

LARA MEMBERSHIP

LARA membership enables you to help support the activities of LARA and support the local community.

Previously we have relied solely on donations and the generosity of a relatively small number of residents.

But we now feel that a membership subscription will better help us to plan for the future, cover our running costs and enable us to expand our activities.

We would like to be able to afford to run *more* social events and take a *more* active

role in supporting the community. But we have expenses like insurance, room hire, refreshments, printing and distribution, quiz prizes and web site management and hosting.

Members will continue to benefit from an active email list keeping them informed of local crime, upcoming consultations etc, as well as a feeling of belonging to, and supporting, our community.

Membership for 2015 costs £3 per person. You may donate more if you wish. You can pay at the AGM, by PayPal on our web site (www.tell-lara.co.uk) or by cheque to "Leomansley Area Residents Association".

AGM AGENDA

11:30	Chairman's Welcome and Introduction of Guests
11:35	Accept minutes of the 2013 AGM
11:40	Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts
11:50	Election of Executive Committee
12:00	Membership Subscriptions
12:10	Police Report
12:20	Home Security
12:30	Report from Fire and Rescue Service
12:40	Parking Restrictions, Christchurch Lane and Darwin Park
12:50	Darwin Park Bus Passenger Shelters
12:55	Halam Park Development
13:05	Trunkfield Brook Drainage
13:15	Social Programme
13:20	AOB and Open Forum

Nominations for the Executive Committee, proposed and seconded, should be lodged with the LARA secretary at least 12 hours before the AGM.

Can't make the AGM? Send any concerns, comments or feedback to:

feedback@tell-lara.co.uk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The LARA Executive Committee meet throughout the year to discuss and take action on a variety of issues.

Residents are informed through the email list and the web site of any issues that need to be brought to their attention, and a report is made to residents at the AGM at the end of the year. The members of the Executive Committee for the current year are:

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ABOUT LARA

LARA is the residents association for the Leomansley Ward of Lichfield, covering the areas around Christchurch Lane, Walsall Road and Darwin Park.

LARA's aim is to support residents by forging links with the councillors responsible for our area, taking up issues that affect our daily lives and ensuring that the Leomansley area remains a great place to live.

We also seek to develop a true community spirit by organising social events where residents can better get to know their neighbours.

Recent achievements include:

- Liaising with local police to reduce inconsiderate parking
- Liaising with councillors over potholes and poor road maintenance
- Getting grass verges cut in Darwin Park
- Agreeing sites for additional bus passenger shelters

SOCIAL EVENTS



LARA's Summer Quiz was a resounding success and raised much-needed funds. Don't miss the Winter Quiz, coming soon!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2014 LARA Annual General Meeting is at 11:30am on 22nd November 2014 at Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane.

All Leomansley and Darwin Park residents are invited, regardless of whether or not you are a member of LARA.

Come along, make your views known and find out what's happening in the local area.

Issues being addressed include:

- Roads, traffic and parking.
- Adoption of Darwin Park roads and open space.
- Proposed Hallam Park development on the Western Recreation Zone (the fields in front of Waitrose).
- How the new Local Plan and Lichfield District Council's "Fit for the Future" could impact on us.

Local councillors and the local police will be present to address you and answer questions.

See the back page for the agenda.

JOIN LARA

All residents of the Leomansley area and Darwin Park are eligible to be members. Membership for 2015 costs just £3 per person.

See the back page for more details of membership benefits and of how to join.

LOCAL ISSUES

LEOMANSLEY AND DARWIN PARK

The AGM is for you, the residents, to help LARA, the councillors, and the council to better understand the issues in Leomansley and Darwin Park as you see them. Please let us know if there are any other issues you feel should be addressed.

1: Traffic on Christchurch Lane

How to improve traffic circulation at school times.

2: Hallam Park Development

How will the residential development of the Western Recreation Zone affect the existing residents of Leomansley?

3: Bus passenger shelters

Three shelters are required to be provided by the developers of Darwin Park. The proposed sites are shown.

4: Roads on Darwin Park

The County Council is close to completing the adoption of all the roads on Darwin Park. Parking restrictions are needed for the benefit of all - help us decide where. Particular points of inconvenience and danger are shown.

