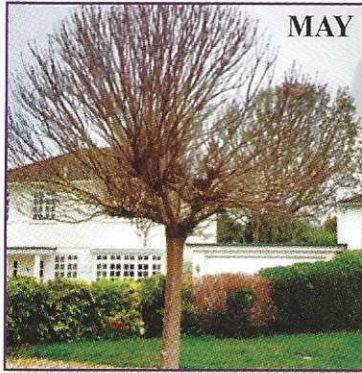


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In my short time I have noticed how our trees continue to develop and grow, sometimes at alarming rates, or, they start the process of dying. The recent 40mph + gusts in June and July were unusual and unwelcome and have led to several broken tree limbs and debris. Richard and Liz have been very helpful collecting debris from after the strong winds.



MAY



JULY

We are so fortunate to have over 700 trees/large shrubs on our estate with a wide variety of species. I have been learning a lot about our trees! One particularly interesting tree, which I had never heard of, is the Indian Bean tree. In May one looked dead with no sign of a green leaf. I asked Richard if we should include it on the list for felling. Richard said definitely not and few weeks later it was covered in growth, as shown below.

As you may be aware, we use a specialist arboriculturist organisation to survey the health of our trees and provide us with recommendations e.g., pollard, deadwood removal, fell, remove stem etc. This autumn and winter we will need to undertake work on over 30 trees.

You may have noticed we have installed a section of gravel grid in the Pagham twitten. The purpose is to see whether the grids retain the gravel, so it doesn't move to the sides leaving a muddy path during autumn/winter. We also hope the grid reduces the amount of gravel we need to replace. If successful we may extend the grid sections.

I would like to remind residents to check if they have any branches overhanging the roads. Basically, overhanging branches should be a minimum of 5.2 metres (17ft) above the road. This is to ensure branches do not damage services vehicles and your trees do not suffer damage. Service vehicles such as fire engines, ambulances, and refuse vehicles are usually under 4 metres but there are some commercial vehicles e.g., Removal lorries that could reach 4.40 metres.

Finally, a reminder, you need to apply to Arun District Council before undertaking work on trees. They will be able to confirm if a tree is subject to a Tree Protection Order (TPO). All trees covered by a TPO are protected by law and it is an offence to carry out most operations on a tree within Arun that is covered by a TPO without Arun DC permission. This includes cutting down, uprooting, topping, lopping, wilful damage or destruction of trees and roots. [www.arun.gov.uk/trees/](http://www.arun.gov.uk/trees/) If a protected tree is damaged and/or destroyed without permission, the owner or person doing the work may be prosecuted and fined up to £20,000 per tree in a Magistrates' court or a possible unlimited fine if a case proceeds to Crown Court.

*Peter Hill*

## **A message from one of our younger residents Jess Fuller**

In July 2025 I will be travelling to Peru and will be volunteering with Camp International. The trip lasts for four weeks. During this time, I will be assisting in a variety of projects which are designed to provide sustainable long-term support to communities in some of the most rural areas. The voluntary work is split into three different types of projects, community, environmental and wildlife. An example of one of the projects will be to improve infrastructure and provide safe and productive learning environments for local children. In addition to this community project, we will assist in the building of toilets for houses in order to improve sanitation.

Immersing myself into the rich and vibrant culture of Peru is very exciting but, the thought of assisting in the variety of projects is both thrilling and scary as I will have to learn so many new skills, like plastering, painting and low-level construction. Thankfully, there will be local skilled tradespeople to oversee our work!!!