

Welcome to the Longdown Lodge Estate from the Longdown Lodge Estate Residents Association

We are very pleased to welcome you onto our estate and would just like to provide you with some useful information about the estate and its Association. We have included our most recent newsletter and a copy of the association's rules for your convenience. Longdown Lodge Estate Residents Association was founded in April 1962 by Mel Calvert who was Life President and a resident on the estate until February 2014 when he sadly passed away. The Association exists to preserve and improve the amenities of the Estate and to look after the interests of all its members.

We have a website www.llera.org.uk as well as a Facebook page www.facebook.com/llera.org.uk where you will find some useful local information and links as well as some interesting historical facts about the estate. On Facebook there are posts about current events and 'need to know' information. Please 'like' our page on Facebook if you use the site to include our latest posts in your newsfeed. It's a vibrant and growing community.

The Association gets involved with a number of activities some of which are summarised below:-

- **Planning related issues** which could adversely affect the estate such as prevention of through roads or planning applications in close proximity to the estate that may impact residents such as the development of Eagle House field.
- **Maintaining and improving amenities on the estate** - for example we maintain the estates entrance, plant bulbs and trees and liaise directly with the council to ensure that the estate is well maintained and in good repair. We also introduced a neighbourhood watch scheme; and introduced a 20 MPH limit.
- **Social activities** - we typically run one or more social events each year and in recent years have held commemorative street parties and quizzes. Look out for flyers, posts on facebook and on the website advertising upcoming events as well as on the notice board by the postbox in Beech Ride.
- **Annual General Meetings** – each year around May/June we hold an AGM which is well attended by the estate's residents.
- **Newsletters** – We publish 2 newsletters each year. One in the spring and one just before Christmas.
- **Support for residents to set up clubs** – We like to support our residents if they are wanting to set up clubs for the benefit of the estate and a number of residents are interested in having a running club, mountain bike and walking club so if you are interested please let us know.
- **Refuse Collection** - we have a weekly bin collection on a Friday (apart from when we have a Bank Holiday and then it is on Saturday) which alternates between general waste and garden waste and recycling of cardboard/plastic etc. For more information on the collections please visit Bracknell Forest Council website.
- We care about the appearance of our estate and it is the responsibility of all residents to keep their grass verge outside their house cut to maintain a smart and tidy appearance and of course the planting of flowers further enhances the estate but this is not essential.

Membership of the Longdown Lodge Residents Association will cost £5.00 as of 2017 which is collected in September by various street representatives. As a member you will receive all newsletters and communications and be invited to attend all organised events

If you are interested in getting involved in the Association please ask or check the website for vacancies. We think the association is what gives the estate its unique character.

We look forward to meeting you soon but in the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us committee@llera.org.uk or contact any of us via the telephone numbers listed on the most recent newsletter

With our best wishes

The Longdown Lodge Resident's Association

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Newsletter

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Access to Sandhurst from the estate

From the north end of the estate (Beech Ride/Orchard Gate) there is a walkway, named "Calvert Walk" after our late President, Mel Calvert which gives walking access to Wellington Road and then if you carry on walking down Albion Road you arrive in the village of Sandhurst where you will find a selection of shops ranging from Co-op, bakers, pet shop, florist, charity shops, Kings – a very good DIY store, library, various fast food outlets and a library, doctor and dental surgery.

Nearest towns

Crowthorne is just one mile to the right out of the estate where there is a good selection of shops and then there is Camberley and the new Lexicon shopping centre in Bracknell with a larger choice of shops.

Supermarkets

As well as the Co-op in Sandhurst there is Waitrose in College Town and a very big Tesco's and M&S at the Meadows in Camberley. Alternatively there is a larger Co-op in Crowthorne as well as Lidl that has a very good bakery.

British Rail

Sandhurst station provides a good train service to Reading and Guildford with good onward connections to London. Parking is limited at Sandhurst station, only on road parking so it is easier to walk or be dropped at the station.

Doctors and Dentists

There is a doctor's surgery both in Sandhurst and Crowthorne and a number of dental practices to choose from.

Schools

We have a good selection of both primary and secondary schools and nurseries in the area and suggest you consult the Bracknell Forest Council website for contact details of all the schools. You can input your postcode on the "Find my nearest school" page - <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/findmynearestschool>.

Churches

There are a number of churches in Sandhurst and Crowthorne representing various Christian denominations.

Access to Wildmoor Heath from the Estate

From the south end of the estate (Beech Ride/Spring Woods) there is a footpath into Wildmoor Heath which if you have a dog to walk or just enjoy a good walk, there is beautiful heathland right on our doorstep. Wellies are recommended in winter as it can get muddy.

Broadmoor Siren

Be warned the Broadmoor Hospital alarm is tested every Monday without fail at 10am although the sirens have been moved and it is not so loud now.