



24 Broom Acres
December, 1985

CHRISTMAS NEWS LETTER

Dear Member,

Once more we are very pleased to inform you that since the Spring News Letter there has been little vandalism and no reports of break-ins. This proves that our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is very successful with constant liaison with the Police. We urge again do not hesitate to ring the Police when necessary. **Please note.** To telephone the Police it is now necessary to ring Slough (93) 31282, then ask for Bracknell Police Station. This will be a local call charge only. Emergencies dial 999.

The A.G.M. was very well attended, in fact above average number. The Chairman reported a very successful and satisfactory year. Mrs. K. Dancy, Chairman Bracknell Magistrates Court, spoke on the history of Sandhurst. The following were elected. Chairman, David Markby, 22 Beech Ride. Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Sue O'Sullivan, 32 Beech Ride. Hon. Secretary, Mel Calvert, 24 Broom Acres. Hon. Treasurer, Harry Woods, 17 Primrose Way. Committee, Mrs. Brenda Gulliford, 29 Broom Acres, Doug Hammond, 11 Broom Acres, Mrs. Linda Mather, 2 Greenways, Brian Richardson, 6 Spring Woods, John Marsden, 9 Spring Woods, Mrs. Jill Last, 30 Beech Ride, Mrs. Barbara Cutler, 18 Beech Ride, Dave Hamblin, 8 Beech Ride, Howard Cole, 1 Orchard Gate.

We wish to thank all members most sincerely for their donations for the new rotoscythe, and in particular a few members who were most generous resulting in a £9 surplus which has been put to the general fund. We must also thank Dave Hamblin for enabling us to purchase the mower at such an interesting price. As members will have noted as a result of this purchase the standard on the Island at the entrance was outstanding! Our sincere thanks to Messrs. Dagg, Markby, Ward, Hamblin, Cole, Smith and Marsden for carrying out this important work, so important to the Estate as a whole. We look forward to other volunteers next year. A tinkle on Crowthorne 774375 will reserve a place!

Hon. Secretary has removed the lavender which was dying off, shrubs have been planted in their place. He has also made a present of a flowering cherry which was kindly planted on the left-hand side of the In road by Ralph Polombo, 2 Orchard Gate. Annuals were removed from tubs, and replaced by conifers and crocus bulbs. The Notice Board, In/Out signs have been washed and renovated. Graffiti, Chinese script, was removed from the rear of the Notice Board! The coal bunker adjacent to 1 Greenways, Crowthorne Road, has been replenished with salt/grit for use during icing conditions.

Our November Committee meeting proved to be worthwhile, a lot of business being dealt with and will be reported at the 1986 A.G.M. John Marsden unfortunately has resigned due to increased work as a Bracknell District Councillor. He will continue to give us full support and will retain the Association equipment consisting of two off ext ladders, leaf sweeper, branch pruner, fertilizer spreader, drain rods and lawn aerator. Col. John Collins, 17 Spring Woods kindly agreed to be co-opted to the Committee. Howard Cole kindly agreed to be co-opted as Assistant Secretary to take over later from Mel Calvert who has been orbiting around since 1962!

Members have purchased 1000 daffodil bulbs, an excellent display will be noted in some front gardens and verges.

Regrettably we have to mention again the question of overnight parking on service roads/footpaths. District/County Council and Police have made their points. Footpaths, difficulty for pedestrians, surfaces fouled/broken up, unable to sweep roads where vehicles are parked, coupled with damage and parts being stolen, we therefore request where possible, in all members' interest, that vehicles are parked in drives or garages. It is not our wish to pursue the matter further and trust that we will have co-operation.

Remarks have been made regarding excessive speeds on service roads and we sincerely hope that we will not have to present a case for speed humps.

A waiting list exists for properties in our Estate. Basic original houses, all mod cons., £81/83,000. Bungalows, basic, £63/65,000.

A number of new residents have been welcomed by the Hon. Secretary to the Estate, they will be visited later by Committee members in their areas.

The decision will be made by the County Council on 10th December, regarding Sandhurst by-pass routes, unfortunately too late for inclusion in this News Letter. For information please ring Crowthorne 774375.

Space being limited, the Committee wish all members a Very Happy Christmas, and our grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Butcher for printing this News Letter.

Yours sincerely,

MEL CALVERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

