

## **YRA AGM STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 2024**

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Good evening everyone and thank you for your attendance at the new committee's first AGM

As you will remember this time last year we all volunteered to stand for your new Yaverland Residents Association's Committee – Namely:

Chairman – Les Ashby supported by Gillian Ashby

Treasurer – Lynne Somerville

Newsletter and Media Editor – Sharon Everitt

Secretary – myself Judith Beilby

Our first major task was to changeover the Natwest Bank Signatories. This has been an excruciating and lengthy exercise. At times it was a head banging against a brick wall experience. It has taken over 6 months to complete with the last part with Lynne finally receiving bank statements a few months ago. Lynne has prepared financial statements and copies are distributed – any questions to Lynne later.

Meanwhile Sharon was busy with our first newsletter and setting up web and face book pages. At the end of October we distributed our first newsletter to every house in Yaverland (203 houses) and collected subs from those residents wishing to join. We now have 125 households subscribed, 76 members on the Facebook group – which has been strictly managed for paid up residents only as at September 2024. Subs are now due for this next year the price being kept at £3 per household. During the year any new residents moving in were apprised of our existence and welcomed into the Yaverland community.

Next on the agenda was to organise the Christmas Social which was held on December 12<sup>th</sup> here at the Bowls Club with music and a raffle and copious amounts of food. Grateful thanks to the Bowls Club for allowing us to hire their premises and to the caterers for their work for us. It was a tremendous turnout and we look forward to organising the 2024 event.

Our next event was February 13<sup>th</sup> again held at the Bowls Club – a cheese and biscuits social with a raffle and a guest speaker Roger who gave an introduction to his “Buddy Service” for Yaverland Residents.

This was followed by our Spring Gardening Social on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bowls Club with a raffle and an update talk given by Christine Jackson from Sandown Green Town Volunteers as well as a plant and seed exchange. If you thought this was a good spring social then we could organise this again next year.

Next came the summer BBQ at the Bowls Club with burgers, sausages and salad. We were lucky it remained dry on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

One of the suggestions you gave us last year was a possible outing so Lynne approached Opal Travel and a day trip to Beaulieu was set for September 7<sup>th</sup> which was opened to any friends of our residents and the public to fill the coach.

During our first year we have posted any information that affects Yaverland for example the Traffic Regulation Order Consultation for Meadow and Culver Way – which has been approved and yellow

lines were installed – quite quickly, Coastal Defence Scheme update, Sandown Sprint, Police Beat Surgery, Land Sale (which by the way did not happen and the farmer is currently once again using the field for his young cattle; but the land is once again up for sale in one lot this time at a slightly lower price with vacant possession at the end of October), Police and Local Authorities Meeting held August 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was also meeting held with 3 from the council and Island Roads to look at parking issues following on from the yellow lines and the general state of grass cutting and other issues.

And now we are at our first AGM. Thank you to those residents that have supported the social events throughout our first year and we are always open to suggestions and will consider if they would be feasible both with location and finance. Our thanks once again to the Bowls Club Committee and the caterers.

We hope you are happy with our volunteer efforts this first year and all of the committee is standing for the next year but if anyone wishes to now volunteer for any of the roles for the forthcoming year If no one comes forward then we'll continue onwards to organising the Christmas Social.

We do need a volunteer or volunteers to maintain the seafront hut say once a year. Any expenses for cleaning materials or paint will be reimbursed upon receipts being produced