

PBRA Chairman's Report 2020

Well all change again. After two successful joint AGM meetings, due to Covid 19 we now have our AGM via Pratts Bottom website.

Being an IT phobic dinosaur, I never thought I'd be saying thank goodness for modern technology!

Rebecca, our new webmaster has been working hard to keep the web site up to date with links to many information hubs to assist everyone through these challenging times. The pictures of the spring lambs and views of the village in the spring sunshine are a joy. From the numbers of people walking past my house recently I am guessing that like me they are taking this time to reconnect with the footpaths through and around our beautiful village. This is why the work of our Residents Association and local councillors is so important to preserve this rural setting for future generations.

Now back to business.

Bromley council is looking at moving some ward boundaries which may result in Pratts Bottom being moved back into Darwin Ward.

We continue to monitor planning applications that could have a detrimental impact on the village.

Fort Halsted and Broke Hill Golf Course are the two biggest proposed developments on our doorstep. We continue to liaise with our neighbouring villages regarding these sites.

Land surrounding Knockholt Station is also great cause for concern.

Flight path changes at Biggin Hill airport are also monitored.

Speeding cars on Rushmore Hill have always been a problem that can never be fully resolved but we do still try to improve road safety.

Crime levels thankfully remain low, but I know this is no consolation for residents who have been affected. We do need to keep vigilant.

Although temporarily closed it's lovely to have the Bulls Head open again.

The newsletter is currently on hold. but big thank you to everyone involved in it's production and delivery.

Plus a big thank-you to everyone for maintaining the ethos of Pratts Bottom

Liz Turnbull