

FORMATION OF A RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

There is no governing body nationally.

Meetings are conducted in accordance with rules for Associations Clubs and Friendly Societies.

A subscription should be taken from every member once per year (at least) and funds etc should be audited at least once a year. A balance sheet should be produced and displayed for all members to peruse.

A committee should be formed with elections at least once per year.

A committee should have the following officers :-

PRESIDENT (term of office to be agreed)
CHAIRMAN (term of 1 year)
Vice CHAIRMAN (term of 1 year)
TREASURER (term of office to be agreed)
SECRETARY (term of 1 year)
MEMBERS (at least 3. term of 1 year)

STREET ORGANISERS (if the area is a large one use one member per area)

Produce some form of communication for new members (not rules or by-laws) some form of registration card or subscription card.

Make subscriptions as low as possible (be non profit making).

Produce a quarterly magazine using adverts to cover the cost (this in some areas may be as high as £200 for adverts alone (ie 1 page advert £5 to half page £3.00) the right editor can make you a fair profit from this organ). Sell at 10p approximately.

Make the point that the Association is non-political but suggest that you should have some representative on the local council standing as INDEPENDENT. This will ensure that the Association is kept up to date with local affairs.

Where functions of a social nature are held ensure that they are revenue bearing in their entirety so that no funds are used from the Association.

Get together at least once per month with some form of social gathering at least once a quarter until you are more organised

and at the first opportunity seek out permission to build a centre of some sort so that cost of hiring other accomodation could be eliminated.

Get from the site developers the names etc or from the local council should be able to give you up to date list of people residing in your area and make everybody aware of your existance.