

BAY VIEW CARAVAN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
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Dear Member,

It is time again to invite membership renewal.

It is important that each year we renew our membership. Things may have changed, e.g. your address or you may have sold your holiday home and left the site.

The constitution says that "Membership subscription per caravan is to be levied at the discretion of the Committee".

The Committee has decided that there should only be a nominal fee of £5 for 2014. The finances are still favourable and consistent with our constitution which says that we "must be run on a non for profit basis".

However the Constitution says that the Membership Secretary is to seek renewals each year.

With this in mind, and on behalf of our Membership Secretary, we would like you to respond to this newsletter to let us know if you wish to renew your membership.

Please include your caravan number in your reply or if you prefer you can use the online renewal facility

<http://bayviewowners.co.uk/wp/index.php/membership-renewal-2013/>

We are happy to take your membership fee at the next General Meeting, or it can be given to Marjorie our Membership Secretary in caravan #66. Renewal forms and cheques can alternatively be sent to PO Box 5534, Swanage, BH19 2ZN. Cheques should be made payable to BAYVIEW CARAVAN OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

This will enable us to update our database so that we have an accurate record of which owners are members and so that we can continue to keep you informed via our regular newsletters and other correspondence.

With the next General Meeting just weeks away, this will also ensure your voting privileges.

Park Update

Lighting

We have represented your concerns about Park lighting and illumination at the location of the speed bumps to Anne Foulkes. Lighting is of course one of the maintenance responsibilities which SBV has, and although no work seems to have happened during the Winter closed-down period, we are still hopeful that improvements will be made. This will be welcomed by owners who have been concerned about the overall inadequacy of lighting on the park, and who have welcomed the new speed ramps but are concerned that they may present a tripping hazard in the dark.

Winter Damage

One of the Committee members made enquiry at Reception and was informed that the only damage to vans through the storms was to some TV aerials which have been moved out of position

Chairman's Report 2013

This is just a brief synopsis of what happened in 2013, more complete details are available via the website.

- There was one meeting between the Owners' Association and Darwin held in January, the notes of which were produced by Ro Burbridge and myself and have been made available to members.
- There was also a joint meeting with the Owners' Association, SBV and NACO in July to celebrate the new licence. Details and pictures were included in a NACO Magazine shortly after.
- Members were helped with concerns about new electricity meters and charges so that no service charges have been added to usage bills.
- The updated Park Rules were issued with input from the Owners' Association. (The letter from Adam Foskett received this week is being reviewed by the Committee as we go to print on this newsletter.)
- There have been various meetings of individual Owners' Association Committee members with SBV.
- There was one note from SBV to owners which was read at the Owners' Association AGM.
- Some assistance has been given to members and non-members at SBV. These owners have been helped to resolve any problems directly with SBV.
- Purbeck District Council planning contact by one member has resulted in confirmation being received that SBV has complied with planning and health requirements with regard to the large lodge on the top road; there has been no breach of planning regulations or siting distances. The Council will continue to monitor site development.
- The Owners' Association has sought to clarify the position of instalments for fees and rates and has outlined the background for all members.
- Some members have helped with the annual sycamore saplings cutting on the Townsend Nature Reserve, for which we are very grateful.

Thank you for your continued support, and for the support and work of each Committee member. Without the unpaid sacrifice of time and effort, and the continued membership of the majority of holiday home owners at Swanage Bay View, we would not have such a powerful voice and would certainly not have achieved the many successes which we have over the last few years.

General Meeting

The next GM is 5th April 2014 at 5pm in the new Baptist Church in Victoria Avenue followed with refreshments. We hope you are all able to attend as we have only two meetings a year now. The provision of refreshments after the meeting will, we hope, provide our many members with a chance to meet and speak with neighbours new and old. There always seems to be something to discuss and experiences to share. An Agenda will be sent to you shortly.

Bay View Caravan Owners Association