

LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member,

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

The time has come around again to present to you the Association's Spring Newsletter and I hope that you will find it interesting and informative.

Security. First, it is with regret that there have been a couple of break-ins reported on the Estate since the last Newsletter. These were at different ends of the Estate in the early evening and valuable property was stolen from both houses. So, although being part of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme does help, we all must be on our guard and report anything suspicious to the Police immediately. They do not mind being called at any time even if it turns out to be a false alarm.

Remember, when you go out, make sure the premises are always well secured and leave lights on if you return after dark, (and not only in the hall). If you wish any information on matters of security you may contact our NWS Representative, Mel Calvert, (774375) for advice.

Maintenance. Communication is still increasing with the County Council regarding the poor condition of the pavements and roads. Following the last letter from them stating that the funding for highway repairs had been exhausted already for this year, I met with one of the Council's surveyors recently to show him the problems. Whilst being very understanding, there are only one or two areas that constitute a real hazard and these will be attended to within the next few weeks. However, it was noted that the roads and pavements were breaking-up generally and the Estate will be included in the programme for the next financial year. This will still mean that the work will have to be prioritised and could be deferred until even later.

Island. This is being maintained to the usual high standard and really was a picture in early Spring. Our thanks again to Mel for planting the bulbs and also to Howard Cole for organising the grass cutting rota. **We desperately require volunteers** so if you are able to give a couple of hours to help make the front of the Estate welcoming please contact Howard Cole 772972.

Sandhurst/Crowthorne By-pass. Work is on schedule and is due for completion in October.

Sandhurst Link Road. No progress has been made on this scheme since the last Newsletter as the County Council are awaiting the Environmental Assessment of the S.S.I. land and updated traffic information before submitting the planning application which is not expected until another couple of months.

New Year Storms. By far the biggest incidents this year have been the two storms that we had at the turn of the year. Many Members suffered considerable damage to their property and I hope by now that things have returned to normal for them.

As a result of the clearing-up operation, logs from trees are still available. Anyone interested should telephone Barbara Cutler on 772280.

Car Speeds. I am still receiving reports of cars speeding on the Estate roads. Will those few offenders please desist to make the area safe for everyone.

Car Parking. The situation regarding cars being parked on pavements overnight is much improved. To reiterate again, it is in the best interests of Members to ensure that vehicles are off the roads, pavements and verges, and in garages or driveways. Not only does this remove a hazard of obstruction but will also deter the opportunist car theft or vandal. It is also clearly apparent that some parts of the pavements and kerbs have been damaged by vehicles, another reason for not parking illegally.

Pets. I am still receiving a number of complaints about dogs fouling the footpaths and verges. **Would dog owners please take note.**

Forthcoming events:

Annual General meeting to be held on Thursday, 5th July, 1990, 20.00 hours at Uplands County Primary School, Albion Road, Sandhurst. The Guest Speaker is to be Mr. Jeremy Davy, the Principle Countryside Management Officer for Berkshire County Council who will give an address on "The Work of the Environment Branch of the Department of Highways and Planning" accompanied with transparency slides to illustrate his topic.

This meeting is for the benefit of Members to come and give the Committee their views and comments on issues of the Estate. Why not also come along hear our Speaker and help to improve on last year's record attendance!

Cheese and Wine Function. Arrangements for this annual event have not yet been made, mainly on account of not having a venue due to our Social Secretary, Jill White having an extension built to her house which will not be completed for a while. If anyone would like to volunteer their garden for a couple of hours one evening would they please contact Sue O'Sullivan on 774357.

Bonfires. Complaints have been received of bonfires being lit at unsocial times, i.e. when people are enjoying the benefits of their gardens in the better weather or when washing is put out. On a number of occasions this has been very early on a Sunday morning and at other times over the weekend when they could cause a nuisance to others. Would those few concerned please show consideration and not cause annoyance to their neighbours.

Property valuation guide. It is still not considered wise to suggest any figures at this time because of the state of the market.

New members. I am aware of some new members having moved onto the Estate and I would like to take this opportunity of warmly welcoming these families and hope that they will enjoy the community spirit that has been built-up amongst us over the years.

This communication would not be complete if I did not thank those who had given me help through the year; namely our Chairman, Treasurer and President and, of course my Wife, Jean, for her patience and forbearance in producing the Newsletters and all the correspondence that goes with the office.

Finally, and sadly with a great deal of regret, this is likely to be my last Newsletter. As you will see from the A.G.M. Agenda I have to resign due to other ever increasing commitments which I am having to attend to. This means that I have less time for the work of the Association and feel that I am not undertaking the work in the way I would wish and believe it should be done. I am hoping, therefore, that a volunteer will come forward for this most important post and I will give them every assistance to take over. I have enjoyed very much my term of office and extend best wishes to all members for the future.

Yours sincerely,



Ray Williams
Honorary Secretary.