

# **WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Newsletter for July/August 2009**

### **A286 Chichester – Cocking Route Traffic Management Scheme**

Having waited since October 2008, West Dean and Singleton Parish Councils met WSCC engineers on 24 June to discuss the way forward. They were disappointed to find that few of the suggested changes had been included, but hopefully, if the paperwork is completed in time, some new speed management measures will be introduced during 2010/2011.

### **Reduction in Speed Limit through West Dean**

Despite the wishes of local residents, a reduction in the speed limit through West Dean will not be included in the above Scheme. We are therefore making a case to put to the County Local Committee when it meets on 15 September at the Gridshell at the Weald and Downland Museum. This meeting is open to the public – details will be advertised locally nearer the time. In the meantime, we have been using SID (Speed Indicator Device) on the main road. The results on the first occasion were disturbing, but on the second, even worse, with more than 50% of drivers exceeding the 40mph limit. This was followed by a Sussex Police speed gun session. The Police are now following up offenders, so please ensure that you keep within the limit!

### **New Clerk**

We welcome Jenny Martin to the Parish Council as our new Clerk. Jenny is well-known for her work just down the Valley, at Singleton, so is a familiar face to some of you already. She can be contacted at: 7 Boleyn Drive, Nyetimber Lane, Pagham, West Sussex PO21 3LG. Tel/fax/answerphone: 01243 266092. E.mail: [westdeanpc@yahoo.com](mailto:westdeanpc@yahoo.com)

### **Notice-Board at West Dean**

Over the next few months, we plan to install a Parish Council notice-board on the grassed area outside West Dean Stores. This will enable us to keep you better informed about what we are doing on your behalf. In the meantime, Geoff Collier very kindly displays Parish Council notices and you can also find our agendas and minutes on the valley website: [www.valleydiary.org](http://www.valleydiary.org)

### **Street Lighting Columns**

The Parish Council owns and pays for the maintenance and replacement of eleven street-lighting columns, four on the A286, with the rest round the village. To enable us to respond quickly to any problems, please let us know of any defects as soon as you spot them. We expect to enter into a new maintenance Agreement in the New Year and are anxious to ensure that we get the very best value for money from this!

**Next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 23 September 2009 at 7.30pm in the  
Park Room at West Dean College – Everyone welcome!**