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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2025

Introducing WEMC – we're a handful of resident volunteers working for the benefit of Windmill Estate residents in Widmer End. Some of us have been involved for decades, whilst recent joiners spend their precious time sorting our IT and Accounting issues (which were in desperate need of help). Also our administrator Louise is certainly getting us in shape .. so a big thank you to David, Paula, Alice, Rob, Michael, the 2 Anns, Gill and Louise and also to those residents who settle the Annual Fee by 1st July.



Over Spring our Estate gave local National Trust property at Hughenden a run for its money – we believe we can feel rightly proud!



The Annual Fee request will have been delivered during May to enable payment to be made before the due date of 1st July. Windmill Estate is almost 60 years old therefore in need of more and more upkeep. This is a costly business on top of our ongoing maintenance of greens, hedges, forecourts, walls etc and we're incredibly lucky that both our contractor, Scott, and Paul the Estate Manager are also residents and therefore have a vested interest in caring for our environment and go above and beyond for us.

Spring was really busy for Scott and his team who maintain our estate in pristine condition alongside additional repairs carried out. Scott acquired a moss removal machine which has done a great job in recent months as you can see from the Before and After photos below. However Summer is not only the growing season for grass and plants, but also weeds which are proving a real problem as we no longer use chemicals!



Behind the Church, the Preservation Order oak trees were professionally attended to by Andy Ellis our tree surgeon as well as pruning back/removing other trees around our estate. WEMC have over 90 trees – different sizes, species and ages – so you can just imagine the eye-watering costs involved over the years and going forward will be even more so! Your help to keep our greens safe for residents and their children to relax and play is much appreciated, so please remember to “Scoop the Poop”.



Paul (seen out and about in his Hi-Vis Jacket), not only litter-picks, but checks the area and reports issues regularly to FixMyStreet - things like the recent bout of flyposting, potholes and footpath issues. Paul attends Hughenden Parish Council Meetings to ensure our streetlights are maintained and budgeted for and is also an active member of WERA (Widmer End Residents Association).

We would point out that anyone can report concerns such as parking obstructions, graffiti, utilities, potholes, etc to FixMyStreet and they will be directed to the appropriate area – it just takes a few minutes on their website and the more reports the better.

So hopefully we've highlighted where and how your fee is spent and those of us who manage this income. Obviously, being residents, we on the Committee care for our environment and aim to squeeze the best value from the Maintenance Fee we pay. After all, our homes are our biggest investment and our estate remains "much sought-after" which keeps our property prices buoyant.



If you can help us we'd love to hear from you – please email wemc67@yahoo.co.uk. Your experience in tree/gardening issues, accounts, insurance, health & safety issues, legal matters etc, would be very welcome.

Meantime - enjoy your summer from **WEMC Committee Members**