5: The Saxon Penny

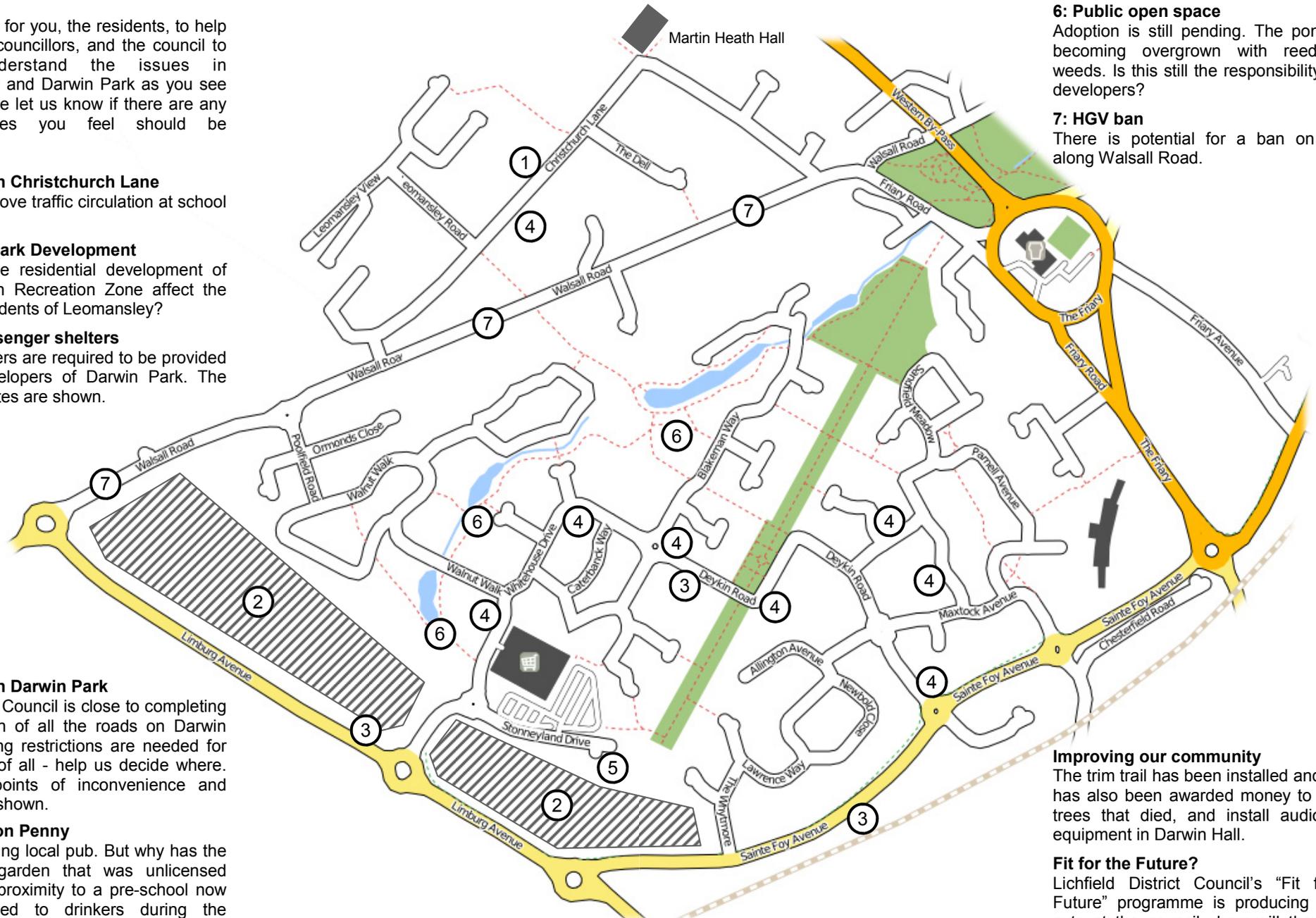
Our flourishing local pub. But why has the small side-garden that was unlicensed due to its proximity to a pre-school now been opened to drinkers during the daytime?

6: Public open space

Adoption is still pending. The ponds are becoming overgrown with reeds and weeds. Is this still the responsibility of the developers?

7: HGV ban

There is potential for a ban on HGVs along Walsall Road.



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Improving our community

The trim trail has been installed and LARA has also been awarded money to replant trees that died, and install audio-visual equipment in Darwin Hall.

Fit for the Future?

Lichfield District Council's "Fit for the Future" programme is producing budget cuts at the council—how will they affect you, the residents? Come to the AGM and talk to the councillors about it.