

SUBURB NEWS



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CONSERVATION AWARD

At the AGM of the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust the Chairman, Gerry Mansell, opened the proceedings by saying that the Trust Council had determined that conservation must not be seen as a negative force. They had therefore decided to make awards to residents who make noteworthy contributions to conservation.

The first such award was made to Mr and Mrs Tarn who, at 46 Meadway, a Mather Dawson house, had restored it to its original condition by reconverting a garage into a living room.



Geoff Tarn accepts his award.



Garage into living room.

TRUST TAKES OVER

The Chairman announced from the previous agents that the Trust was pleased to Bernard Thorpe. "This will have taken over the collection of make the Trust more involved rents on Ashdale properties with, and closer to, the Suburb

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community as well as provide much needed income. We have to look forward perhaps 5-10 years when Ashdale's interest will wane, therefore the Trust should be in a good position to take over the leaseholds."

RESOLUTION NOT ACCEPTED

As a result of a garage application in Willifield Way (Summer Issue) a motion was submitted by John Freeborn for the AGM deploring the failure of the Trust to communicate to objectors the reasons for planning conclusions. Mr Mansell told the meeting that he could not accept the resolution, and was empowered not to, because some decisions made by the Trust would be subject to legal proceedings.

The Council was mindful of its legal obligations and therefore extremely cautious. It was right that the Trust should not prejudice its position when there was any change of legal actions.

With planning applications running at 25 a month it would be impossible for a small staff to communicate with all objectors.

John Freeborn said that this issue was fundamental to the running of the Trust and felt it unreasonable to give applicants reasons for rejection of plans but not objectors.

Mervyn Miller said that every scheme had some merit and had to be considered. The Trust could be facing actions for unreasonably withholding consent every week.

Cllr Shutz pointed out that all planning authorities made the distinction between applicants who can appeal and objectors who can not.

Philip Freeborn wanted to know whether the Trust was prepared to fight an 'unreasonable withholding' action.

The Chairman answered that they would take legal advice on their chance of winning. Tony Mandelson said that residents would appreciate decision and firm judgement. Why had the Trust gone to the RIBA for opinions. Mervyn Miller said that this was because in this particular case the applicants may well feel that the Trust was acting because of the number of objections, not on the merits of the case.

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TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

The 75th anniversary of the Guide Movement was celebrated in the Suburb when the 9th East Finchley Brownie Pack (Norrice Lea) and the 3rd Hampstead Garden Suburb Pack (St Judes) got together for a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Games included a Treasure Trail where the prize was a pot of honey. LR



"HALF BAKED"

Trust Chairman Gerry Mansell had just one word to describe the experimental runway light system with which the Department of Transport wants to control a new tidal flow traffic scheme in Fallosen Way - "HALF-BAKED".

The assessment came on 19 September after representatives of the Trust, RA and Lorry Route JAC had been joined by Bill Tyler and Kurt Weinberg of the Finchley Society on a visit to the Transport and Road Research Laboratory at Crowthorne to view the controversial scheme.

To the disappointment of all Department officials simply had no answers to many of the Suburb's most relevant questions and it was soon clear that their only interest was in "selling the hardware" and avoiding any discussion of its effects on the neighbourhood. Inquiries about the size of the

THIRTY-ONE warning signs due to spring up along the road - many of them being the huge motor-driven, moving-picture type - were passed from one official to another, with none prepared to give an answer. Neither would they commit themselves about the all-

Lorry Route JAC member Pat Garner of Fallosen Way tries out a Ministry moped over the experimental runway lights at TRRL watched by Suburb and Finchley Society representatives.

L to R: Kurt Weinberg and Bill Tyler (Finchley Society), Martin Jaskel and Tony Mandelson (HGS RA), Malcolm Faint (LRJAC), Gerry Mansell and Chris Kellerman (HGS Trust), Pat Garner.

important question of pedestrian facilities. "Nothing has been decided", "We're still investigating possibilities" was as much as we could glean.

The one thing they were eager to concentrate on was their experimental runway lights, but these were extremely unconvincing. They produced severe jolting to the sophisticated suspension of a new Mercedes we took down and even the half-Please turn to page 3

SUBURB RECORD

The Manpower Services Commission has recently approved a project promoted by the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and the Council - to prepare a photographic record of buildings in the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area. The project will be undertaken during the remainder of this year and the spring and summer of next by a photographer appointed for a period of one year under the MSC's Community Programme Scheme. The MSC will be paying the salary of the photographer

and the basic cost of the materials.

The photographs will be catalogued and used by the Council and the Trust as a reference to identify changes to buildings in the Suburb over the years. The collection will be a useful source of archive information and the H.G.S. Residents Association have shown an interest in the project.

A more detailed description of the survey will appear in a future edition of Suburb News when work is under way. CB

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

We are lucky, living on the Suburb, that the Institute is there to soak up much of our surplus creative energy: in addition there are many informally arranged groups of people meeting to play music, discuss books, draw, paint, garden etc. I should like to prepare an article on these and would like to hear from anybody connected with such a group who feels that a little publicity might be useful. Please ring Chris Gregory on 455 9060.

