

SHACKLETON VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



COMMUNITY UPDATE

Foreword from the Chair

Since being voted in as Chair of the Residents' Association on 27 April, I've been genuinely grateful for the trust you've placed in me. It's been a busy and encouraging start, and I wanted to use this first newsletter to share what's been happening behind the scenes.

Over the past few weeks, we've met a number of times as a committee, been in communication with a number of residents, and begun working through the priorities raised at the AGM. We've already made progress on several ongoing issues, including maintenance concerns and grounds upkeep, community events and communication avenues. We have also set clear plans in motion for the months ahead.

My aim as Chair is simple: to make sure every resident feels informed, heard, and represented. This newsletter will be one of the ways I keep communication open and transparent as we move forward together.

Since the inauguration of the RA committee, we have had a number of changes, including the stepping down of our committee member Nafiseh who was voted in on the 27th April, and the appointment of a new committee member, Nicky, which will be ratified via vote by the RA's members at the next AGM. We've also appointed key roles and responsibilities amongst our committee members as follows:

Events Lead – Julie Williams

H&S Lead – David Cotterell

Communications Lead – Martina

Infrastructure & Open Spaces Lead – Peter Caldicott

Safeguarding Lead – Penny Stynes

If you have any questions pertaining to these areas, please feel free to contact them directly, or email our inbox addressing your correspondence to the respective committee member.

There are costs involved in running the RA each year, therefore, if you would like to make a donation to help us, it would be appreciated. Our account number is 13483462, sort code 30-54-66.

Best Wishes,

Amy Cox-Newman

Communication Channels

Staying connected with residents is a priority for the Association, and we've been working to make sure everyone can access updates in the way that suits them best. Our Facebook page continues to be a quick and easy place to share news, reminders, and community discussions, and we encourage all residents who use Facebook to follow the page so you don't miss anything.

We're also pleased to share that our new website is now live at <https://shackletonvillagera.org/> This will be our central hub for information, including all Association policies, meeting minutes, ongoing projects, and important updates. If you ever need to check something or want to understand how a particular process works, the website is the best place to start.

To make communication even more immediate, we're in the process of setting up a WhatsApp Community Group. This will be used for short, timely updates and important notices. If you'd like to be added to the group, please send us your contact details and we'll make sure you're included.

Finally, you can reach the Association directly by email at shackletonvillagera@outlook.com. Whether you have a query, a suggestion, or something you'd like us to look into, we're always happy to hear from residents and will respond as promptly as we can.

Actions taken since AGM

Since the AGM on 27 April, the Association has been working hard to build momentum and put solid foundations in place for the year ahead. Committee members have attended a number of important meetings, including council sessions, local housing community forums, and discussions focused on the South Warwickshire Housing development. These meetings ensure that residents' voices are represented and that we stay informed about decisions and developments that affect our community.

One of our major early achievements has been the creation of a comprehensive **Policy Pack**, now available on our website. This pack brings together all of our key policies in

one place, covering areas such as health and safety, safeguarding, social media, environmental responsibilities and more. It's designed to give residents clarity on how the Association operates and the standards we hold ourselves to.

We've also setting up a new **litter-picking group**, led by our committee member Nicky. This is a great opportunity for residents to get involved in keeping our areas clean and welcoming. We'll see how the group develops over the coming months, and volunteers are always appreciated if you'd like to lend a hand.

In addition, we've begun shaping a **rough calendar of events** for the year. This will continue to grow as we confirm dates and activities, but it gives us a strong starting point for building community engagement and bringing residents together. Watch this space!

Finally, we've successfully set up the Association's **bank account**, which will be used to manage grants, voluntary donations, and funding for RA-led events, projects, and community assets. This is an important step in ensuring transparency and accountability as we begin to deliver more for the community.

Important Updates

On 21st May, the Residents Association issued formal correspondence to:

- CALA
- Vistry
- Stratford District Council
- Quinton Parish Council
- Long Marston Parish Council

Long Marston acknowledged receipt of their letter, and following a Council meeting held on Tuesday, the rest of our correspondence were formally acknowledged.

