

LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 1999



Dear Member,

This Newsletter brings with it greetings from your committee for a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and a warm welcome to all new Members. It also summarises recent news and activities of your Association.

THE 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The officers and 23 members attended the meeting on the 1st July.

The minutes of the 36th AGM were approved. The Financial Report showed an excess of income over expenditure of £129.41, an amount similar to the previous year. The extra expense of purchasing bulbs and planting was balanced by an increase in income from the hire of the Karcher washer. It was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £1.

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

A MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION?

A proposal for an event to celebrate the millennium during the coming year was made at the AGM. Suggestions included a Street Party, along the lines of those held in 1977 and 1981 to celebrate the Silver Jubilee and the Royal Wedding respectively, a Theatre Outing or a Skittles evening. Let us know your views - please contact a member of the Committee or your Road Warden.

EAGLE HOUSE FIELD

As yet no decision has been made by the Planning Inspector on the proposal for development of this land.

VEHICLE SPEEDS ON ESTATE ROADS

Members have once again reported excessive speeds by some vehicles on Estate roads, particularly Broom Acres. We would prefer not to have to pursue the introduction of speed humps, so request the co-operation of all Members in keeping speeds down to avoid the risk of accidents.

FLOODING IN GREENWAYS

After prompting by Mel, the drains and soakaways in Greenways have been cleared. We hope this will put a stop to the kerb-to-kerb flooding which has been occurring after heavy rain.

WILDMOOR HEATH NATURE RESERVE

We are fortunate to have direct access to this reserve from the Estate. It is managed by BBONT which presented its management plan to a public meeting in September. BBONT aim to recover the heathland by grazing so you may come across ponies or cattle when walking in the reserve. There will also be selected felling of coniferous trees to allow in-planting of other species. In the longer term there may be closures of some footpaths and changes to the line of others, but full public consultation is promised.

OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE 1999/00

Life President:	Mel Calvert		
Chairman:	Ray Williams;	Vice Chairman:	Sue O'Sullivan
Honorary Secretary:	Peter Roberts;	Honorary Treasurer:	Bert Hickman
Social Secretary:	Vacant		

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pam Marshall and Rosamund Hendry

ROAD WARDENS

Greenways:	Tom Williams	Primrose Way:	Alan Kinsella
Broom Acres:	Ray Williams, Mel Calvert	Orchard Gate:	Carole Langheim
Beech Ride:	Gary Kent, Pam Marshall		
Spring Woods / Kings Keep / Little Moor:			Steve Thomas, Nicola Mittens

ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT - Ring Mel Calvert, 774375

We would be grateful if the member who borrowed the **drain rods** some time back would return them to 24 Broom Acres as soon as possible. The equipment listed below is owned by the Association and is available on loan or hire (for a small fee):

Lawn spiker	from 24, Broom Acres
Fertiliser spreader	
Karcher washer	
Wine glasses (6 dozen)	

Extension ladder	from 8, Spring Woods
Branch pruner	

Yours sincerely

Peter Roberts
Honorary Secretary