



LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2006

Dear Member,

The Committee is pleased to welcome all new residents to the Estate, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2005. This Newsletter summarises recent news and activities of the Association and is one of two published during the year. If you have any suggestions for items to be included, please contact the secretary.

Entrance to the Estate

The telecommunications mast and associated cabinets are now installed on the island in spite of our vigorous campaign in opposition to it. That it is fairly unobtrusive is chiefly down to the hard work of David Markby who negotiated long and hard with T-Mobile on the final positioning of the cabinets and also arranged for the sign board to be renovated and brought forward. A big thank-you, David, from us all.

David has also arranged for a gardener to box cut the grass every fortnight during the cutting season at the same price as this year. We are planning to plant some shrubs to camouflage the cabinets, in the mean time we look forward to another beautiful display of daffodils.

The Association's 44th Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held on the 12th July and was attended by the officers and 20 members.

The minutes of the 43rd AGM were approved. The Financial Report showed a net deficit of £299, but this was foreseen and related to the extraordinary items associated with the Association's fiftieth anniversary celebrations. The accumulated funds are still well in credit. It was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £2.50 per household.

P.C. Vanessa Coxhill, our Community Beat Officer, gave a short talk. She said that crime in the area is low, helped by Ringmaster and a good network of Neighbourhood Watch groups. P.C. Coxhill warned against burglaries where car keys are targeted. The telephone number for non emergency police contact is – **0845 8 505 505** and the Sandhurst Police Point is on **01252 875601**. She encouraged members to report any antisocial behaviour such as speeding cars, motorbikes in the woods etc. and promised that the police will follow up any reported incidents.

Officers of the Committee 2006/07

Life President: Mel Calvert

Chairperson: Sue O'Sullivan; Vice Chairperson: Pam Marshall

Hon. Secretary: Peter Roberts; Hon. Treasurer: Bert Hickman; Social Secretary: Vacant

Neighbourhood Watch

No incidents have been reported in the last few months. If you experience any break-ins, thefts or vandalism please inform Mel Calvert, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, on 774375 as soon as possible so that other residents can be warned. If you are going to be out after dark, we recommend you fit time-switch activated lighting to deter would-be intruders.

Be a good neighbour!

We have been asked by several residents to bring the following to the attention of all members:

Please be thoughtful when parking cars not to park in front of neighbour's houses if at all possible.

Please be mindful of creating noise which could disturb others, remember noise travels.

Care for the environment

We seem to have lost quite a few well established trees recently. May we suggest that replacements are planted where possible for the enjoyment of residents in the future.

For information

Sandhurst Coffee Spot. This is run by Sandhurst Churches Together. Volunteers are required to work in this café, hours to suit. If interested and over 16 please phone Pam on 07770663623

The Citizens Advice Bureau is at the Kitty Dancy Room every Tuesday from 10.00 to 11.30 am

The Youth Bus which provides help and advice for young people is outside the Coffee Spot on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9pm

In conclusion

Many thanks to the people who collect subscriptions and deliver the Newsletters.

The Committee wishes all members a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Yours sincerely,

Peter Roberts