



Season's Greetings from the Longdown Lodge Estate Residents Association December 2017

Dear Resident

This is the first Newsletter since becoming Chairman. To start I must introduce myself. I am Graham Ramsey and I have lived in Sandhurst since 1998 and been a resident of the Estate since 2004. I am married to Coralie and live on Beech Ride.

As Chair of LLERA I am focused on maintaining the character and fabric of this Estate that we all choose to live on. A number of residents have expressed concerns that we are seeing a period of significant changes. The Committee closely monitor all changes and submit comments to both Town and Borough Councils. If you have any comments please contact a Committee member or me and we will be happy to advise and guide you.

You will be aware that we have a 20 mph speed limit on the Estate. I am pleased to see a majority of residents adhere to this limit. Though there are still a few who do not, along with visitors. Perhaps a mention to those you see speeding could help observe the limit.

We should take a moment to remember all residents who have passed away over the last year, our thoughts as always are with the families and friends they have left behind.

If you have moved into the estate since last year, "Hello and Welcome" we hope you will be very happy in your new home and we would love to meet you at one of our social events.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone on the state a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Modernisation of our banking



A suggestion made at the AGM last year was that we should modernise our bank account

and move to one which could be managed online and into which residents could pay their subscriptions. We listened and we are pleased to announce our new Barclays Community Account is now fully open and our old Nationwide account is closed. We will share more details of how you can pay your subscriptions for 2018 in the Spring Newsletter. We will continue to collect subscriptions in person from those who would like us to.

The Longdown Lodge Estate sign

Despite our best efforts we haven't managed to refurbish the sign this year. An initial assessment of the work required to restore the sign has been completed. A quote of time and materials is to be submitted to the Committee and it is hoped work can start in early 2018.

Weeds in Gutter and Street cleaning

Having informed you in the Spring newsletter that the Council were no longer responsible for clearing weeds from our gutters, Council funding was found and the weeds were sprayed earlier this year. If you think your street needs cleaning you can make a request at <https://www.bracknell->

Remembrance Sunday



As is tradition the Association attended the events at Sandhurst Memorial Park on Remembrance Sunday and Tracey Jones laid a wreath on behalf of the Association. You can see

a video of Tracey laying the wreath on our Facebook page.

Damage to kerbs and Fire Hydrants

Councillor Brossard has visited the Estate and submitted photographs of damaged kerb stones to Bracknell Forest Borough Council. We are awaiting their response. He has also offered to liaise with the Local Fire Officer regarding the fading yellow paint used to highlight the location of the Estates Fire Hydrants.



forest.gov.uk/street-cleaning/forms/make-street-cleaning-report. Please note however that the council does not sweep gravel or mud on the road from building developments or resulting from work by utility companies.

Its 20 MPH for a reason but if safety isn't enough of an incentive you could face disqualification



The plans to use the Speed watch equipment on the Estate have been put on hold as we have learned that without Thames Valley police presence insurance is required and currently Bracknell Forest Council do not have appropriate insurance in-place.

The obvious safety issues aside, it's worth noting that fines for speeding changed on April 24, 2017 – it's a complicated system, but here's a broad outline, starting with the three main 'bands' of speeding.

Band A – This refers to the lowest level of speeding. For example, you could be driving at between 21mph and 30mph in a 20mph zone, 31mph to 40mph in a 30mph zone, or 71mph to 90mph on a 70mph road. You can expect 3 points on your licence, and a fine of around 50% of your weekly income.

Band B – This is for more serious cases of speeding. If you're in a 20mph zone and you drive at 31mph to 40mph, or in a 40mph zone at 56mph to 65mph, or up to 100mph in a 70mph, that'll be a Band B fine. That means 4 to 6 points on your licence, or disqualification for between 7 and 28 days, plus a fine of 100% of your weekly income.

Band C – This is for the worst speeding. If you're doing 41mph or above in a 20mph zone, 51mph or above in a 30mph zone, or above 100mph in a 70mph zone, that's a Band C fine. That means 6 points on your licence or disqualification for between 7 and 56 days, as well as a fine of 150% of your weekly income.

Christmas and New Year bin collections - Zone 2

Waste Type	Normal Day	Revised Day
Recycling	Fri 29 th Dec	Tues 2 nd Jan
Refuse	Fri 5 th Jan	Mon 8 th Jan
Recycling	Fri 12 th Jan	Sat 13 th Jan

Please note Saturday or bank holiday collections must be out by 6am not 6:30 am. This may mean putting it out the night before. After your bin has been emptied, you must take it back onto your property as soon as possible.

Thames Valley Alert – Community messaging



If you would like to receive information from Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other community groups you can sign

up for the Thames Valley alert service at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk.

You will receive messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to our area by email, text or telephone.

Keeping you informed and keeping in touch



Visit the LLERA Website
<http://www.llera.org.uk>



Email Us: We all share a joint email address: committee@llera.org.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

The LLERA Committee



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Christmas tree recycling

Christmas trees will be collected as garden waste if cut up and put in your brown bin on your recycling collection day; please ensure the lid/sack is closed and all decorations and lights are removed. Any trees not in a closed brown bin/council garden waste sack will not be taken. Alternatively, you can book a bulky collection to have Christmas trees removed but this will cost up to £42 or take them to Longshot Lane Household Waste Recycling Centre.



Motor Racing 2018



There are a number of motor racing enthusiasts on the Estate who over the last few years have ventured to Thruxton, Silverstone and Brands Hatch to watch both car and motorcycle races. In 2018 we will list some of the meetings they plan to visit and maybe a number of residents would be interested in joining them. Look out for more information in the Spring newsletter.

