

AGM STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 2025

Good evening everyone and thank you for your attendance at our 2nd AGM

As you know the current committee consists of

Chairman – Les Ashby supported by Gillian Ashby

Treasurer – Lynne Somerville

Newsletter and Media Editor – Sharon Everitt

Secretary – myself Judith Beilby

Firstly newsletters and our website and Facebook page – I am sure you will agree Sharon has done an excellent job in producing our digital platforms over the past 12 months. We are always open to any comments or suggestions members may have. In accordance with finance rules Lynne has distributed an information balance sheet if anyone has any queries please speak to Lynne.

After our first AGM the next event was the Christmas Party and thanks go to Sandown Bowls Club for allowing us to host this at these premises as well as thanks to the caterers for all their hard work. It was a great night and everyone enjoyed themselves. There was the fun raffle and Christmas presents.

February saw a departure from an evening event as we had received a suggestion for an afternoon tea event. This was well attended and it was further requested we look at holding afternoon events at the Pluto Cafe on the 2nd Thursday of the month. We do not organise anything formally but on contacting the Management of the Pluto Cafe they were happy for any of our members to attend. Dates of these afternoon sessions were advertised to members. Please note that the Pluto Cafe has now altered the opening and closing times details are on the Residents Association webpage and newsletter.

In April we repeated our spring gardening event with lots of plants and seeds changing hands. Donations were asked for and money raised, which amounted to £109.32, was given to Sandown Green partnership who look after the plants, baskets etc in the town.

June saw the annual barbecue being held at the Pluto Cafe for the first time. Plenty of burgers, sausages and for the first time jacket potatoes. There was an opportunity to play corn hole and a nearest the pin on the golf course. We received lots of thanks from members for a great event.

We have continued to inform members of anything that is of interest, Coastal Flood Defence Plans, Sale of the Field, Cancellation of Sandown Sprint (it's back next year!) and since the yellow lines have been in place for a year now it might be worth a review. Any comments/complaints etc to be directed at Island Roads and the local councillor Ms Andre. Personally I still suffer from inconsiderate parking in the hot weather this year and cars are still parking beyond my house.

So now membership fees are due again £3.00 same as last year please make sure they are paid by October 1st either to our Treasurer, Lynne or you can drop your money in an envelope with your name and house number to any committee members. Any changes to your details (phone/email/or house members) can be noted on your envelope too.

Hopefully you are all happy with our volunteer efforts over the last year. The committee is willing to stand again for the next year but if anyone wishes to stand for any of the committee roles then please make your name known now. Otherwise we'll crack on organising the Christmas Party which will again be held at the Bowls Club, full details to come in the next newsletter.