



**Longbarn
Residents' Association**

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



**Residents' Annual General Meeting
19 March 2026 at 7.30pm at Padgate Village Cub
AGENDA**

1. Welcome

Bob Welcomed all to the meeting on behalf of LRA.

2. Bowling green update

Howard Klein explained that there is still no progress on the green. Tho Torus has accepted responsibility to provide a new playable green for the 2027 season & has invited Anwyl to contribute to the costs. For the record, 3 independent surveys have highlighted that the green was not installed properly, with no drainage, incorrect, guttering etc. Howard will keep LRA updated on progress.

3. Police Report

PCSO Neil Potter & PC Hazel Cullerton Hazel explained the changes impacting the policing of our area: Warrington PCSO's have been reduced from 18 down to six, with Neil now responsible for 3 wards rather than one. This will have a significant impact on his rota & he asked that any contacts to him be done via email (especially as this leaves a helpful paper trail for reference).

For their part our residents raised several issues ~

- 3 youths on "E" bikes riding recklessly (with dates, times & locations provided)
- Prospects for speed cameras on Harpers Road? Neil will do his best but is doubtful of being able to help.

Neil will attend future meetings wherever possible, with statistics of crimes & reports for our area.

4. Minutes of last AGM held 27 March 2025

The minutes of the last meeting are on the web site & were accepted as a true record of the meeting

PROPOSED: Barry Gundry

SECONDED: Dave Pearson

5. Matters Arising

Any matters arising were discussed later in this meeting.

6. Appointment of Principal Management Committee members (for ratification at Trustees' AGM 2 April)

CHAIR
VICE CHAIR
TREASURER/ACCOUNTANT
SECRETARY

Bob McLaughlin
Katy Wallace
Nicola Taylor
Paul Adams

PROPOSED: Barry Gundry

SECONDED: Dave Pearson

7. Annual accounts for year ending 30 November 2025

The accounts were accepted as a true record, with a BIG thank you to Nicola for the superb job she continues to do for us.

PROPOSED: Bob McLaughlin

SECONDED: Linda McKay

8. Muir tenants ~ Proposed rent increase by landlord

As our LRA business manager for Muir, Dave Pearson recently met with Joel Smith & Emma Seddon from Muir, & our Police Neil & Hazel, on a tour of Muir properties in Longbarn.

Initially Muir had over 300 rental houses on the estate, with all rents contributing to the maintenance of the complete area for land & greenery. There are now approx. 70 rental properties, with a disproportionate level of maintenance required, & Muir has recently levied rent increases to help cover the costs of maintenance. Representations have been made to Muir, & there is little more LRA is able to do.

FOOTNOTE: Tho invited to this meeting & the agenda widely publicised, no Muir tenants for whom we have contract details attended.

9. What's On in 2026

Bob laid out the following events which will continue to be provided by LRA in 2026 ~

Seated Exercise Classes

Afternoon Teas

'Footloose in Longbarn' Dance Classes

The D'Ukes of Longbarn Ukulele band (with 18 concerts already performed for Dementia clubs & more in the diary (including a wedding!))

LRA Quizzes, with next one scheduled for 27 March, then approx. every 8 weeks thereafter

Coach trips: There will be 2 coach trips this year, York in July & Stratford On Avon in September. The costs (after significant subsidy by LRA) will be £15 per person

Community Fun Day: To be confirmed due to 12-week lead time now required by Kassia Academy

Firework Extravaganza (plus the Station House pub event)

Kiddies Christmas Party

Adults Christmas party

Christmas Eve Carols

Support with PVC burger bar at Padgate Walking Day

Poppy appeal & sponsorship

10. Landscaping

Embankment on Harper's Road: Councillor Una Gillham has been contacted regularly to ensure the embankment is cleared of debris & cut as agreed before LRA take over the maintenance for the season. A massive thank you to our superb volunteers for their hard work last year under unfavourable support from WBC

Planters: All planters will be repaired & treated with preservative this season, with new notices attached, including the ones at Padgate Station. Wood to repair them has kindly been donated by Bob & Janet Heap. All will be topped up with fresh compost & replenished with fresh plants in May, bought from our local Scout Group ~ this supports the local community whilst being of great value to LRA as the plants are cheaper than other suppliers and of better quality.

11. AOB

Kassia Academy: There has been a change in the Headmaster at Kassia Academy, resulting in LRA no longer having access to the meeting room for our Trustee meetings; & the use of any other facilities (eg, school playing field) will now come at a cost & require a minimum of 12 weeks' notice for permission to hold our events. This is all rather disappointing, not least because in the past we arranged an agreement whereby we took over the unused portacabin, LRA (at our own expense) had the building's roof repaired, the accommodation deep cleaned, redecorated, furnished, & with a new burglar alarm fitted, Plus LRA donated to their charity for Christmas selection boxes for the kiddies. LRA also diverted the rent we previously paid for our office at the library to Kassia to enable free meals for their pupils. And we bought & fitted new signage. Only to be evicted at very short notice as Kassia had decided to knock the portacabin down & replaced with a brick-built building. We were promised by the previous management that we could still use the new facility when finished. On completion after a couple of years we did have limited access to the building & the school's facilities until the recent change of management.

Memorial Seat request: Paul has been approached by a resident for permission to erect a bench seat near Raj's shop in memory of a deceased relative. Paul has sent all the details to WBC for permission to do so, & an update will be given when we hear back from WBC.

King Charles' visit to Greencore: As reported in the press the King visited Greencore Foods this, week as one of the leaders of an initiative to reduce food waste & donate any excess to local charities supported by the Monarchy. Richard Martin (MD of Greencore) speaking to the King reiterated the close ties that Greencore have with LRA, the Food Bank & Kassia. Thank you Richard & a great tribute to LRA & all our volunteers

12. Next meeting

Thursday 11th June 2026 at 7.30pm at Padgate Village Club.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9pm with a big thank you to all attendees & LRA supporters.

