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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Reports of Reports seemed to dominate the March Meeting, with the A27 in prominent place. Now the project has been scrapped by Highways England, with the money lost, the County Council set up a meeting on Monday March 6th to restore unity between the north and south positions. Chaired by the Editor in Chief of the Observer paper, it was proposed that the development of group workshops with an independent overseeing chairperson would encourage and develop ideas not dictated from outside. This method may offer ideas based on local community knowledge to mitigate the effect of through traffic, now registering at 42% of the total on the A27. Andrew Tyrie will continue to press for the reinstatement of the project on the RIS (Road Investment Strategy) but there will be at least a five year delay.

Reports of the Litter Picking Day stressed that the willing volunteers had collected many more bags than usual but thoroughly enjoyed tea later with splendid home made cakes. Unfortunately, while searching the hedgerow some extra plastic bags were found containing dog mess, please use the bins provided. This year we were joined by the manager and servers from MacDonal'd's in Bognor completing out their community service role. As might be expected, they were very experienced pickers returning from The Lakes with several full bags.

More reports will be heard at the public meeting in the North Mundham Village Hall on May 9th at 7.00pm as the Council considers the previous year in terms of planning, finance, the Village Hall, development of the neighbourhood plan plus a review of the year's activities, though it will be lightened by John Hall, a members of the Growers Association who will offer an explanation of the use of lighting in the glass houses. The meeting will end with light refreshment when informal questions may continue.

This year the 'Open Gardens Day' will take place on Sunday 25th June 2.00-6.00. Please would all willing volunteers hiding under some incredible shrub, step forward so I can set in motion the publicity to give full credit to your skills and imagination.

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