



HEADLEY COURT



Malcolm Ladell talking to a recovering patient and a sponsor/helper at the Highground event 'Thoughts of Home' at DMRC Headley Court

Malcolm Ladell recently attended DMRC (Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre) Headley Court at the invitation of Highground, a charity devoted to assisting the rehabilitation of severely injured disabled military personnel through what can be for some patients a rigorous and difficult, but also relaxing, task of gardening. One beautiful garden has already been created with multiple levels and variable surfaces to help those learning to walk with artificial limbs.

The purpose of the event was to witness the breaking of ground in a new garden named by the patients as 'Thoughts of Home'. The gardens provide a pleasant place for patients to sit and relax after their very intensive rehabilitation activities and for some it can lead to horticultural training resulting in employment. In addition to flowering plants and shrubs they also grow fresh vegetables and fruit that is used in the patients' and staff meals produced in the canteen of Headley Court. A very meaningful visit for Malcolm

having been previously involved with Ministry of Defence (MoD) supply contracts and having a son who is a serving soldier.

As many of you are already aware, the MoD has given notice of its intention to move out of Headley Court although there seems to be some confusion as to when the facility it is moving to will be ready. In the meantime exploratory talks have taken place with various interested parties and there is hope that private healthcare providers possibly in conjunction with NHS Trusts could take over all or some of the rehabilitation facilities. In anticipation of this possibility the Trustees of the Charity that owns Headley Court have applied to the Charity Commissioners for their agreement to remove from the Trust Deed the main clause that restricts the use of the property to the rehabilitation of military personnel.

Further complications are that the original historic buildings, gardens and land are protected and that planning consents are specific to their use by the MoD. The planning consents for newer additional buildings are not only restricted to specific use by the MoD but are also temporary indicating they would have to be demolished when the MoD move out. Malcolm has been told that the temporary planning restrictions do not apply to the permanent residential housing in Dale View and Cunliffe Gardens but obtaining permission for any further development could be very difficult as these roads are within the Green Belt and adjacent to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Whilst the way forward for Headley Court is unclear Malcolm and other Conservative Mole Valley District Councillors believe it is vital that the MoD be encouraged to keep the very successful and exceptional world class rehabilitation facilities operational pending the outcome of the various negotiations. Sir Paul Beresford, our Mole Valley Member of Parliament, is in regular touch with the Defence Secretary, the MoD and the Trustees of Headley Court and all other interested parties. Malcolm will keep you informed of the progress in resolving these very complicated issues.

MOLE VALLEY FACT BOX

The start of the new council year has seen Mole Valley District Council maintain its track record of delivery for you:

- 58.1% of waste sent for recycling, reuse and composting
- 63 households prevented from becoming homeless
- 615,225 Car Parking pay and display tickets purchased, at 1p a minute, with 6% bought online, by app or on the phone
- 45,000 tickets sold for Dorking Halls shows
- New ideas developed for:
 - the wellbeing of residents,
 - improved housing allocation,
 - keeping Mole Valley clean,
 - saving money through sharing IT systems with other councils

A WORD ON CAR PARKING CHARGES

The "Penny a minute" scheme has seen the average cost of parking in town centres fall. However, we do not want to encourage people to drive into town simply for a very quick shop that could be done in the local shops on Box Hill and in Headley, reducing both your fuel costs and the pollution of the local environment

Please support the local village shops and save your town trips for bigger shopping.

RIDELONDON AND CYCLING MEETING

RideLondon

It is three months since the RideLondon 2015 event successfully passed through Box Hill and Headley. The holding back and sudden release of cyclists following the unfortunate fatality at Leith Hill did cause a 'pile-up of bunched up cyclists' who had built up speed to help them up the incline of Headley Road. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt but the earlier unavoidable holdup at Leith Hill also caused the late re-opening of the roads. The RideLondon Director has said that the organisers will build in more contingency plans for the staggered release of cyclists held up by sudden and unexpected incidents at future events. The Box Hill Neighbourhood Council ran the official RideLondon Feed Station and being able to sell food and drinks in addition to the free water and bananas handed to the cyclists made a profit of £1,743 for the benefit of the community. This arrangement with the RideLondon organisers is in acknowledgement of the fact that Box Hill is totally cut off during the event and unlike other affected villages has no playground or other sports facility that would qualify for a grant.

Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) Cycling Meeting

Malcolm Ladell attended the meeting organised by MVDC at Dorking Halls about the effect of cycling on our rural communities. The meeting was chaired by Surrey's Community Police Inspector Richard Hamlin and was attended by representatives from the British Cycling Federation, The British Horse Society, Redhill and Dorking Cycling Clubs together with some invited MVDC District Councillors, some Parish Councillors and

others representing residents and owners of rural businesses.

The essence of the opening introduction was that the Government launched its Wellbeing Strategy to encourage people to become more active to reduce the risk of life threatening debilitating illnesses that have greatly increased over the last 30 years and place a tremendous burden on the NHS. Cycling is one of many supported physical sport activities. Three detailed presentations were given from the perspective of: (1) horse riders, (2) cyclists and (3) local village residents and were followed by a question and answer session to clear up queries and misunderstandings and make recommendations a few of which are listed below:

- 1) The British Horse Society presentation provided a lot of useful information including the need for cyclists to make both horses and horse riders aware of their presence before and whilst overtaking and the reasons why it is necessary to give a wide clearance.
- 2) The Redhill Cycling Club presentation explained that almost all cycling clubs are affiliated to the British Cycling Federation and/or Cycling Time Trials that have strict codes of conduct. Failing to observe the codes of conduct will result in fines and/or cancellation of membership so that the cyclist will not be able to compete in Britain or at affiliated International competitions. You can look up cycling codes of conduct by logging onto www.dorkingcycling.co.uk, or www.redhillcc.co.uk, or www.britishcycling.org.uk.
- 3) The Parish Councils' presentations highlighted the



Malcolm Ladell guarding the tea urn whilst helping to set up the RideLondon Box Hill Feeding Station

concerns of residents over the aggressive attitudes of some but not all cyclists and mentioned dangerous inconsiderate riding, riding too close together and/or in bunches making overtaking difficult and dangerous, riding on pavements, the use of garden hedges as a lavatory, the throwing of litter, the intense strobe like lights worn on the head that can temporarily (and dangerously) blind a car driver, dark clothing that make it difficult to see the cyclists at night, etc.

The cycling organisations and clubs present at the meeting agreed to amend their codes of conduct and advice to members regarding the matters discussed. It was also agreed that cycling clubs should carry out more detailed risk assessments including local consultations to avoid re-occurrences of previous mishaps. The need for better co-ordination with and prior notification of events to bodies representing local communities was recognised. If you think there has been no improvement please forward your comments to Malcolm Ladell who will be monitoring how the proposals actually work out for Box Hill and Headley.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Malcolm Ladell, Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill & Headley will be attending:

Headley Parish Council Meeting
Headley Village Hall
7.30pm on Monday 30th November

Box Hill Neighbourhood Council Meeting
Box Hill Village Hall
8pm on Monday 7th December

Please come along to hear what is happening in our villages and ask any questions you have on local issues.

EVEN EASIER TO RECYCLE

Mole Valley District Council is making it even easier to recycle at home this Autumn. Conservative Councillors have pushed the council to make it clearer to residents what waste can go where. Nearly 60% of waste is already recycled, thanks to the effort of residents, but we can all do more to help minimise landfill and keep costs down.

Please do not pay people you do not know to take away your unwanted household items as this often leads to fly tipping for which you could be prosecuted. Instead please call the council on 01306 885001 to arrange for bulky items to be taken away and recycled.

Following a successful pilot scheme, the Surrey Waste Partnership is being encouraged to find a nappy recycling site, so even more waste can be recycled.



James Friend, Conservative Leader of Mole Valley District Council

HELP TO LIVE YOUR LIFE

Over the next few months, Mole Valley District Council will be working with businesses, residents and community groups to identify what new infrastructure is needed locally.

James Friend, Conservative Leader of the Council confirmed "It is time to build a vision for our local infrastructure - our road network, railways, sports grounds, mobile and broadband access, flood defences and employment land.

We need to make Mole Valley even better for the generations to come. Please watch out for the survey when it comes to your door and do tell the council what you think needs to change."

