



24 Broom Acres
December, 1984

CHRISTMAS NEWS LETTER

Dear Member,

We are again pleased to present you with information and activities of your Association which we feel sure you will appreciate when you have read all the details.

Since our Spring News Letter we have had no reports of break-ins or vandalism, which is outstanding as compared to other places and proves that vigilance and close liaison with the police is the answer. This is coupled with the fact that many members have introduced anti-theft devices and quite a number of burglar alarm systems. All members are encouraged to continue being vigilant and not to hesitate to ring Bracknell Police on Bracknell 421311 when necessary.

Members will have noted that the island has been tidied up in general. The Hon. Secretary has removed large amounts of lavender. Junipers and other shrubs have been planted and mini conifers planted in the tubs. 500 daffodil bulbs were purchased and very kindly planted by members in various parts of our Estate. Over the years roughly 3000 bulbs have been purchased and planted, plus numerous trees and shrubs planted on the island and grassed areas at road junctions. For the information of many new members we were also successful in stopping plans for many through roads, improving standards in general. Without the Association the area would have been completely different and there would be no waiting list for properties as has applied for some time. There is now no possibility of through roads, houses have been built where accesses existed. In connection with standards we are most grateful to those members who volunteered to cut the grass on the island during the summer months and kept it neat and tidy. We were however most disappointed at the poor response for additional volunteers for this work last year, which was left to the 'Few'. It is in every member's interest that the area should be kept tidy. Only half an hour per month is required. Please ring Crowthorne 774375 if you are able to help next year.

Our Atco rotoscylthe for cutting the grass on the island after many years good service requires to be replaced. (Mr. Wood carried out the last major repair for which we were most grateful). At our November Committee Meeting it was decided to replace it and to ask all members for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 each (Senior Citizens 75p) which is a worthwhile investment in the interest of maintaining our estate. We would be pleased to have this contribution as soon as possible by giving it to your committee member, or in due course they will call to see you. This is the first time in years that we have asked for additional funds and the annual subscription remains at a mere 50p which is extremely good value as everyone points out.

Property valuations. These continue to rise and as stated a waiting list exists. Basic original properties, Bungalows £59/61,000, Houses £74/76,000.

It is requested in everyone's interests that cars should be parked overnight in drives or garages when possible for many reasons, in particular to discourage an undesirable element from stealing parts due to that fact that our area is very quiet in the late evenings. It would also be appreciated if parking could be avoided at T-junctions and footpaths.

Road Safety — Crowthorne Road. It is hoped that the traffic lights may be installed at Longdown Road in the New Year with a pedestrian crossing incorporated. The position will be eased somewhat as children from Little Sandhurst will go to Edgbarrow School instead of Sandhurst School.

Regarding the proposed visit to the House of Commons, suggested at the AGM, Mr. Andrew McKay, M.P., would be pleased to meet members and has informed us that visits are limited to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11.15 a.m. until 12.15 p.m. and groups are limited to sixteen with nineteen maximum. In order to ascertain the numbers who would be interested in this visit would they please ring Crowthorne 774375, then a date could be fixed and the necessary transport arrangements made.

On the social side Mrs. Barbara Cutler is arranging a buffet supper at 18, Beech Ride, on Friday, 4th January, at 8 p.m. The charge will be £3.50 per person, this will include two free glasses of wine. Profits will be donated to the Ethiopian Save the Children Fund. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation please forward it with the slip below. Please return tear-off slip as soon as possible.

Other outings have been discussed for the summer, skittle evening, boat trip, theatre outing, more about this later. Mr. Doug Hammond very kindly had photostat copies printed for all members of the original brochure for properties on our estate, we are sure you will find the prices and rates most interesting!

We are again extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, 25 Broom Acres, for printing this News Letter. Finally we take this opportunity of wishing you all A Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MARKBY, *Chairman.*
MEL CALVERT, *Hon Secretary.*

To Mrs. B. CUTLER, 18 Beech Ride. Tel. Crowthorne 772280.

I/We will be present at the buffet supper on Friday, 4th January (off tickets).
 Cheque for £.....enclosed, payable to Longdown Lodge Estate Residents Association.
 Name
 Address
 Tel
 I/We will not be able to attend but enclose a donation for the Ethiopian Save the Children Fund of £

