

Annex 2 Withies Lane Ditch

This is an update for your next parish council meeting which I guess will be later this month.

As requested, I did contact Surrey CC again, but they aren't willing to consider replacing the blocked pipe. They do still have the unblocking work scheduled for November providing they don't have unexpected emergencies. I think the best course of action is to let that happen and then consider the long-term action needed to stop it reoccurring.

Having spoken to the company that did the camera survey for me, I suspect replacing the section of damaged pipe would be anything between £1,000 and £2,000 depending on what is found when it is uncovered. Clearing the silt that has blocked the first 10 metres or so might well cost another £1,000. However, let's see what work Surrey CC do and we can then explore what further work we think is worth doing and the means of funding it after November.

William

Annex 6 Request for Grant

Thank you for all your help with the interment of Consuelo Hodgson Riveros last week and for discussing the diseased beech tree at the cemetery with Claire Griffin, our Head of Operations – we were both very grateful for your guidance.,

Following on from your discussion with Claire, I am writing to you to ask if the Parish Council would consider supporting Watts Gallery Trust with the £5,535 (ex VAT) it will cost to carry out works to make the tree safe and protect the graves beneath the tree whilst the work is undertaken.

We have been working with Aspenarb Ltd to put together a plan of how to deal with the tree and ensure the graves beneath the tree are properly protected as many of them are listed. We have also received the relevant permissions from Guildford Borough Council and the Archdeacon's permission via John Bailey and Wendy Harris (these are attached to this email).

As you'll see from the attached emails work to remove the tree is going to cost £3,985 (ex VAT) and the ground protection will cost an additional £1,550 (ex VAT), making a total of £5,535 (ex VAT). This is obviously a large and unexpected bill at a difficult time for our charitable trust with the cost-of-living crisis affecting our expenditure via rising bills and our income via reduced visitor numbers.

We would be extremely grateful if the Parish Council could consider supporting Watts Gallery Trust with the bill for this work, which we understand from your call would be by way of a supporting grant, if successful.

As the work to the tree is urgent to prevent damage to the surrounding graves, the chapel and the cloisters and due to the health and safety risk posed to visitors to the chapel and cemetery so we will be undertaking the works as soon as possible and Claire will of course keep you updated with this as we progress the works.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration on this matter and all the Parish Council's support.

Alistair

Annex 7 Cemetery Data

Cemetery Data

- a) Since the death of David Haskins, the cemetery information is no longer in the public domain. Watts Gallery had added the link to their website and so had the Parish Council (who owns the data) but it no longer works. Can you let me know how you wish to proceed? I.e., is there anyone in the village who can do this job or are Watts Gallery going to pick it up?
- b) I asked whether it could be discussed at the next Cemetery Committee meeting, which was an important part of the agreement between the two in terms of the management of the cemetery.

Previously the cemetery map (with plots) linked to a database with the relevant information. People could search by plot, name, or any parameter. I don't have the skills to do this. The best I can do as a temporary measure is <https://www.comptonparishcouncil.co.uk/cemetery-data>

It is far from ideal and personally I would suggest removing the Zone A info and just adding the PDF of all the data next to the map for now. This I can do very quickly but if people prefer seeing it by zone, I can carry on with that. In 1996 the Parish Council commissioned a 'Significant Memorial Survey'. I have just added this data along with a map to the 'book' I am writing about Compton's recent history. After publication, I could add this to the website. It focuses on the most outstanding 100 Memorial stones at that time. It would need updating but the cemetery committee might well have the additional info (i.e., John Dobson's gravestone is a Celtic design that would fit the bill).

I have saved the Excel spreadsheet to a PDF and added that to the site but am not sure whether this is the most up to date one? Joanna would you mind sending me the latest one. Thank you.

Fiona