

LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER February 2012

Dear Member,

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! and a very warm welcome to all new residents.

This Newsletter summarises recent news and activities of the Association.

Christmas 2011

It is regrettable that an illuminated board featuring an inappropriate outline was displayed at the entrance to the Estate on several occasions over the Christmas period. Many people, both residents and passers-by on the Crowthorne Road, found this offensive. The matter was dealt with effectively by the Police.

Eagle House Field

We understand that the developer of the proposed Residential Care Home is intending to re-apply for planning permission.

Your Association

The Residents' Association was founded in 1962 to improve the amenities of the Estate and to look after the interests of all members. The Association played a major part in ensuring that there is no through traffic by resisting attempts to provide through roads in Beech Ride Broom Acres South, Spring Woods and Primrose Way and continues to challenge infilling and inappropriate developments on the Estate boundaries.

The care taken over the appearance of the entrance island and the planting of trees and shrubs on grassed areas at road junctions combine to make an attractive environment. This is enhanced in Springtime with displays of daffodils from the thousands of bulbs planted over the years. The Estate is rightly a much sought after area in which to live and is described in the Borough local plan as an area of outstanding residential character.

The Association has also endeavoured to build a strong sense of community among members by organising social events such as Quiz evenings, cheese and wine garden parties and street parties to celebrate national events.

We would ask members to help us to maintain the Estate to a high standard and to preserve its unique charm in this fast developing area of Sandhurst.

The Association's 49th Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held on the 6th July and was attended by the officers and 22 members.

The minutes of the 48th AGM were approved. The Financial Report showed a net loss of £359.32. This was partly due to the cost of grass cutting and the exceptional charge of maintenance of the sign board. The overall credit balance remains satisfactory. To cover likely increases in costs it was agreed that the annual subscription should increase to £4.00 per household.

Laura, our Community Police Support Officer gave a talk on her work in Sandhurst.

The plans of the proposed development of a Residential Home on Eagle House field were exhibited at the end of the meeting

Officers of the Committee 2011/12

Life President: Mel Calvert
Chairperson: Sue O'Sullivan
Vice Chairperson: Alwyn Ward
Hon. Secretary: Peter Roberts
Hon. Treasurer: Bert Hickman
Social Secretary: Vacant

Neighbourhood Watch

Sue O'Sullivan is our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Please inform her on 774357 as soon as possible if you experience any break-ins, thefts or vandalism so that other residents can be warned. **The Police number for non urgent incidents is now 101.** This is a national number which identifies the area you are calling from and connects you to the Police Enquiry Centre for that area.

Social Events

Quiz Evening Ian and Karen Harrison have agreed to organise a Quiz Evening on **March 16th at Uplands Primary School, starting at 8 pm.** Events such as this have been very popular in the past so make a note in your diary. Full details and an application form will be distributed nearer the time.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration We are proposing to organise a Street Party on the June Bank Holiday weekend. Volunteers are required to help bring this about. Let's make it one of the best! Please contact our Chairman, Sue O'Sullivan on 774357.
