

# HORSLEY COUNTRYSIDE PRESERVATION SOCIETY AROUND AND ABOUT HORSLEY – SPRING 2016

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING - WEST HORSLEY

Our important work continues to produce a robust, informative Neighbourhood Plan for West Horsley under the direction of our new Chairman, Paul Dodgson, who took over in January. Also in January latest Government guidance on developing neighbourhood plans was issued via Guildford Borough Council, GBC, and we need to take this on board.

We have appointed a firm of Planning Consultants who specialise in neighbourhood planning to advise us on the intricacies of compiling a

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compliant plan; their commission begins in February. This will include advice on the areas we need to focus major attention, how we should approach the tasks to best effect and a realistic timeline. All this is very timely as we have been given to understand the GBC's draft Local Plan will be issued for consultation around June 2016.

Our Open Event, held in the West Horsley Village Hall, at the end of November was very well attended and

gave the opportunity to feedback the results of the 2015 Residents Survey and to display the emerging themes that are important to the village. This feedback will form an important foundation on which to build the Neighbourhood Plan in line with latest guidance. It also helps demonstrate the degree of engagement of village residents which is a significant component in the Planning Inspectorate's appraisal of our Plan. ■

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Parish Councillor

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