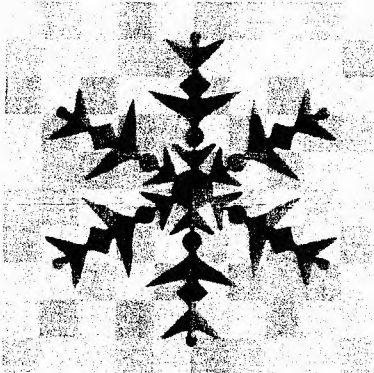


# LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER 2008



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.

## Officers of the Committee 2007/08

Life President: Mel Calvert  
Chairperson: Sue O'Sullivan  
Vice Chairperson: Pam Marshal  
Hon. Secretary: Peter Roberts  
Hon. Treasurer: Bert Hickman  
Social Secretary: Coralie Ramsey

## Notice Board at the Entrance to the Estate

We are very grateful to John Yarranton for fashioning a replacement letter for the one removed by vandals.

## The Association's 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June and was attended by the officers and 17 members.

The minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> AGM were approved. The Financial Report showed a net surplus of £14.89. The accumulated funds are well in credit. It was agreed that the annual subscription should be remain at £2.50 per household.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Regrettably there was a break-in during the night at a house on the Estate and credit cards and a car were stolen. Our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is Mel Calvert on 774375. Please inform him as soon as possible if you experience any break-ins, thefts or vandalism so that other residents can be warned.

\*\*\*Stop Press\*\*\* There has been another break-in in the same area during the week ending 12 January. Please be vigilant. Do not advertise your absence. If you are going to be away or out after dark, the Police recommend you fit time-switch activated lighting to deter would-be intruders. They also recommend that car keys are not left accessible and garage doors are shut when you go out, even for a short while. Apparently 12noon to 5pm is a particularly vulnerable time.

### Parking of cars

In the interests of road safety, please do not park near road junctions. The Highway Code recommends that "you do not park opposite or within 10 metres of a road junction". Please be careful not to inconvenience other road users and pedestrians and park in drives if possible.

### Sandhurst Town Council

As our Chairperson, Sue O'Sullivan attends the quarterly meetings between Sandhurst Town Council and the various Residents Associations in the town, which provide very useful feedback on matters affecting the area.

One of our residents, Graham Ramsey, was elected to the Town Council in May 2007. He is responsible for footpaths and would welcome any comments from residents.

### Post Office Closure Threat

The Post Office at Mill Parade has been identified for possible closure. Councillor Dale Birch is co-ordinating a protest campaign. Individual letters carry most weight so please write to him at Sandhurst Town Council Offices by the 31<sup>st</sup> January if you would be inconvenienced by the removal of postal services from Mill Parade.

### Sandhurst News Story

A recent edition of the Sandhurst News carried a front page story about an outline planning application for a huge housing development on the TRL site at Crowthorne. We are assured by Paul Bettison, Leader of BFBC that such a development is not in the local development framework and "will not happen in our lifetime". However, Sue O'Sullivan is in contact with the STC and BFBC concerning this very worrying possibility. To view the outline planning application please go to [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk) or [www.crowthorneconsultation.co.uk](http://www.crowthorneconsultation.co.uk). As an Association we will be writing a letter of protest and we very much hope you will too.

### Social Events

Several social events are planned by the Association for 2008. Details will be distributed soon. The Town Council have a full programme of events on the Sandhurst Memorial Park, details of which are attached to this Newsletter.

### Thank you

To all the members who collect subscriptions and deliver the Newsletters.

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