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## *A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN.....*

Dear Residents of Watermead

Some of you may not know of the Watermead Village Residents Association and other may only have heard about us by way of some odd goings on in the past. So before you throw this newsletter in the bin along with the junk mail you get through your door everyday, please spend a few moments just to find out what the Association may be able to do for you.

The Association was set up in the early days of the Watermead development to represent all of the residents of the village, not just one developer's section, but everyone who lives in the village. In the early days there were many high hopes and expectations of what living in this new, lakeside, development would mean. Sadly those expectations have withered in the cold wind of 90's recession.

We now have to look out for ourselves and that is where the Association comes in. Our objectives, as set out in the recently created constitution of the Association, are to represent the residents to outside bodies, to manage the communal facilities of the village and to help organise social events.

I hear you say 'what communal facilities?'

Well, unfortunately we have no control over the sporting facilities, these are all in Receivership, but we do manage the splendid Village Hall, now professionally cleaned and undergoing some much needed improvements. The hall is available for hire every day and evening of the week to anyone, with a special rate for residents.

So if you want to save your house from the effects of a children's party or are just having a few too many relatives around for drinks just give Julia Robertson (397769) a call to make a booking.

Everyone must have heard that the initial plan was that the communal sporting facilities of the village such as the lake, the ski slope, the sports club, the cricket pavilion, (yes, the nursery school is still supposed to be available as a cricket pavilion!) and the running track, would all run at a healthy profit and provide a focal point for the village.

The reality was that the plans were optimistic in good times and come the lean times of the last few years they have all gone to the wall in one way or another.

The Association is keenly aware that new life needs to be breathed back into the village, not only to make it a more pleasant place to live, but also as a means of maintaining the value of all our properties. We have all made a financial investment to some degree in the village and I am sure there is no one who wants to see that investment waste away through neglect.

As an Association we are approached by many organisations to sound out our opinion on various schemes to take over the defunct facilities. Our approach is always the same - is the gain for the village worth the inconvenience likely to be caused by the development. To date many uses for the lake, the shops and the ski lodge have been put forward, but at present none seem to be nearing a workable state.

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