

Chairman's Report 2016-17

Your membership is in good health with numbers increasing. There is good support for the many activities within the community, which is encouraging as we enter a period of major development activity and challenge to the environment.

Construction at Southdowns Road is due start shortly. The improvements to the A379 arising from the Seaglass development have been approved, although we await details. Together with the road works to create a cycle lane in this area will create considerable traffic disruption. The Little Leigh development has largely resolved the appeal process subject to some detailing regarding the number of low cost housing units. It is this development that poses the greatest challenge during the construction stage as we seek to influence the Construction Management Plan that will cause the least congestion, damage and dangers to members and their properties. This year following the Annual General Meeting we will have an Open Forum for general discussion on this issue.

We have had three excellent meetings this past year with presentations from RNLI, Vikings in Devon and Paignton Zoo delivering much interest and entertainment. The annual quiz attracted great support with proceeds donated to two local causes. The tri-annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition is always well supported and the monthly Lunch Club has become a firm fixture in the calendar. The bowling club is very popular and has been able to purchase a new storage device for the mats.

Under the constitution, the Chair rotates every three years so this will be my last report. I thank the membership for their increasing support together with our County and District Councillors, Street Representatives, Committee Members but mostly our Secretary. I wish the Association continued success in its work to ensure Holcombe remains such a great place to live.

John Bromley

Chairman