



Longham Village Residents Association

Working to make Longham a safe, welcoming, and vibrant village for everyone

Longham Village Residents Association **Actions & Notes Following Meeting on** **23 September – 2025 – The Bridge House Hotel**

South West Water & Bournemouth Water Guest Speakers

Tom Shenton (SWW), Programme Manager for the Longham Bridge project

Sheena Hunt (SWW), Portfolio Manager, LVRA Liaison for the Longham Bridge project

Andy Shorey (BM), Head of Operations

SWW gave an update and presentation which included:

- Temporary pipes remain on Longham Bridge after a major leak.
- Permanent solution being designed (options include drilling under the river or a new pipe crossing).
- Funding secured; works planned with aim to minimise disruption.

Guest Speaker - Cllr Hannah Hobbs-Chell

- Road safety: plans to ease sharp bend at Longham Bridge.
- Speed limits: survey to assess if more 30mph signs can be added.
- Flooding: new drains installed at Hampreston crossroads; more clearance underway.
- Sandbags: council seeking suitable local storage site.
- Diversions: signage improvements for HGVs being considered.

LVRA Updates

- Task Force: new volunteer group launched – badges given to first members. More volunteers welcome!
- Website: new home for information – www.Longham.org

LVRA now holds a no-fee business account with HSBC for transparency.

Treasury update: Bank account balance as of 23 September is £28.24

- Greggs: new bin and planters installed; staff supportive.
- Wikipedia: draft Longham article submitted – awaiting approval.
- Christmas Lights: community switch-on evening planned for Saturday 29th November 6pm.
- Litter Picking: group meets fortnightly; equipment now supplied by Dorset Devils charity.
- Newsletter: hand-delivered edition brought in 15–20 new members – welcome to all of you that have joined us and thanks given to the volunteers for producing and distribution it.

Dorset Local Plan

- Dorset Council proposing ~1,200 new homes around Longham & West Parley.
- LVRA has lodged a formal objection citing:
 - Too many houses for local infrastructure
 - Flood risk & drainage issues
 - Traffic congestion at Longham roundabouts
 - Green Belt & wildlife protections overlooked
- Sir Chris Chope MP is supporting LVRA's position in Parliament.

- What you can do: please submit your own objection before the consultation deadline – guides and templates are on longham.org.

Key Takeaways

- Bridge water pipe solution is funded and in progress.
- New drains at Hampreston should reduce flooding.
- LVRA Task Force, website, and bank account up and running.
- Christmas Lights evening confirmed for 29 November
- Dorset Local Plan objections ongoing – resident voices needed!

Next Residents Meeting Date - March 2026 (date and details to follow)