

**OLD BASSETT
RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION**
It's nothing without YOU!

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Remember! Next week it's the ...

O.B.R.A. Annual General Meeting
Thursday 24th April, 8.00 pm
Doors open 7.30 pm with refreshments
All Saints' Church and Community Centre
(Winchester Road/lower end of Pointout Road)

Special Guests: Caroline Nokes M.P. and the Bassett Councillors
Cllr John Hannides, Cllr Beryl Harris and Cllr Les Harris
Everyone welcome - do join us if you can!

Format of the evening:

8.00 pm approx. - Official Business
9.00 pm approx. - Question/Answer session with our special guests. Everyone is welcome to raise questions (or may send questions in - see form below) but please ensure questions are brief, relevant and of general interest!

Subscriptions - to remain £2.00 per person p.a. Please bring yours to the meeting - thanks!

Committee Members - WE NEED MORE! Due to a few people moving out of the area and others standing down for various reasons, we now have a number of vacancies on our committee. This is a great way to get involved in your neighbourhood and does not require a heavy time commitment. If you are able to help, do let us know.

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OLD BASSETT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Membership Form

I/we would like to join the Old Bassett Residents Association and receive further news and information.

I/We consent to Old Bassett Residents Association using my e-mail address Y N *Please circle as necessary.*

I/We enclose the annual membership fee of £2.00 (per person).

Name Address Tel/e-mail.....

Comments/suggestions:

AGM question/issues:

Please post completed form/monies through letter box of 412 Winchester Road or bring to the meeting. Thank you!

News in Brief....

Planning:

14/00429/OUT - Land At Vermont Close - A new application to accommodate 120 students is under consideration.

14/00525/TCC - The telecommunications mast down at Sainsburys is to be replaced.

Find out all the details on <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk>.

PARKING NEAR SPORTS CENTRE - Council plans to make roads north/west of the Sports Centre no waiting zones. The area around Dunkirk Road, along with the lower Sports Centre car park, is heavily used for parking by staff at the hospitals. Now in response to concerns by residents, the Council is considering making the area a no parking zone - unfortunately OBRA were not consulted about this. Nevertheless we bring it to your attention because of the possible knock-on effect on our roads if plans are passed. You can find more details here:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/pnadetail?noticeUID=2552> but we understand there is to be a further consultation.

Your Residents Association... how does it work?

Our Committee - we have a small group of volunteers who meet together every couple of months to consider how things are working out locally. Joining our committee does not require a huge time commitment and, as well as providing a valuable service to your community, you will find working alongside your neighbours can be both fulfilling and enjoyable!

Current Vacancies:

Vice-Chair

Webmaster

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators - could you be the NW co-ordinator for your road, or even a stretch of it? The Police support NW and suggest we have a co-ordinator for each road, with an overall co-ordinator on the O.B.R.A. committee. NW duties are not onerous: looking out for neighbours, ensuring crime gets reported and attending Police and Communities Together (P.A.C.T.) meetings.

Our issues and concerns - these tend to focus on very local matters such as:

- * Crime and Neighbourhood Watch
- * Working with local groups like the Police, the Council and other residents associations.
- * Social events such as Pancake Party, Christmas in the Community, the Big Lunch etc.
- * Our website: <http://www.obra.org.uk>
- * Parking, traffic, buses
- * Planning applications, the Local Plan, amenities such as the Sports Centre
- * Publicity, newsletters, and other administrative matters

Our roads - The O.B.R.A. boundaries cover the following (but we also welcome other supporters who live nearby): Rockleigh Road, Highclere Road, Thornhill Road, Pointout Road, Pointout Close, Ashwood Gardens, Hill Lane (odd numbers between roundabout and Highclere Road), Winchester Road (even numbers between roundabout and Thornhill Road) and, more recently, Burgess Road (from Sherwood Close down to the roundabout with Hill Lane) and Burgess Gardens.

We deliver newsletters to over 300 people in the area and we also work with other local groups.

Your Residents Association... needs YOU!

How you can help:

- * become a member of O.B.R.A.
- * help with delivering newsletters
- * join our committee
- * keep us informed of local issues, crime incidents or events
- * support O.B.R.A. events



We'd like to thank all our residents for their support over the years - we couldn't exist without you!