



LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2005

Dear Member,

The Committee wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and a warm welcome to all new residents to the Estate. This Newsletter summarises recent news and activities of the Association.

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Estate

A party was held in June at Uplands School and was greatly enjoyed by over 50 people (adults and children). A huge thank you to Wendy Markby and her team for organising this event and to David Markby for producing a special Newsletter, which covered the development of the Estate and highlighted the campaigns and social events which have taken place over this period. We still have 30 original occupiers living here.

Entrance to the Estate

The proposal to erect a telecommunications mast on the island was rejected by the Council which recognised that it is a special feature of the Estate. Very many thanks to all those of you who supported our campaign by writing letters to the Council and our Member of Parliament and by signing the petition.

We are sure that the excellent appearance of the island influenced the Council's decision. The volunteers who have cut the grass this year did a marvellous job but it is a big commitment and we think the time has come to employ a gardener to box cut the grass every fortnight during the cutting season.

The Association's 43rd Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held later this year on the 19th October and was attended by the officers and 15 members.

The minutes of the 42nd AGM were approved. The Financial Report showed an excess of income over expenditure of £46.61. In view of the decision to employ a gardener, it was agreed that the annual subscription should be raised to £2.50 per household.

Following an incident when a lorry damaged the verge and displaced one of the rocks on the entrance island, members were asked to take a note of the vehicle registration and company of any future offenders so that compensation can be claimed.

Members wished Ray Williams, a former Chairman, and his wife Jean all the best for their move to Dorset and thanked them for their work for the Association over the years.

Officers of the Committee 2005/06

Life President: Mel Calvert

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

Hon. Secretary: Peter Roberts; Hon. Treasurer: Bert Hickman; Social Secretary: Wendy Markby

Neighbourhood Watch

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.

Social events – dates for your diary

Another QUIZ EVENING has been arranged, for Residents and friends, at Uplands School, Albion Road on **Friday 24th February 2006** from 7.30pm to 10.30pm. These quiz evenings are great fun and not to be missed! Teams can be up to eight people. The current champions are looking forward to a good challenge. More details will be distributed nearer the time.

The Town Council is organising a special event for the Royal Military Academy to exercise their Freedom of the Borough on **15th July 2006**.

In conclusion

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

Yours sincerely,

Peter Roberts