   There are also small duties such as washing the Olivers Mill road signs and the lamp bollards from time to time too.   Litter picking always needs to be done and this seems to be a bigger problem close to the bus stop and also the playground.   Any support our residents and neighbours can give would be most welcomed.  It seems that Olivers Mill has a community waiting to be rebuilt but that people have such busy lives that this is very difficult to achieve.  Let's wake up our community spirit.  The more we put in, the more we will all benefit from our pleasant surroundings.

**General news**

There are no bank holidays during June and the rubbish collections will be on our normal collection day of TUESDAY each week.  The next garden waste collection will be TUESDAY JUNE 13th and fortnightly from there.    You can buy the paper sacks for garden collection from the VA offices in Centre Road or at the Parish Offices at the Milestone Complex.