



## Season's Greetings from the Longdown Lodge Estate Residents Association December 2013

Dear Resident

2013 draws to a close and we take time to remember those who are no longer with us. We have lost a number of estate residents since last year's newsletter and our thoughts are with their families. The association would personally like to remember Tony Hall-Patch who re-joined us as a committee member in 2012 shortly before he passed away earlier this year. He served on more than one occasion over the years and the current committee and those who served with Tony before us had the honour and the pleasure to know him.



We are pleased to let you know that Mel Calvert our founder and life president is in good spirits and is continuing to make good progress in his recovery and is now able to walk about at home. He's well enough for visitors if you would like to pop round.

With long range forecasters warning winter 2013 will be the longest in history and the worst in 60 years, please be a good neighbour during the cold winter months and check on friends and neighbours to make sure they are okay, especially those who are elderly and vulnerable.

### Eagle House Field – Appeal Dismissed



The appeal by Bewley Homes against last year's refusal by Bracknell Forest Council to allow an 85 bed care home to be built on Eagle House field was dismissed on the 10th October 2013 stating "There are no material consideration that indicate that the appeal should be allowed".

### Looking after your estate

**Gritting** - We challenged Bracknell Forest Council to provide a salt bin for the junction of Beech Ride and Greenways and they came out and surveyed however the gradient isn't quite sufficient. They have however agreed to grit the road when snow is forecasted with their new light weight vehicle this winter.

**Grass Cutting** – The council had purchased a new vehicle which is capable of collecting the grass cuttings as it mows. We trialled this for a few weeks during the summer on the island and verges however due to the slope on the island it resulted in a harsh cut and scoring as the vehicle turned so the association will continue to cut the island and the council will cut the verges.

**Silver cabinets** –We have ascertained that the silver cabinets on the island are empty boxes to protect T Mobile's ground cables. The highways agency has approached T Mobile who have agreed to install green cabinets in their place.

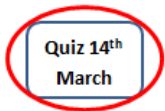
**Landscaping** – We have added a new border to the island and had it planted with Bell heather which will grow to approximately 2 foot and daffodils planted for the spring.

**Bulb Planting** - Recently we held a bulb planting event with daffodils and crocuses being planted on our green spaces, we look forward to a pleasant display in the spring. Thank you to those who volunteered to help us.



**Notice board** – We are looking to erect a small permanent stained hardwood notice board on the island rather than the temporary boards used in the past.

### Social Events



Unfortunately we had to cancel the quiz in September due to insufficient interest. Many people said that we hadn't provided enough notice so please **save the date**. We shall be holding a quiz at Uplands school on Friday 14th March.



We have launched a Facebook page. If you use facebook please stop by and contribute to make it a great resource for residents

**Would you like to join the committee?** Volunteering for the LLERA is rewarding and can be a lot of fun, we meet quarterly either in each others homes or at the Bird in Hand pub. We are currently looking for people to fill the following roles, if you are interested or want to find out more please contact us.

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

- Vice Chairman
- Social Secretary
- 2 General committee members
- Street Reps: Primrose Way, Orchard Gate, Greenways

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Join your neighbours and save paper by signing up for our emails over 2/3rds of our residents have already done so. We all share a joint email address: [committee@llera.org.uk](mailto:committee@llera.org.uk)



**Phone us** – If you would like to speak to us please pick up the phone but as some of us have young children please don't call too late into the evening.

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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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