



JRRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good evening, everyone, and thank you for coming.

As you should all know, I have stepped in as Acting Chairman this year. I would like to start by thanking Trevor for all he has done over the past few years as Chairman, and Chris before him for the huge part he played in getting the Residents' Association going in the first place. I would also like to thank Steve, Linda, Alex, and everyone else who has given their time and effort to keep things moving.

Looking back over the past year, the main priority has remained the same, which is keeping Johns Road usable, safe, and manageable for residents. The condition of the road, especially the top flat section, has continued to be a real issue, particularly after the wet winter.

We have also now resolved the bridleway issue on the lower half of the road. Following discussions with Surrey County Council, their contractors laid a strip of tarmac with a chip surface, and that work was paid for by the Council. During that process, the Council asked us to pause further repairs while the lower section was being considered. With that now concluded, we have been able to restart pothole repairs on the upper section of the road, following further discussion with the Council.

Thanks to the help from the usual suspects, the March repair day enabled us to fill a large percentage of the deeper potholes. However, another repair day is still needed, which Alex and I will take care of in the coming weeks.

There are a few other practical matters still in hand. Work was due to be carried out on pruning opposite Limetree Mews. Alex and I will get this done as soon as time allows. We are also still chasing advice about the woodland beside the lower part of the road, so that remains an open issue for the committee.

It is also worth saying that Johns Road is used by more than just residents driving up and down it. It is a public footpath and bridleway, and it is also used by walkers, dog walkers, horse riders, families with young children, and older residents. So, when we talk about the road, speed, parking, and repairs, we are really talking about safety and consideration for everyone using it. I would just repeat the request that people keep speeds right down and remind any newer drivers in the household to do the same for both the safety of residents and road users, as well as prolonging the life of the road surface and minimising the need for repairs.

On the committee side, there have been changes too. Trevor stepped back, I have taken on the Acting Chairman role for the time being, and Alex has joined the committee, which is very welcome. We are still a little short of committee members, so I would again encourage more residents to consider getting involved. It does not need to be a major commitment, but we do need enough people to keep the Association going.

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We have also continued to welcome new households to Johns Road and adjoining Ninehams Road over recent years, and that is a good reminder that this road and this community keep changing. The AGM is not just about business. It is also a chance to keep people connected and make sure the Association still reflects the people who live here now.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way, whether through subscriptions, attending meetings, helping with repairs, offering practical support, or simply taking an interest in the road and the area. The Association only works because people are willing to chip in and look out for one another. That has been true from the start, and it still matters now.

Thank you all for coming and thank you for your support. My hope for the coming year is that we keep doing the simple things well: keeping the road safe and usable, keeping pressure on the open issues, and keeping enough people involved to make the committee sustainable.

Nick Banks

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