

# Longdown Lodge Estate Residents Association

## Chairman's Report 2012-13

The main theme of this year's work has been modernisation; there has been, thanks to my fellow committee members, an update of the rules of this association, and they are now published on our other main innovation, our own website, [www.llera.org.uk](http://www.llera.org.uk). The man responsible for this is our Secretary, Chris Mackie; he is to be heartily commended for this achievement.

As well as looking forward to putting new documents on the website, as they are generated, Chris has been busy scanning old ones in, thus forming a readily-accessible archive of old material. This will be useful for incoming new residents who may wish to see what we have done over the years, and existing residents who may wish to refresh their memories. Chris has asked for old photographs, as well as old documents, to add to this archive. We plan to maintain a list of trades and services who can provide reliable work, and who we hope will offer discounts to our members.

We have collected email addresses from two-thirds of households on the estate, and this enables us to contact members when important news needs to be disseminated, without having to trudge around, or cascade information via street representatives. I would ask you to consider giving us your email address, please, if you haven't done so: drop us a line at [committee@llera.org.uk](mailto:committee@llera.org.uk) and we'll add you to the list of members.

We aim to continue our tradition of social events with a quiz evening this Autumn on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, and we will also, I hope, continue our street parties to mark suitable occasions, in the years to come.

Property values continue to remain firm. Homes on this estate are sought-after, thanks in no small part to peoples effort in maintaining an attractive approach to each house, as well as the substantial proportion of our spending of your subscriptions on the island at the entrance to the estate. We have earmarked a sum to further enhance this.

I have attended quarterly liaison meetings between Sandhurst Town Council and the four residents associations (ours, Snaprails, College Meadows, and Sandhurst Residents Association) and the chairmen of each of these was invited to meet the Duke of Edinburgh when he visited Sandhurst, this year.

On 29/5/13 I attended the appeal hearing regarding the possible construction of a care home, in the old Eagle House field, and the site visit the following morning. We expect to hear the inspector's decision towards the end of July.

I thank our committee members for all their hard work this year, and commend them to you for confirmation of their co-opting, and for their re-election.

Dr Stephen Thomas.

