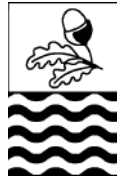


Our charities for 2010:

- **Help for Heroes** supports wounded servicemen and women, by making grants to other charities and groups with expertise in providing the facilities and services they need eg a new rehabilitation complex, a stress treatment centre, a relative's house, personnel recovery centres.
- **Runnymede Home Start** is part of a network of nearly 16,000 trained parent volunteers supporting parents who are struggling to cope

with post-natal illness, disability, bereavement, the illness of a parent or child, or social isolation.

• Virginia Water Community Association



We have already welcomed one new member to the organising committee but there is still room for more or perhaps you have some ideas for ways to improve the village's big day – just call **01344 843553**.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...



Dear Editor,

Runnymede Community Strategy Health and Social Care Group continue working for a healthy and vibrant borough. Our task groups on alcohol and smoking make, what we believe is a necessary improvement to the well being of the community.

The next project is to set up a task group on Obesity with a view to the reduction of Coronary Heart Disease. In the meantime keep walking!

*Yours sincerely,
Elise Whiteley, Chairman*

PIC SHOWS THE CHAIRMAN GOING TO THE LETTER BOX AND POSTING A LETTER TO SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL. STILL WORKING DESPITE THE WEATHER!

Dear Sir,

The Chancellor played the safety card in December's Pre-Budget Report. However, anyone earning six figures still faces a tough year. With forthcoming Income Tax rate rises from April, high earners will need to have their wits about them. With this in mind, here are some useful pointers for your readers (please remember to always seek the latest professional advice from your accountant before acting).

Make pension contributions now. If you're earning £130,000 and your total income (including your employer's pension contribution) comes to £150,000 – then talk to your accountant for the latest advice on pension contributions.

Make the most of capital gains tax. Consider fixing your Capital Gains Tax to 18% even if you still want to keep hold of the asset.

Start tax planning now. If you're facing the prospect of higher Income Tax rates in April then don't delay. Talk to your accountant now about ways to minimise tax from this date.

Bring dividends forward. Shareholders who take money as dividends should do so before 6 April 2010 to avoid the higher rate of tax.

Talking to your accountant now could avoid costly mistakes in these challenging financial times.

*Kind regards,
Dawn O'Leary, Davis Burton Sellek, Chartered Accountants*