

## Bulletin No 26 Various news items

### Tree work

Jim and Peter do quite a lot of trimming work throughout the year, and even fell trees when necessary, provided it can be done safely.

However, there are a number of trees and branches around the village which they want to remove, but they need to get a specialist tree surgeon in to do the tricky bits! For example, there is a Lawsons cypress at the back of the car park between numbers 26 and 27 which is leaning towards the electricity substation, and even though we don't think there is an immediate danger of it falling, the situation is going to get worse, not better, as the tree grows taller. So this and three other tricky trees and branches in "Jim's arboretum" and



behind the car park between numbers 9 and 10 are going to be removed next Wednesday. Cost £420. None of the trees have preservation orders. As usual, the logs will be stacked, so that any residents can take the wood for their stoves.

### Consent for work on the SSSI

Having removed the old jetty, we asked Natural England (NE) for permission to reinstate the bank nearby, create and maintain a path to it, and to set up some log seats there, so that residents can relax and enjoy the lovely view down river. We have now received the consent from NE, and so we will get on with this when the conditions are OK, hoping to complete the work by the end of March.



### Car park space numbering

As a result of some problems with the parking in front of numbers 33 to 46, we decided that it would be better if the allocated parking spaces were numbered, so it would be clear which space was allocated to which house, and which spaces were not allocated, so anyone can use them. We proposed this to all the houses involved several months ago, and we have now obtained a number of quotes for the work. It is going to cost £325. We will advise in plenty of time when the numbering will take place, so that residents can leave the spaces clear on the day.



## Railway crossing

Last week, Andy and Peter met the Level Crossing Manager, Robert, to discuss the use of the crossing. Although not a public right of way, residents are allowed to use the crossing to gain access to the Crambeck Village land (the SSSI) beyond the old coal yard. The large gate is padlocked, to prevent unauthorised entry, but we have a key in case we need to take equipment across for maintenance work.

There are clearly dangers involved crossing the line, so Robert has sent us a safety leaflet (attached), and we agreed to pass it on to all the residents of Crambeck Village.

## Tennis court development sub-committee

Following our request a few weeks ago, three people have volunteered to form a subcommittee to consider possible options for the future use of the tennis court. We are setting up communications between them, so they can get on with their work. We hope they will eventually provide a number of costed proposals which can be put to the shareholders, so that a decision can be made on how to proceed. CMCL will then implement whatever has been agreed by the majority of shareholders.



If anyone else wants to help develop the options for the court, please get in touch quickly, either by email or post, so you can be involved from the beginning.

Best wishes

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## User worked crossing with telephone



- Obey signs.
- If you are crossing with vehicles or animals, you must use the telephone to get permission to cross.
- When you have permission to cross, open the gates on both sides of the railway.
- Cross quickly and stay alert. Do not stop on the crossing.
- Close both gates after crossing, never leave them open.
- You must telephone railway staff after crossing if they instruct you to do so.
- If crossing with a vehicle, consider how long it will take to cross. How heavy is your vehicle and load? What's the clearance of your vehicle – will it hit lines above or is there a risk of it grounding?
- If crossing with animals, consider how long it will take to cross and whether they are likely to stray onto the railway.

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LIVE



## How to use the crossing



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02

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03

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04

Close both gates after crossing, never leave them open.



05

You must telephone railway staff after crossing if they instruct you to do so.

### Pedestrians only

- Stop, look both ways and listen.
- Ensure you have enough time to cross safely, then cross quickly and stay alert.
- Close the gates behind you, never leave them open.

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