At this council meeting, we explained to the councillors that residents have been asked to support future expansion plans, including the South Warwickshire Housing and Relief Road proposals, which would significantly extend Shackleton Village. However, it is difficult for residents to support further development while the current phases remain incomplete and below the standard originally promised. We asked that focus was given to delivering the existing development to the quality expected. Once this is achieved, residents will be in a far stronger position to consider supporting future plans.

Following the Council meeting, we have been left with a number of questions that, as a committee, don't have the technical knowledge to be able to answer. With this in mind, we're looking for a volunteer with a background in Law to take a look at some documentation pertaining to the Management Company, TP1's and section 106's. If you are able to help us with these questions, please reach out to us, we would be really grateful.

We also received the following communications from Caroline Owen, Senior Planning Consultant at Cala to some of our questions raised:

Sports Pavilion Update (CALA)

1. When is construction starting? What is the planned completion date?

This has now been confirmed to commence on WC 21 September 2026, and will be completed along with the allotments, parking and car park by Summer 2027. Cala are however, looking at how the site could be open in a phased manner.

Allotments (CALA)

1. What is the planned completion date for the allotments?

See above, and subject to confirmation regarding a phased release.

2. Will there be a water supply? Is this planned to have a separate water meter? (lesson from Meon Vale)

A separate water meter will apply for the allotments and costs for the use of this is to be included in allotment fees.

3. What process will be followed for application to rent a plot?

This to be confirmed by the Fernleigh Park (Long Marston) Management Company Ltd. However, it will likely invite residents interested in having a plot to make representations and to sign up to an agreement for use and agreed management of the allotments.

We will be applying for grant funding to be able to purchase and install an RA noticeboard right in the centre of the village, to aid communication with residents and advertise our events for the village.

Calendar of Events

This is by no means a comprehensive list of events, but it will hopefully give you an idea of some of the upcoming events we wish to host as an RA for our residents. If you have any suggestions that you would like to put forward as an event, or if you would like to volunteer your time to help run or organise an event, please reach out to us. All help is greatly appreciated, as a committee that is solely run on a voluntary basis by us,

we will strive to produce the best possible community outreach, but any and all participation and help from our residents is gratefully received.

World Cup Picnic – Sunday 19th July – bring your own picnic and enjoy the company of your neighbours whilst taking part in some mini football games and listen to some tunes, outside near the MUGA 2pm-5pm.

Teddy Bear Picnic and Sports Day – Date TBC.

Fun run Monthly – 3k and 5k – this will be fully vetted and we will look to start this in due course (volunteers welcome and very necessary to get off the ground).

Coffee Morning – To be held in the garden at 12 Vale Close, open to all, coffee, tea and cake, donations welcome. A date in early September will be confirmed for this.

The rest of our calendar of events will be released shortly.

Membership

If you'd like to play a part in shaping the future of our community, we encourage you to apply for membership of the Residents' Association and it is completely free. Becoming a member ensures you have full voting rights at the AGM and are included in all matters relating to the RA, including consultations, decision-making processes, and any formal communications.

Membership is open to all residents and the process is straightforward. Simply submit your details in our request to join form to the Association. Once your details are received, we'll add you to the official membership register and confirm your status. This ensures transparency, fairness and an accurate record of who is eligible to vote on key issues throughout the year. All over 18 are eligible to become members.

As a member, you'll be kept informed about important developments, invited to participate in RA activities and given the opportunity to have your say on decisions that affect our estate. We value a strong, engaged membership and we welcome anyone who wants to contribute to the continued improvement of our community.

Membership Form

***each member of the household must separately complete this form**

Please submit this form either online to our email address
shackletonvillagera@outlook.com, or via post to 9 Vale Close, Shackleton Village.

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ email address _____

Telephone number _____ Do you wish to join the WhatsApp community?

By signing this form, you agree to your details being collected on a register and stored securely under ICO and GDPR guidelines, by the RA committee. They will not be provided to 3rd parties and you will only be contacted by members of the RA related to RA business via email, or via WhatsApp if agreeing to the WhatsApp Community group. It is your responsibility to keep your records up to date and to inform us of any name or address changes, or a change in wanting to participate as a member of the RA.

Signed _____ Date _____

If you would like to make a voluntary donation to the Residents Association alongside your membership, please do so via cash or BACS to account Shackleton Village Residents Association Account no: 13483462, sort code: 30-54-66
