

# LANGSTONE



## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

What a year it has been for our community. Your Langstone Residents' Association has been working hard on your behalf — monitoring planning applications, fighting for our coastline, keeping our village clean, and now preparing for the biggest changes to local government in a generation. This newsletter sets out what we have achieved and why the next twelve months matter more than ever.

We are pleased to report that, following our AGM on 21 May 2026, we have agreed to keep the annual subscription at just £5 per household — less than the cost of a cup of coffee. We hope you will renew today.

### WHAT YOUR LRA HAS ACHIEVED THIS YEAR

#### 1. Coastal Defence & Sea Wall

Our harbour and shoreline are what make Langstone special — and they face real challenges. Our Chair, Andy Lewis, has been actively engaged with Coastal Partners and all relevant authorities to press for proper flood defences for Langstone. Alongside Langstone Village Association committee members, Jon White has been tirelessly advocating for the restoration of the sea wall and footpath between the Mill Pond and Wade Lane — a stretch of coast cherished by residents and visitors from across the country, and even from overseas. The support has been extraordinary; we have even received emails of encouragement from the United States.

This kind of sustained advocacy takes persistence and expertise. It only happens because the LRA exists and has your mandate behind it.

#### 2. Planning Vigilance

The LRA remains the eyes and ears of the community on all planning matters. We scrutinise applications that could harm our conservation area, our harbour views, and the character of our streets. The committee reviews new submissions to Havant Borough Council and acts where necessary. Without this watchfulness, planning decisions affecting Langstone would go unchallenged.

#### 3. Over 10 Years of Regular Litter Picks

Twice every month, rain or shine, your neighbours turn out to keep Langstone beautiful. Mike Coombs has faithfully co-ordinated this vital conservation work for over a decade, liaising with the responsible authorities and organising every single session. Thanks to the litter-pick team, our lanes, harbour edge, and open spaces remain a source of pride. Mike has kindly agreed to lead this work for another year — but he needs more volunteers. If

you can spare an hour once a month, please visit [www.langstone.org](http://www.langstone.org) and click on the Conservation page.

#### 4. Keeping Residents Informed

Our website — [langstone.org](http://langstone.org) — is maintained as a live, up-to-date source of community information, with minutes from every committee meeting published promptly. Our regular Mailchimp newsletters ensure that important news reaches you quickly, whether about planning applications, flood-defence updates, or local government changes that affect us all. Sending information about events happening in Langstone organised by other local organisations. We send out on behalf of Langstone Good Neighbours, LVA, Friends of Langstone Harbour and The Langstone Sessions.

#### 5. Hosting the AGM with Phil Munday

This year's Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2026 brought together members at Langstone Sailing Club. We were delighted to welcome Councillor Phil Munday, recently Leader of Havant Borough Council, as our guest speaker. He briefed residents directly on flood-defence plans, the Mill Pond footpath issue, and Local Government Reorganisation — subjects that will shape Langstone's future. This direct access to senior decision-makers is only possible because the LRA carries the weight of a well-supported, active community voice.

#### 6. Planning for Local Government Reorganisation

One of the most significant issues facing Langstone is the proposed reorganisation of local government, which will see Havant Borough Council replaced by a new, much larger unitary authority around 2028. This has far-reaching implications for how our community is represented and how local decisions are made.

Your committee has been carefully researching all of the options available to Langstone residents, and we want to make sure that any decision reflects the views of the whole community — not just the committee. We have not yet reached a conclusion on the best way forward, and we believe that is the right approach.

Watch out for more information coming through your door shortly. We will be sending all households a survey so that you can tell us what matters most to you and what kind of future you want for Langstone. Your views will directly shape our decision. Please do look out for it and take a few minutes to respond.

This is one of the most important decisions the LRA has faced in many years. Your voice matters enormously.

### HOW TO RENEW — TWO EASY WAYS

Please renew or sign up by 30 June 2026.

#### Online Banking (preferred)

Nearly two-thirds of our members paid this way last year — it takes under a minute.

- Bank: Langstone Residents' Association
- Sort Code: 30-93-97
- Account Number: 02019669
- Reference: Your SURNAME and first line of address (e.g. Smith, 14 Lang Rd)

Once paid, please send a quick email to [treasurer@langstone.org](mailto:treasurer@langstone.org) to confirm.

#### Cash

If you do not have access to online banking, please place £5 in an envelope marked with your name, address, and email address, and post it through the door at 32 Southbrook Road or 18 Southbrook Road.

## Know a New Neighbour?

If a nearby house has recently changed hands, please let your new neighbours know about the LRA — or email [treasurer@langstone.org](mailto:treasurer@langstone.org) and we will send them an invitation.

**Privacy:** The LRA complies fully with GDPR. By paying your subscription you confirm your consent to the storage of your personal information for LRA purposes only. Full details at [www.langstone.org](http://www.langstone.org).

Thank you for being part of the Langstone community. Every household that supports the LRA makes our village a better, safer, and more beautiful place to live.

Yours sincerely,

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