

LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 1998

Dear Member,

As Christmas approaches, it is traditional to distribute a newsletter to bring you up to date with recent news and activities of your Association.

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE 36th AGM

Twenty three members attended the meeting on the 6th October, which had been rearranged from the original date in June due to a clash with England's World Cup match with Argentina.

The meeting was chaired by the President, Mel Calvert.

PC Andy Roberts, the Sandhurst Community Beat Officer, gave a summary of Police activities in the area which included a purge on speeding and disobeying traffic light signals associated with roadworks. The contact number for the Police is 01344-862626

The minutes of the 35th AGM were approved. The Financial Report showed an excess of income over expenditure of £127.15., reversing a recent trend of spending more than income. With the prospect of purchasing more bulbs next year it was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £1.

Officers of the Committee:

President: Mel Calvert

The following officers were elected for the year 1998/99:

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

Members of the committee:

Pam Marshall and Rosamund Hendry were elected.

Road wardens: The following were elected

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		



Talk by Simon Lee of BBONT

Simon described plans to manage the land to the north of Spring Woods, now known as the Wildmoor Heath Nature Reserve, which includes a European site of special scientific interest. The heathland is currently encroached by scrub and purple moor grass. BBONT aim to recover it by grazing, the traditional and most sustainable form of management. Fencing has been erected to divide the area into six compartments and cattle introduced. Many footpaths are being improved and board walks introduced in boggy areas.

A lively discussion followed on possible conflicts between habitat conservation, public safety and ease of access. Restrictions on the freedom to roam were reasonable if the measures taken would, in the longer term, encourage the re-establishment of rare species of flora and fauna, but there needed to be some flexibility in approach in a recreational area.

Items raised under Any Other Business

Eagle House field There has been recent activity by surveyors. This land is not on the local plan for development but an application could go to public appeal before an Inspector.

Health Care Dr Steve Thomas took the opportunity to explain changes to arrangements for funding of health care in the area. A Primary Care Group would be in place in Bracknell by April 1999 to link together 40 GP's. Its purchasing power was likely to bring improved services from economies of scale.

Boys Choir Mr Lillington of Primrose Way is forming a new boys' choir "The District Boys' Choir" for boys aged 8 - 13. Meetings will be on Monday evenings at Yateley Manor Prep School. Any boys on the Estate who are interested should telephone 775367.

OTHER NEWS

Street Lighting on the Estate

You will have noticed the erratic behaviour of the street lighting. The Council aims to deal with 90 percent of problems within ten days, but ours are due to the age of the equipment. The only permanent solution is replacement of the wiring, requiring excavation.

House prices

Very good prices are being obtained. The environment of the Estate is a big attraction to purchasers - large plots, no through roads and high standards being maintained at the Estate entrance and throughout the Estate.

Finally, on behalf of your Committee, may I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely

Peter Roberts,
Honorary Secretary

