

LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER December 2008

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and 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: Tracey Jones

An Appeal from our Chairman

With the ever increasing number of cars on the Estate, could members please keep as many of them off the road as possible by parking in garages or on drives. This will help to create a clearer street-scene making it safer for young children. Cars are also much less likely to be stolen or vandalised if they are on your drive.

The Association's 46th Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held on the 18th June and was attended by the officers and 24 members.

The minutes of the 45th AGM were approved. The Financial Report showed a net surplus of £171.57. The accumulated funds are well in credit. The major item of expenditure is grass cutting, so it was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £2.50 per household.

Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately there was a break-in recently during daylight hours at a house on the Estate and jewellery was 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. The Police number is 0845 8 505 505.

Please be vigilant, particularly over the Christmas period. 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.

Around the Estate

Pavements – At long last and after years of pressure on the Council from your Committee, all the pavements on the Estate have been refurbished with a slurry seal which should hold the structure together for many years to come. The operation was carried out by the contractors with minimal disruption to residents. We wish to thank Councillors Mike Brossard and Graham Ramsey for their help in pursuing this matter with the Town and Borough councils.

Bonfires – The smoke from bonfires can be a nuisance hundreds of metres from the source. Please have regard for your neighbours before lighting up.

Verges - Our thanks to all members who have cut the grass on the verges and islands around the Estate to keep everything looking neat and tidy and to maintain the high standard of appearance we all appreciate.

Volunteers required!

During the more than 50 years of its existence, the Association has endeavoured to maintain a pleasant environment on the Estate by monitoring and opposing planning applications which would have led to through roads and developments out of keeping with its character. We are now asking for younger members to volunteer for election to the Committee so that the future of the association can be assured.

Social Events

We are planning another Quiz Evening to be held early in the New Year.