

LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE



Residents' Association



20 Broom Acres

May, 1983

SPRING NEWS LETTER

Dear Member,

We are again pleased to present you with this News Letter and hope that you will find the activities of your Association of interest.

Break-ins, Vandalism, Litter. On New Years' Eve there were two break-ins and a third unsuccessful attempt was made. Quite an amount of personal effects were stolen and to date to our knowledge none of the culprits have been caught. Access in one case was gained through or forcing open a rear kitchen fanlight window, in the other a diamond pane was broken in a front window.

Unfortunately there has been an increase in vandalism due to the present 14/18 year old generation group who pass through our area being more destructive and aggressive. A lead battery was thrown through a front window. Daffodils were kicked and destroyed in a few places. Windscreen wipers were broken off and car parts stolen from a few cars which are left on service roads, and we would request once more in everyone's interest that where possible vehicles are parked in drives and garages. Also as requested in numerous News Letters please telephone the police, on Bracknell 21311, when any rowdiness or suspicious movements are noted, otherwise your interest cannot be protected and the police require your co-operation to be successful. For elderly people who may not wish to take this action the Hon. Secretary could be contacted on Crowthorne 4375.

There has been a slight increase in litter being thrown around by people passing through the area via the public footpath. The new owner of the Corner Stores, Mrs. Hales, will be asked for her co-operation and it would be greatly appreciated if members would clear any litter around their own properties. Generally when areas are kept neat and tidy there is less of a tendency to drop litter.

Bonfires. Due to a number of complaints being received all members co-operation is again requested to light bonfires preferably after 6 p.m., and subject to weather conditions not a.m. Mondays (washing day), and above all not when neighbours are having tea on the lawn!

Keep Berkshire Tidy Competition. On a more pleasant note members will be very pleased to be informed that we were successful and received a Certificate for the efforts and general standards in our area. The judging was done by a Committee at Berkshire County Council, and the Certificate was received on your behalf by the Hon. Secretary at Shire Hall.

Spring Flower Display. We are sure everyone will agree that it was excellent around the Easter period. The four hundred additional bulbs contributed greatly to the display in various parts of the Estate. Unfortunately, as already stated a number of daffodil flowers were kicked and broken, mainly again by an undesirable element passing through the Estate via the public footpath. Whilst this footpath serves an excellent purpose for members and children, it does cause a lot of problems in many respects.

The mini conifers will be removed from the tubs on the island, geraniums and dwarf begonias will be planted. We wish to thank the Hon. Secretary for cleaning and restoring the notice board, also In and Out signs. Also to thank Mr. Bryan Hudson for his work in rectifying the heavy damage which was caused to the turf area at the In road by a very large vehicle. The Hon. Secretary has planted a number of variegated hollies on turfed areas at road junctions, which will contribute to the beauty of our Estate. As pointed out in our Christmas News Letter we hope that more volunteers will come forward to carry out small tasks to maintain the standards which is in everyone's interest.

Burst Water Main. The co-operation in general was truly outstanding and clearly indicated the community spirit which exists among our members and resulted in the exercise being completed 100%. Space does not permit to record all those who played a very important part, and perhaps under the circumstances it would be best to quote Mr. Markby's words on television 'It was all a complete mystery'!!!

Property Valuations. During the end of March and beginning of April there was an increase in prices in general in the market. Basic original houses with central heating and in good condition — £59/£61,000. Basic bungalows with central heating and in good condition — £44/£46,000. As prices are continually monitored, Hon. Secretary would be pleased to give latest information. Frequently a waiting list for properties on our Estate is also retained by the Hon. Secretary.

Association Equipment. This is now retained by Mr. John Marsden, 9 Spring Woods, telephone Crowthorne 2979, as the Hon. Secretary has moved to number 24 Broom Acres.

Social Functions. Mrs. Barbara Cutler is looking into the question of organising a Cheese and Wine Party and will hope to have a number of willing helpers. More about this later. The Association wine glasses, 100 off, for hire to members are now retained by Mrs. Cutler, 18 Beech Ride, telephone Crowthorne 2280.

Once again our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, 25 Broom Acres, for printing this News Letter.

The 21st Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th May, at 8 p.m., at Uplands School, Albion Road. It would again be greatly appreciated if as many members as possible could be present to indicate their support for the Association and elect the Committee for the next twelve months. We would be pleased to have the names of any members who wish to present themselves for election.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Minutes of the A.G.M., held at Uplands School, on Tuesday, 18th May, 1982.
2. Matters arising.
3. Financial report.
4. Chairman's report.
5. Election of Officers and Committee.
6. Decision on subscriptions.
7. Programme for 1983/84.
8. Any other business.
9. Report on planning matters by Officer from Bracknell District Council.

Yours sincerely,

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

