

Copthorne Residents Society



Welcome to your new home
and Copthorne Road
Community

There are approximately 115 households in Copthorne Road and the adjoining closes and most of us belong to this Society. Welcome to the road, we do hope that you will join us.

Copthorne Road is a "private street" over which all members of the public have right of way while the residents of Copthorne Road and the adjoining roads have a right of access to their properties.

The Society was established in 1972 with primary objectives of closing the road (at the Scots Hill end) to through traffic and of acquiring ownership of Copthorne Road from Gonville and Caius College, so that the road could be maintained. Both of these objectives were achieved in the 1970's, although two short lengths of the road and three of the adjoining closes are public highways.

The majority of residents wish to see Copthorne Road remain an unadopted residential road and the Society does whatever is necessary to maintain this.

Our Society consists of the members, who elect an executive committee, and the Trustees who are appointed by the executive committee.

The Committee's routine work includes:

- insuring the Society's liabilities for the road
- ensuring the road surface and drains are adequately maintained
- representing members' views to the local authority on planning application, local amenities etc.
- ensuring that covenants which run with the properties are enforced for the benefit of all residents
- organising an annual social event each January following the annual general meeting
- organising the Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- distributing newsletters each year

Each member of the Committee acts as a contact for a number of households, to keep everyone in touch with the Society.

Notices of social events, newsletters or general updates can be provided directly to you. Please email copthorneroadresidents@gmail.com to confirm your email address and your acceptance to receive information directly to your inbox.

If you would like to know more about the Society, or if you are new to the area we are more than happy to help.

Our website; www.crs-croxley.org.uk provides copies of the current rules of the Society, a letter regarding the status of the road, copy of the most recent AGM report, note of the Trustees of the Society and the current members of the Committee.

The current annual subscription is £100 per household, which provides for insurance and other expenses as well as a substantial contribution to the reserve fund for future road repairs. Please note, the road was completely resurfaced in 1979 and again in 2005.

Subscription invoices are issued to each household March/April each year.

The Society's AGM is held annually in January, and will be detailed in the newsletter which will be emailed at year end. In the past the AGM has included guest speakers, local historical presentations and topical quiz. It is also a chance to meet your new neighbours so we would welcome your attendance.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Watts

Chairman