LISTENING TO YOU



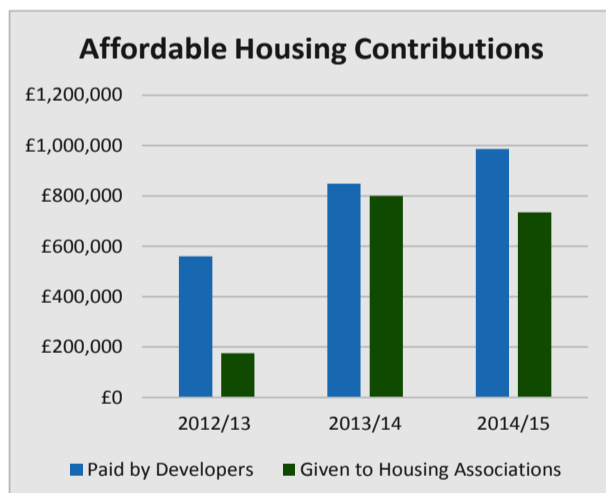
Malcolm Ladell has said "The reason I like to deliver the Conservative News myself is that it gives me the opportunity to meet and listen to residents so that I am aware of, and can help them find solutions to, at least some of the problems that they face. To me that is the enjoyable and rewarding part of being a District Councillor.

I know that Box Hill & Headley residents do not want to be constantly pestered by local politicians but I hope everyone knows how to get in touch with me (see contact details below) if they have something they want to talk about."

AFFORDABLE HOMES

Did you know the following facts about how the District Council is creating new affordable homes for local people:

- 40 new affordable homes delivered in the first half of this year, with many more to come
- 237 new homes in total given permission so far this year, supporting families and local businesses
- £2.7m from developer contributions given to Housing Associations to help build new affordable homes since 2008
- Another £700,000 ready to be invested in more local affordable homes
- Conservatives ensured that local homes go to local people
- Mole Valley's Homelessness team rated as one of the country's best performing
- Use of Emergency Bed & Breakfast Accommodation is down, helped by the council buying 7 new homes
- Right to Buy being extended to Housing Association tenants



YOUR CHANCE TO DECIDE: PARKED VANS, YELLOW LINES OR NO YELLOW LINES?

As already reported in the Box Hill News, Malcolm Ladell met with the MVDC Legal and Environmental Officers who, having taken further advice, regret that, based on existing precedents applicable on most privately owned mobile home parks, housing estates and blocks of flats, the Courts would not support an application to remove the prohibition on residents' livered commercial vehicles being parked on Roof of the World.

The MVDC Officers met the owner of Roof of the World and were told that many of his residents were opposed to the parking of commercial vehicles on the site. Furthermore the residents had seen and not objected to the site rules which are given to prospective residents prior to moving on to the site.

Malcolm has stated 'This is not the outcome I had hoped to achieve. The majority of residents at the previous public meeting voted against double yellow lines. At my request, Box Hill Neighbourhood Council have arranged to call another Public Meeting to let the residents finally decide whether or not they want double yellow lines along all or selected parts of Box Hill Road'.

PLEASE ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING IN BOX HILL VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 8PM ON MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

POST OFFICE MOVING TO HILLTOP STORES

Sadly Box Hill Village Country Stores is closing down and the Post Office will be moving to Hilltop Stores on 17th December.

Malcolm Ladell has been working with Pradeep and Jinga Patel (aka Deep & Gina) the owners of Hilltop Stores to ensure that the interests of residents, particularly those with disabilities and the elderly, are taken care of. Deep & Gina have shown Malcolm their plans and are in fact going far beyond what is required by legislation.

Some alterations are already being carried out but the major alterations to enlarge the shop and remove the external and internal steps cannot take place until March/April simply because they had to wait for the transfer to be confirmed before Gina & Deep could engage the local builder who is already committed to another contract on Box Hill. Malcolm is also be engaging with Surrey County Council to implement a safer road crossing.

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Let us know if you have any issues of concern:

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised:

Name

Address

Home / Mobile No

Email

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- Display a poster at election time
- Deliver leaflets
- Help with campaigning
- Attend social events
- Join the local Party
- Make a donation
- Stand for Council

Please return to:

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