

Welcome

Welcome to the latest Newsletter from your Committee at Rowhills Residents Association (RRA).

As we now have a number of new residents in Rowhills, we thought it appropriate to remind all residents regarding the basis for our Association.

Rowhills Residents Association

Rowhills Residents Association provides an oversight and maintenance of the road known as Rowhills. The Association was formed about 60 years ago and has continued in operation ever since.

All residents who subscribe to the RRA are deemed members. They have access to files on the website. Also, they can be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to sit on the committee. The committee comprises only of residents.

All of these issues are written into our Constitution which is available to members on the RRA Website.

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2025 AGM

The AGM was successfully held at the Rowhill Nature Reserve Field Centre on 13th November 2025.

If you would like to see the presentation, which includes the accounts, please log in. You will then find the link in the menu at the top of the page to the 2025 AGM.

To register for an account on the site, please click the Register link at the top. By filling in the form, you consent to the RRA holding your details for the sole purpose of accessing this website. Your details will not be shared or distributed. Only those who live in Rowhills will be granted access to this site.

Website: <https://rowhills-ra.org.uk/>

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Private website for residents of Rowhills

Rowhills, a Private Road

Rowhills is a Private Road in that it not adopted by the local authority. It is however deemed by the local authority to be a Public Highway under the Highways Act 1980 but privately maintained.

This has a number of advantages to residents such as removal of abandoned vehicles and removal of fly tipping by the local authority. The disadvantage of course is that residents have the obligation to repair and maintain the road.

Hedges and Trees

Rowhills is a semi-rural road and as such is bordered by hedges and trees. A majority of residents ensure that the growth from their gardens bordering onto the road is kept well under control and where necessary tree limbs over-hanging the road are trimmed back.

It is requested for everyone to act as good neighbours and check on the boundaries to ensure growth does not cause obstruction or danger to pedestrians and vehicles in Rowhills.

£ Expenditure for the RRA £

The major expenditure for the RRA is the biennial resurfacing of parts of the road. This relies on the monies being paid promptly to enable your Committee to make decisions as to the scope of works to be undertaken. Last year we suffered from reduced funds for the works, due to late payments which caused the works to be reduced in scope. With costs rising, unfortunately, this meant that we are now attempting to catch-up rather than being able to plan ahead. To enable your Committee to gain the maximum for your monies, please do ensure any Direct Debit is correct and that your annual remittance of £125 is paid promptly.

Committee Please feel free to contact any Committee member via WhatsApp regarding Rowhills issues.

John Barnett (Chair)
Katrina Duddridge (Treasurer)
Michael Chapman (Secretary)

Dave Everitt
Dean Harvey
John Lewis

Abandoned Vehicles in Rowhills

Unfortunately, Rowhills still appears to be a magnet for abandoned vehicles. Your Committee are always on the lookout for yet another such vehicle. The status of suspicious vehicles is checked with DVLA and is then reported to the local authority, who have successfully cooperated in having these vehicles removed.

Some take a few weeks but a recent example was removed within 24 hours, a record!!

Residents are requested to report any suspicious vehicle to the Committee to ensure we have abandoned vehicles removed as soon as possible.



Full Fibre Installation In Rowhills

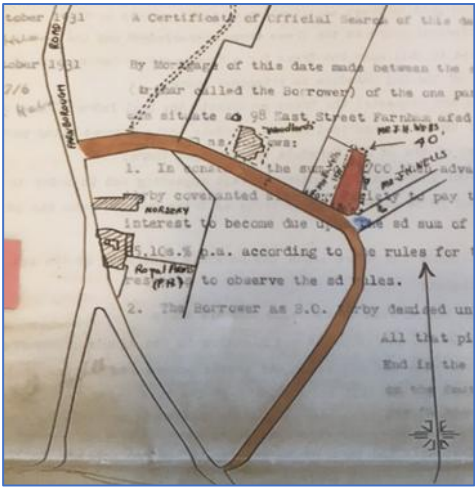
The thanks of all residents should go to Shane Warden for his tireless efforts in bringing the installation of full fibre to the entire road.

This process had stalled due to damage to the existing infrastructure but Shane dealt with the obstacles. He resolved the problems, thus enabling the installations to take place, Thank you.

HISTORY

The history of how Rowhills came into being has been included in Susan Barnett's story of Rowhills and its residents, No Ordinary Road, again available on the RRA Website under the heading History of Rowhills. In outline, the road originated as part of many tracks once serving as access to Rowhill Copse, when most of the land of Rowhills was part of the Copse. The two entry points, one from what is now Farnborough Road and the other from what is now Upper Weybourne Lane were two independent tracks into the Copse. The two joined together to form what we now know as Rowhills much more recently. Most of this information has been gained from historical Ordnance Survey maps. The part of Rowhills entry from Upper Weybourne Lane (or College Road as it was) was named New Road when it served the Copse House, the Army College and the 1877 house The Warren. All these buildings are now lost but were part of Rowhills Estate. Later the road acquired the name Rowhills once some of the current houses were erected and the term Rowhills Estate was dropped.

The road itself is not a separate entity; it has never been sold as such. The local authority has only once undertaken at their expense, the surfacing part of Rowhills by the Recreation Ground, from Upper Weybourne Lane to The Warren.



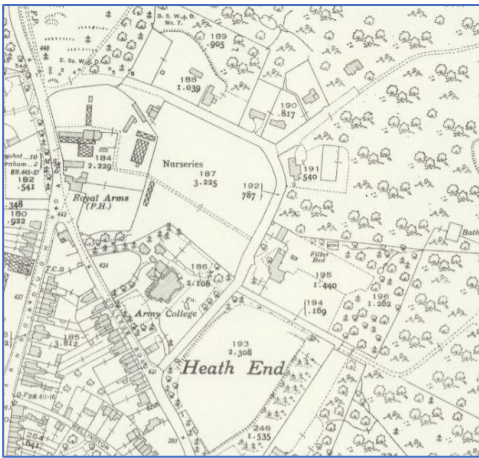
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Rowhills Residents Association AGM will be held again this year in November. The exact date will be provided on the Rowhills WhatsApp. Your Committee requests all residents attend to ensure we have agreement on the continuation of the Association.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Working Parties

As the road is maintained by residents at our own expense, the RRA organises Working Parties during the year to help fill potholes and levelling areas of the road. All residents are welcomed to assist on these occasions as "many hands make light work". The date is sent out via WhatsApp.



Payment

The Treasurer contacts each property in July for payment. treasurer@rowhills-ra.org.uk