



LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter Christmas 2001

Dear Member,

Greetings from your Committee for a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

We welcome our new Chairman, Sue O'Sullivan, who was elected at the AGM and express our grateful thanks to Ray Williams who retired from the post after six years of looking after our interests.

Sue's theme for this year is road safety. She is particularly concerned about the speed that vehicles travel on Estate roads and at the junctions of Broom Acres with Greenways and Greenways with Beech Ride. These days speeding only gets you to the next traffic jam a little bit quicker. Is it worth it if people's lives are put at risk in the process?

SUMMARY OF THE 39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The officers and 14 members attended the meeting on the 19th June.

The minutes of the 38th AGM were approved. The Financial Report showed an excess of expenditure over income of about £85. This was due to greater expenditure budgeted for maintenance of the entrance island and non-recurring expenses on maintenance of equipment. The accumulated fund is still healthy and amounts to over £500. It was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £1.

Some members were concerned that, at times, the appearance of the grass and shrubs on the island and at road junctions throughout the Estate was falling below the high standards we have always tried to maintain. It was suggested that a group of volunteers might be formed to supplement the work of the Council's contractors.

Following the success of the Summer 2000 Street Party, it was suggested that more social events for residents should be held. In particular, it was felt that we should mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002.

Officers of the Association, Members of the Committee and Road Wardens were elected for the coming year. A full list is given overleaf.

FOLLOW UP TO THE AGM

If you would like to be involved in a working party to carry out light gardening duties on the public areas of the Estate or have any suggestions for celebrating the Golden Jubilee, please contact a member of the Committee or your Road Warden.

OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE 2001/02

Life President:	Mel Calvert	Vice Chairman:	Pam Marshall
Chairman:	Sue O'Sullivan	Honorary Treasurer:	Bert Hickman
Honorary Secretary:	Peter Roberts		
Social Secretary:	Lesley Jones		

COMMITTEE MEMBER Rosamund Hendry

ROAD WARDENS

Greenways:	Tom Williams	Primrose Way:	Alan Kinsella
Broom Acres:	Ray Williams, Mel Calvert	Orchard Gate:	Carole Langheim
Beech Ride:	Lesley Jones, Pam Marshall		
Spring Woods / Kings Keep / Little Moor:			Steve Thomas, Colin Strain

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mel Calvert reports that a small amount of vandalism has taken place on the Estate. He hopes that the first edition of "Crowthorne Stoppers" circulated to members was of interest. On the matter of security, our retiring Chairman, Ray Williams, emphasised in his final report the importance of having some form of security lighting in the home if it is left unoccupied after dark.

AROUND THE ESTATE

In the Bracknell Local Plan 2000 our Estate and the adjacent areas are recorded as being important residential areas with low density detached dwellings and well wooded settings. Any proposals for infilling or rounding off of rear gardens will be strongly resisted by the Local Authority. The next review of the Local Plan will not take place until 2006. The owners of the field opposite Eagle House School will then seek another review for development. In the meantime they have informed us that the field will remain for grazing.

The road markings have been repainted, which is a great improvement. Our thanks go to Mel Calvert for repairing and cleaning the Island notice board.

Typical prices: houses £300,000 plus depending on extensions; original bungalows £200,000.

ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT - Ring Mel Calvert, 774375

This includes: lawn spiker, fertiliser spreader, extension ladder, branch pruner, drain rods and wine glasses (6 dozen). The Karcher washer has been scrapped and will not be replaced. Mel keeps a list of tradesmen who have given satisfactory service.

Once again, wishing you a Happy Christmas,

Yours sincerely

Peter Roberts