

# LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE



## Residents' Association



20 Broom Acres

December, 1982

### CHRISTMAS NEWS LETTER

Dear Member,

It again gives us great pleasure in bringing you up to date with your Association's activities, and the work carried out since the issue of the Spring News Letter.

**Vandalism, Break-ins, Litter.** We are pleased to inform you that we have had no reported cases of vandalism or break-ins since the last News Letter. There has been the odd case of small items taken from cars parked overnight on service roads, some wipers broken off etc., and again we would ask for the co-operation of all members where possible to park vehicles in drives or garages to detract an undesirable element from our area. Being quiet and no through roads makes it very easy for those who wish to steal parts from cars. On the question of litter, this position has greatly improved, brought about by the co-operation of all members in removing small amounts of litter which is thrown around by outsiders passing through our estate. The new owner of the Corner Stores has also been most helpful.

**Standards on main island.** Throughout the summer this area was maintained to the usual high standard, and we are most grateful to those members who volunteered to carry out this work which is so important to the estate as a whole. We would of course be pleased to have more volunteers in order that those who have carried out the work for many years will not feel that their efforts are taken for granted. As will have been noted the tubs were planted with dwarf begonias and geraniums which provided an excellent display. The notice board and lettering was repainted. Someone applied aerosol paint at the rear of the board, this was removed within 24 hours. *Please note.* A coal bunker is positioned in the ransom strip, slightly to the left of the garden of the house on the *In-road*, this bunker has been filled with salt/grit for application during icy conditions and is for use by members who experience difficulty in leaving the estate, or for other areas. A bucket and shovel is at the rear of the bunker, please return to this point after use.

**Commemoration of Royal Wedding.** A tree has been planted on the turfed area at the Greenways/Beech Ride junction. A plaque has also been positioned forward of the tree and members are invited to inspect same which we feel will be to the satisfaction of all concerned. We wish to thank Mr. Doug Hammond for the excellent job in producing the plaque.

**Social Events.** Mr. C. Hogben has resigned from the office of Social Secretary; he has been thanked for the excellent work which he has carried out over the past years. Mrs. Barbara Cutler has very kindly agreed to carry out these duties. The Barbecue which was held this year was a great success, and it is hoped to hold another one in 1983, or a Cheese and Wine Party. More about this later. For these events to be successful depends largely on a Social Secretary receiving adequate assistance and we are sure Mrs. Cutler will receive support when the request is made.

**Purchase of wine glasses.** In view of the difficulties in obtaining glasses for functions and parties the Association has purchased 100 wine glasses for use at functions and for members to hire, the charge being £1. Broken or cracked glasses 55p each. They are held at 20, Broom Acres, Crowthorne 4375.

**Bulb planting.** 400 daffodil bulbs have been purchased and planted at Broom Acres (South), Primrose Way, Greenways and Beech Ride.

**Association equipment.** This is held at 20, Broom Acres, and consists of 2 extension ladders, drain rods, branch pruner, lawn raker, leaf sweeper and rotoscythe, the latter for use on the island only. It would be appreciated that the equipment is handled carefully as it is expensive to maintain.

**Work carried out by gypsies.** To warn all members that no monies should be paid until all the work has been satisfactorily carried out *and completed* as there have been recent cases where an awful lot of debris was left behind and never collected.

**Property valuations.** Original basic house £58,000. Original basic bungalow £43,000. In the odd case £60,000 has been obtained for the houses. Property still sells very well in our estate as compared to other places due mainly to large plots, excellent landscaping, very attractive entrance, all detached properties, no through roads and particularly high standards being maintained throughout. On a number of these points your Association has and continues to play a very important part, without which values could be greatly affected, the main island being only one example where we would be pleased to have more volunteers during the summer, otherwise standards and values will drop.

**Service roads and footpath standards.** After several telephone calls to the County Council in connection with road resurfacing and replacing kerbs, a strongly worded letter was sent to the County Surveyor. The result is that a major exercise has been carried out on the kerbs, and we have been advised that we will be included in the 1983 estimates for resurfacing.

**Paper Collection.** First Sunday of every month. The 2nd Sandhurst Scoup Group thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy Christmas.

**New Committee Members.** Our A.G.M. will be held in May 1983; we would be pleased to hear from some of our younger members who would be prepared to serve on the Committee to replace those who have served for many years in order that the Association can continue in strength in the future.

Once more we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, 25 Broom Acres, for printing this News Letter which is so important to the Association.

Finally, we hope that you have found this information of interest, and on behalf of the Committee we wish all members a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,  
MEL CALVERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

