



24 Broom Acres

December, 1983

CHRISTMAS NEWS LETTER

Dear Member,

We are pleased to present you once more with information and activities of your Association which we hope will prove of interest.

Our A.G.M. in June was well attended and the existing Committee were re-elected with the exception of Mr. B. Hudson who had served for many years and made a valuable contribution to the estate as a whole. His place was taken by Mrs. Linda Mather, 2 Greenways. We would be pleased to see some of our new members at our A.G.M., and we hope this will be the case in 1984.

We are pleased to report that there has been little or no vandalism since our last News Letter, this is due mainly to members promptly telephoning the Police should any rowdyism or misbehaviour be noted, *and the Police stress that they cannot be successful without your co-operation.* The number to ring is Bracknell 421311. One break-in has been reported, access was gained by forcing open a patio door, fortunately nothing was taken.

During the summer months it was noted that the standards were very high throughout the estate. We wish to thank Dr. Thomas, 3 Kings Keep, Messrs. J. Dagg, 13 Greenways, B. Camp, 14 Broom Acres, K. Golding, 4 Beech Ride, M. Calvert, 24 Broom Acres, J. Smith, 15 Beech Ride, R. Williams, 5 Broom Acres, D. Hamblin, 8 Beech Ride, D. Hammond, 11 Broom Acres, for their outstanding work in maintaining the island to a high standard which is so important to the Estate as a whole. We again would be pleased to have more volunteers for next year to relieve those who have carried out the work for some years. We also wish to congratulate our members in Broom Acres (South) who maintain their area to a high standard, particularly the island.

The Association equipment is held at 9 Spring Woods (Mr. J. Marsden), and consists of lawn raker, extension ladders (2 off), drain rods, branch pruner, rotoscythe for use on island only, leaf sweeper, fertiliser spreader.

The question of presenting a case for the introduction of Sleeping Policemen on estate roads has been discussed by the Committee, due to excessive speeds by a minority of drivers. It was decided to mention this in the News Letter in the hope that we will have the co-operation of offenders, failing this we will have to give the subject further careful consideration. Greenways is one of the worst areas for speeding and registration numbers have been recorded.

A letter has been sent to the Bracknell District Council to thank the dustmen for their excellent service. Perhaps members may wish to remember them at Christmas!

Property valuations. Over the past eight months there has been an increase of roughly £10/12,000, particularly in our estate. Bungalows basic £56/59,000. Houses basic £68/72,000.

The question of litter, which is on the increase stemming from the Corner Stores, by those passing through the estate has been discussed, litter bins have been suggested, but it is felt that the bins may be thrown around at the odd time, therefore we would be pleased if members would collect the litter by their own properties and to ask the owners of the Corner Stores for their co-operation. We will ask the Bracknell District Council to empty the litter bins as frequently as possible on the Public Footpath.

We are most grateful to Mrs. Barbara Cutler for organising the most successful social events, both the Cheese and Wine Party and the Skittle evening were most enjoyable. It is hoped to organise a Valentine's dance, ladies press your husbands to take you out for the evening! Also another Skittle evening is envisaged. Mrs. Cutler also retains the Association's glasses for celebrations at home!

A case has been presented by the Hon. Secretary to have the footpaths repaired and this will be carried out in the near future.

Increased numbers of cyclists particularly from the Little Sandhurst area are using the Public Footpath, Orchard Gate/Wellington Road, this is a long standing problem due to the length of the path. Should the position worsen a case will be presented for additional barriers along the path. Meanwhile the Police will carry out periodic checks and pedestrians should maintain their right by remaining on the tarmacadam.

Finally we are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, 25 Broom Acres, for printing this News Letter which is so important to the Association and Members.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID MARKBY, *Chairman.*

MEL CALVERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

