

**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 26th April, 8.00 pm

Doors open 7.30 pm with refreshments

All Saints' Church and Community Centre

(Winchester Road/lower end of Pointout Road)

Come and meet your 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** which will include an important discussion on

THE LOCALISM BILL

This legislation affects everyone. Only by getting informed and involved will people be able directly to affect the area in which they live. Your views count! Do treat this as a priority.

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



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!

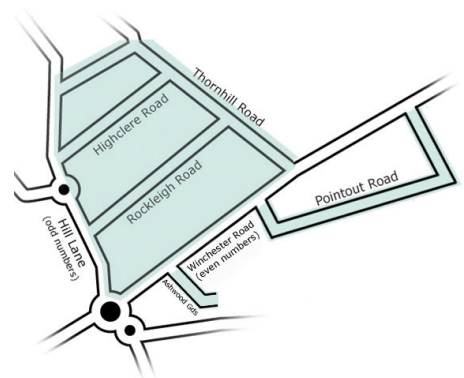
So why bother with your Residents Association?

- * **To increase the profile of ordinary people** - Residents Associations are an increasingly effective way for local people to create a strong corporate voice. This helps us protect our area and amenities, many of which are under threat. The Council, Police and other bodies all recognise the importance of Residents Associations as a means of building bridges with local people.
- * **To stay connected** - it's helpful to know what's happening in your area in terms of planning, local services, events, etc. We produce our own newsletter which we deliver to 330 local households and we have our own website through which you may contact us - check out <http://www.obra.org.uk>. And do let us have **your** views on local news, events, recommended services too!
- * **To get to know the locals** - Meeting nice neighbours is a very positive experience. We also meet with other residents associations, local Councillors, Community Beat Officer and Neighbourhood Wardens.
- * **To celebrate where we live** - We arrange a few social gatherings every year. We've held street parties in our roads and Big Lunches at the Sporting View. We are lucky to have All Saints' Church and Community Centre within our area, where we hold regular events like our annual Pancake Party and "Christmas in the Community" events as well as our meetings and other events.
- * **To work towards reducing crime** - we run a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the area. Find out more about how we work with the Police to take measures against crime.
- * **Can you help?** - We're always on the lookout for new people and new ideas. If you would like to help, or would like to stand as an officer on the committee, please contact us today!

We hope you feel these are good reasons to have a local residents association - we look forward to meeting you soon!

Old Bassett covers the following area:

We have good relationships with other neighbourhood groups in the rest of Bassett: collectively, these form Southampton's "North Neighbourhood Partnership".



Here are some of the things we get involved in:



Police and Community Together (P.A.C.T.)



Ongoing issues such as parking and traffic

If it sounds good to you, why not find out about getting involved?