



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

8th February 2017.

Why not come to the next full meeting of the Longbarn Residents' Association which will be held on **Thursday, 23rd February 2017 at 7:30pm in the Lounge of the Padgate Village Club, Harpers Road.** We do hope that you will attend as your



support is most important. The Longbarn Residents' Association belongs to you. Your participation in our activities is very welcome. We shall have two speakers at this meeting. **Maria Austin**, Strategic Head of Communication and Engagement at **NHS Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group** will explain to us how the re-organisation of NHS services will affect us locally. **Hannah Hawke**, **Customer Involvement Officer at Torus Group** (formed by Amalgamation of Golden Gates Housing and Helena Housing) will introduce herself to this new role. We will try and get an up-date on the progress of the

Bayleaf Site development which has been **delayed but not cancelled.** We look forward to welcoming you to this important meeting. The atmosphere is friendly and very relaxed with the PVC Bar facilities available throughout the evening from 7pm. **The local Police (PCSO Bryan Hayward) will also be in attendance.**

OUR 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. We have made an application for the North West in Bloom 2017 Competition and look forward to your support as we try to improve on our very good grade in 2016. We have already planted 600 English Bluebells and some red tulips on the Harpers Road embankment. Ideas for improvement would very welcome.

ASDA BIRCHWOOD – have introduced a token voting system when you shop in their Store. LRA have been entered into this scheme, the winner being awarded £500 with two runner-ups receiving £200 each. Can we ask you to vote for LRA in the New Year when this scheme is introduced?

WE NEED YOUR HELP – what items would you like us to tackle this year? Your views are important and very welcome and we would ask you to contact us via the website – www.longbarnra.co.uk – or give your views to a member of the LRA Committee. We already have some projects under consideration – Bus Shelters at Guildford Close and Doctors Surgery on Station Road South, Community Fun Day, Fireworks Extravaganza, Play Area in Fallowfield Grove and an LRA Base. Your input would be very welcome. Alternatively, you could complete the form at the end of this newsletter and leave with Raj at the Pasture Lane Shop for collection.



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, 16th February 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 17th February and 3rd March 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.



QUIZ NIGHTS – more of these are being considered following an enforced stop during the busy Christmas period. The first Quiz Night will be held on 24th February 2017 at 7:30pm in the Lounge of the Padgate Village Club. The tickets can be obtained from the Treasurer by telephoning 01925 821152. These cost £5 each and include a Hot & Cold Buffet. Come and join with us for this fun evening. A full list of dates can be found in our Noticeboards and on the LRA Website.

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 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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LRA SURVEY

I would like to help LRA with (a) Fundraising* (b) Joining the Committee* (c) the Community Fun Day* (d) Grass cutting*		
I would like you to consider implementing the following on Longbarn:		
Name		
Address		
Telephone number	Mobile 'phone number:	email address:
Please let us know your intentions by contacting LRA via the website or return this form to us via the Pasture Lane Shop.		

* delete as appropriate.

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WHY NOT YOUR PRINTING DONE THERE**