



**Dear Resident** – The theme of my last newsletter contribution was focussed on community spirit. Little did we know that during the first months of 2020 we would face a global pandemic and along with other countries a period of lockdown. This unprecedented situation has resulted in the creation of the Longdown Lodge Estate Help Group. This group was created by residents from across the estate. Its purpose is to focus on the wellbeing of our neighbours as well as doing the shopping for those residents required to isolate, in accordance with government instructions. Well done and thank you to all involved for your initiative and efforts to support your fellow residents.

The Rainbow drawings are so uplifting to see. Please email [committee@llera.org.uk](mailto:committee@llera.org.uk) if you would like to display your child's/grandchild's picture in our notice board which will be on a rota basis. Whilst we remain in a lockdown situation let us all consider our neighbours, avoid having bonfires and keep our speed to 20 mph.

As Spring has finally arrived we have seen a number of daffodils come up across the estate. Unfortunately in some areas the numbers have been sparse. This is primarily due to some bulbs not being planted deeply enough which have then been dug up by magpies and squirrels. Would you like to join the Committee and plant some more bulbs for us all to enjoy next Spring? Please email [committee@llera.org.uk](mailto:committee@llera.org.uk) and let us know.

I am pleased to be able to report that the entrance sign to the estate has been fully restored and is ready to be re-installed. Once the lockdown restrictions have been lifted the sign will be put back in its rightful place.

Please continue to remain safe. If you are in need of anything please contact the Committee via email or telephone and we will ensure you receive the assistance you require.

**Mrs Odette Calvert** - Very sadly we have to inform you of the death on Friday the 17th April of Mrs Odette Calvert who was 98. Odette and her husband Mel had lived in Broom Acres since the estate was first built in 1955. Mel of course was the person who started the Longdown Lodge Estate Residents Association in 1962. Sadly Mel died in February 2014 aged 94.

Odette was born in Belgium in 1922 and met Mel towards the end of the war in Belgium in 1944. He was in the RAF and after the liberation of Northern France they met at a dance over a glass of wine on Christmas Eve and Mel then became adopted by Odette's family. They corresponded on Mel's move to Antwerp, became engaged in 1947 and were married in 1949 and lived in Dublin.

Mel then worked at Blackbushe Airport and they lived in Camberley moving to Broom Acres in 1955 where their only son Maurice was born. They were married for 65 years.

Odette was a very private person but even at 98 she had a very sharp memory and she enjoyed a chat. Her passing away is the end of an era on the estate.

This year's AGM is being held later than usual and will be a little different. With residents safety in mind it will be held via Zoom (an online meeting) on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 8pm. Please look out for an email with the agenda and instructions on how to join.

**Would you like to join the committee or become a Street rep?** We have vacancies and you can join as an individual or as a couple. We meet several times a year in each others houses and it's a great way to be a part of your community and make new friends. If you would like to join us as a new committee member or stand against the current Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer then please let Chris know in writing to 11 Primrose Way or ([committee@llera.org.uk](mailto:committee@llera.org.uk)) no later than the 17th July 2020

#### Treasurer Vacancy



We currently have a vacancy for a Treasurer. This is a great opportunity to join the Committee. A full handover will be provided by the existing Treasurer. The role entails managing the committee's bank account which shall include depositing money from events and the annual subscriptions, paying expenses and maintaining a proper record of receipts and expenditures

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MEETING**

Current Committee members include;



Chris Mackie  
Secretary



Tracey Jones  
Treasurer



Sue O'Sullivan  
Committee



Robert Miles  
Committee



Wendy Miles  
Committee



Karen Harrison  
Committee



Ian Harrison  
Committee



Colin Mayer  
Committee

**Waste Recycling during the COVID19 outbreak** - The current situation has left many of us more time to work on our homes and gardens which has generated waste. Re3 Bracknell and Reading are operating a 'Click & Tip' recycling centre booking system for re3 residents to select a date and time to visit their nearest site.



They ask that due to high demand, please only make one booking a week. Residents do not need to login or create account within the booking system, just choose your slot and type your details. Bookings are available seven days in advance, and are released throughout the day. If you see 'Booking Not Available' it means that this time has not been made available yet. The booking system can be found here <https://re3.fccenvironment.co.uk/site-facilities/>

**Online food shopping** – If you are struggling to get out for food you are able to shop online and have food delivered to your home. Most of the major retailers offer a service. Retailers who can deliver to our estate include; Tesco, Sainsburys, Morrisons, ASDA, Waitrose, Ocado, Amazon and Iceland. They are all receiving unprecedented demand at the moment but most are prioritising vulnerable customers. Iceland is worth considering if you have struggled to find a slot previously although it has a limited range.

**Support our local Pubs** – Many of our local pubs have been operating pop up shops both to help the community and to generate an income. Our closest is the "The Bird in the Hand" which is Open between 12-5pm Wednesday to Saturday. They are operating a pop up shop as well as a takeaway menu. You can find out more on their [facebook](#) page.

**Your Annual Subscription** – You can pay your annual £5 subscription fee (due by September) either when our street reps call or via bank transfer. Our bank details are:

**Bank:** Barclays Bank  
**Account name:** Community  
**Sort Code:** 20 65 20  
**Account number:** 13005461



Please quote your house number and street abbreviation as the reference so we can identify your payment.

E.g. 7 Beech Ride = 7BR

Road	Abbreviation
Beech Ride	BR
Primrose Way	PR
Broomacres	BA
Orchard Gate	OG
Greenways	GW
Spring Woods	SW
Kings Keep	KK
Little Moor	LM

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