

## LENGSTHMAN SCHEME 2013/14

## ANNEX 2

Year-end reports have been submitted by Dunsfold, Chiddingfold, Haslemere, Farnham and Western Villages (a group of six parishes), while Bramley and Hambledon have yet to do so.

The year-end reports and feedback has been positive, and parishes felt the Lengsthman initiative has been of benefit to the local area.

**Haslemere Town Council** undertook repainting of High Street bollards, tree maintenance and footpath clearance and said *"The scheme worked extremely well, we asked residents to nominate schemes and where possible have addressed the issues. We have applied for future funding and have been successful so will be rolling some of these forward"*

**Chiddingfold PC** carried out a variety of work including; footpath & ROW clearance, verge hedge & tree maintenance, clearing of ditches and said *"The Scheme worked well, enabling us to react to areas of flooding, fallen trees or overgrown FPs. It is to be hoped that this next year, assuming a similar grant, we can start to be more pro-active in the parish. As is usually the case, the fact that we have been able to deal with issues as they arise has meant that we have had less complaints from residents than previously, when we were powerless to resolve issues. The main evidence is that trees brought down in storms, flooded roads and blocked culverts were dealt with immediately and without the need to call Surrey Highways. The parish now only has only one area that floods regularly and Surrey Highways have work in hand to remedy this (Salway's culvert. This Council has also spent some time and effort in raising awareness of Riparian Responsibilities, with a good deal of success and local flooding is now being resolved in co-operation with land owners and local residents."*

**Western Villages** employed a local contractor to carry out a variety of work as requested by the six parishes and commented *"We have received e mail thanks from parishioners. The Highways Service was very helpful and quick to respond to queries"* .

**Dunsfold PC** responded and quoted *"The Community are pleased that the road verges are being cut back, and that ditches have been cleared. However this is an on-going issue to cope with the excess Winter rain that we have to contend with."*

**Farnham TC** carried out a variety of work including Sign and bollard cleaning, Bus shelter cleaning, removal of fly posting, Graffiti removal, painting of street furniture (railings and benches), cutting back vegetation and overgrown branches, removal of storm damage debris and disposal, replacement of losing paving stones.

Farnham Town Council believes the scheme has worked very successfully after initial delays in getting started. Although relatively few direct comments have been made, residents have been very positive about the new arrangements normally by verbal comments to the people working on site. Eg Rowledge residents commented on the sign cleaning; requests for vegetation cleaning have come in directly and positive feedback after the work has been done....No complaints have been received about the work.

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