



# Longbarn Residents Association

Representing: Anderson Close, Blackburne Close, Burnet Close, Carpenter Grove, Fallowfield Grove, Peasley Close, Oxmeade Close, Duckworth Grove, Freshfields Drive, Guildford Close, Lovage Close, Pasture Lane, Mullion Grove, Mayberry Grove, Saffron Close, Sage Close, Sorrel Close, Station Road South, West View and Church Drive

Registered Charity: 1170309

To: All Longbarn Residents

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017.



Why not come to the next full meeting of the Longbarn Residents' Association which will be held on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7:30pm in the Lounge of the Padgate Village Club, Harpers Road.** We do hope that you will attend. The Longbarn Residents' Association belongs to you. Your participation in our activities is very welcome. We look forward to welcoming you to future meetings. The atmosphere is friendly and very relaxed with the PVC Bar facilities available throughout the evening from 7pm. **The local Police will be in attendance.**

**ENVIRONMENT** – Volunteers will continue to cut the grassed areas along Harpers Road and adjoining roads in 2017. We hope that you agree that the improvement is good for our environment rather than allowing the area to get worse since the Council indicated they did not have the resources to continue with this work. More volunteers are required to help with this work. Please look out for further dates (on our website and in our Noticeboards) which will be arranged to carry out this work and come and join in. Tea and coffee is served.



**CHRISTMAS TREE** – The Land Trust donated a Real Christmas Tree two years ago, and this was planted at the east end of Harpers Road. Unfortunately, this species (*Abies Koreana*) has not taken well to the soil on Longbarn and has recently died and been removed. The Land Trust have been very generous and have donated a replacement tree – type of Holly – and this was recently planted by contractors. We have not been able to dress with lights this year but, all being well, we will look after this replacement tree so that it can be decorated with lights in 2017.

**SOCIAL EVENT** – Join us for a Valentines Social evening on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Padgate Village Club from 7:30pm. Singer, Raffle with Hot & Cold Buffet. Tickets at £5 each can be purchased by telephoning 012925 821152. See you there!



**CHARITABLE STATUS** – Please be aware that LRA were granted Charitable Status in November 2016 after a lengthy application process. More information will be given out at the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 meeting, on the LRA website and in subsequent leaflets.

**GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW 2016** – This was very successful with over £600 being generated for LRA funds. Many thanks to those Businesses and individual members who donated the 24 prizes which were drawn at the recent Christmas Social evening on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The First Prize of £50 was donated by LRA.



**ASDA BIRCHWOOD** – will be introducing a token voting system when you shop in their Store. We have been told that LRA will be entered into this scheme, the winner being awarded £500. Can we ask you to vote for LRA in the New Year when this scheme is introduced?

**PLEASE**  
**Do Not**  
**Litter**



**LITTER in our area** gets worse. We now have litter picks on the **third Saturday of each calendar month** (excluding December). Please join us! Our next Litter Pick is on **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017** meeting at the **Community shop on Pasture Lane** at 10:30am. **We need many more helpers in order to cover the whole of our area.** Hi Viz jackets and pickers are provided. Fly Tipping and the leaving of dog poo by inconsiderate and irresponsible dog owners does happen on our green spaces. Lots of litter appears on Harpers Road from vehicles passing through by very inconsiderate motorists. A resident recently picked up 90 cans and bottles included in three sacks of litter recovered only days after an organised Litter Pick. Something must be done about this! **Please come and join with us to clean up Longbarn!**

The next **AFTERNOON TEA** events have been arranged for **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm** to be held in the **Padgate Village Club, Harpers Road**. Please come and enjoy these events yourself and bring your friends and neighbours with you. The PVC Bar facilities are open for the duration of this event. If you need transport to the venue, please contact us on 01925 820647 (answerphone) and someone will pick you up and return you to your home. Please come and join with us. Please watch out for other Friday afternoon events being considered.



**DEFINITIVE MAP OF LONGBARN** – A resident (Neil Williams) has taken on the task ‘to establish a definitive map of Longbarn’ for helping residents to determine “Who is responsible for what?”

This is not an academic exercise. Rather, it is directed toward the resolution of any problems that may arise; such as failures to maintain landscaping or boundaries. Particularly where things cause a nuisance or impact upon our safety. We aim to make Longbarn a better place to live.

Since the days of the New Town Development Corporation, Longbarn has been split into hundreds of individual plots. Ownership of each plot (and the responsibilities that go with it) has, in many cases, passed from one body to another. The boundary of some housing plots has been extended over the years. In addition to each resident managing his/her own freehold or leasehold, there are several organisations involved in the management of land affecting our estate. For example, Muir Housing, The Land Trust, Warrington Borough Council and Network Rail. Longbarn Residents’ Association has established close working relationships with the likes of Muir and the Land Trust and will continue to work with these organisations to resolve any issues that arise. However, these bodies will only consider acting where they have a clear obligation to do so. Establishing where that obligation lies, is at the heart of this initiative.



If you are affected by any of the issues mentioned above or if you feel that you could contribute to this initiative, please contact a member of the LRA Committee (via our website). We may not be able to find all the answers but it will enable us to better understand the scope of the problem.



**QUIZ NIGHTS** – more of these are being considered following an enforced stop during the busy Christmas period. Please look out for the agreed dates on the LRA website and in the LRA Noticeboards. It is hoped that they will be on a Friday night at 4/6 weekly intervals.

Your Associations’ **Website** continues to be updated now. Please bear with us while we make it more informative and user friendly. Please continue to seek out information and use the site as your first point of contact for information and to let us have your views at [www.longbarnra.co.uk](http://www.longbarnra.co.uk) You can also find information on our Facebook Page. **We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting.** Please do your best to attend and get involved



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