

## PURLEY BEECHES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – MAY 2025



### **IMPORTANT UPDATE – ASH DIE BACK**

Following your generous donations and The Good Exchange match-funding, after obtaining and assessing three competitive quotes, we were able to instruct tree surgeons to carry out the necessary work to fell the affected trees.

A positive update for you, our tree surgeon has given us a potential start date of **Tuesday 22 April**. There have been delays to the start of the works to ensure everything is planned to a specific set of standards, and gaining approval for road closure of the Oxford Road as the works pass the boundary of West Berkshire Council into Reading Borough Council.

During the works the woods will be out of bounds and the footpath from Skerritt Way to the Oxford Road will also not be accessible.

Greenham Trust Charity Awards have been able to donate 48 saplings to replace the ash trees that have to be felled. Margaret Rolfe has kindly potted all 48 saplings and our tree surgeon will be planting them as part of his works.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

#### **CLEAR-UP MORNING:**

The next Woods Clear Up will be on **Saturday 10 May 2025** from **10.30 am**. As usual, we will meet in Skerritt Way on the pathway opposite Marshall Close. The clear up includes clearing rubbish from the woods, cutting back overhanging bushes alongside the wall and removal of ivy from the base of some trees. Please bring gloves, secateurs or shears. Bags and other implements will be provided. This task is for the benefit of all on the estate and is a chance to meet your neighbours, so please try to be there if you can. Thanks to everyone who came along to help at the last clear up. **We're providing coffee and biscuits** as a thank you for any residents/helpers who can make it to this one!

**PBRA AGM:** The date for the **Annual General Meeting will be Wednesday 26 November 2025** in PURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, Glebe Road, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM, but only paid-up households are eligible to vote.

If any resident is interested in joining the PBRA committee or being a Trustee, please ask any committee member for information on what is involved. It doesn't take a lot of time but is important to help safeguard the interests of the residents and helping to preserve the green and pleasant environment of the estate

I've included here the link to the Association's website [Purley Beeches Residents Association \(purleyonthames.org.uk\)](http://purleyonthames.org.uk).

This will give you an introduction to the PBRA and how and why it came into existence and has a link to a map showing the pieces of land which the Association was formed to hold and maintain for the residents of the estate.

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