

Neighbourhood Watch

CCTV Project

For technical reasons and the need for further research into changing technology, we now find that considerably more time is going to be required to assess all the options and determine the optimum Closed Circuit Television system to suit the particular requirements of this area. Consequently, it will be impracticable to achieve the mounting of an exhibition to consult residents as early as October and this will have to be postponed to a later date. As developments take place we will keep residents informed.

Buildings Insurance Offer

There has been an encouraging first response to Brownhill Morris and West's special offer on buildings insurance with responses continuing to be received and more expected over the weeks ahead.

Neighbourhood Watch on North Side of Suburb

Although we have a number of outstanding Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators on the North side of the Suburb who are running thoroughly effective Neighbourhood Watches, there are other parts where the Co-ordinator has resigned without replacement with the result that there are whole areas which at one time had good and efficient Neighbourhood Watches but are now virtually without coverage.

This is serious because it isn't as if this part of the Suburb is exactly free of crime! Many roads near to Fallogen Way and Lyttelton Road are particularly vulnerable to criminals who use the main artery as a means of making a quick get-away. Houses and cars here are particularly at risk and residents need to have a regular flow of informa-

tion on specific crimes that are taking place and how certain known criminals are operating, together with up-to-the-minute advice on how to prevent them achieving their objectives.

In practice, almost every Neighbourhood Watch could do with more help. But some of the roads that are now virtually without any Neighbourhood Watch coverage at all are Brim Hill, Deansway, the north side of Fallogen Way, Howard Walk, The Leys and Neale Close. Other specific areas that need new Co-ordinators are Hill Rise, Hill Top and the Holms.

Over the last twelve months the police have made many efforts to find people in these areas who would be prepared to come forward and offer their services but without success, the excuses tending to be along the lines of "I am quite happy to be in a Neighbourhood Watch as long as other people do all the work for me, but I couldn't possibly find the time/take the responsibility for actually doing anything myself."

Is the north side of the Suburb really so lacking in public-spirited people that no one can be found to give a hand?

Peter Loyd



TRUST GETS TOUGH WITH DOUBLE GLAZERS

In a new Design Guideline to be published shortly by the Trust and Barnet both organisations confirm that when Suburb windows need replacing the original design and materials should be used. In other words integral double glazing units made of either UPVC or aluminium are unacceptable. If double glazing is required then the secondary type should be used, which consist of separate glass panes on the inside. It is considered that windows made of UPVC and aluminium cannot be an exact replica of the original.



37 Brim Hill



4 Devon Rise



92 Kingsley Way

Whenever leaflets advertising double glazing are circulated to Suburb residents the Trust sends a recorded delivery letter to the company explaining that before windows can be changed the prior approval of both the Trust and Barnet is required. So far letters have been sent to companies such as: Denverglaze, Zenith Windows, Weatherglaze, and Anglian Windows. Suburb residents still need to be on their guard since the standard contract for the supply of double glazing often has a clause saying that it is the responsibility of the owner to get the necessary approvals. In two recent cases owners with properties in the Market Place and Rowan Walk, who had unauthorised double glazing installed, were faced with the unenviable choice of being sued by the double glazing company for the non-payment of their invoice or face enforcement action by the Trust and Barnet for installing illegal windows.

During the last few years there have been four cases which have reinforced the tough line being taken by the Trust and Barnet. The owners of 37 Brim Hill and 4 Devon Rise replaced all their windows with UPVC. When their

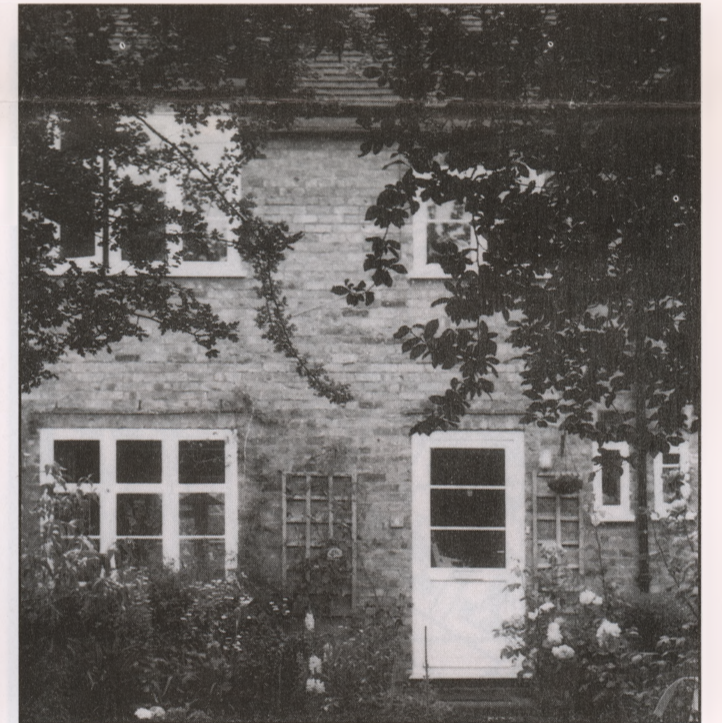
applications for retrospective consent were turned down by Barnet they appealed to the Department of the Environment. In both cases the Inspector appointed by the DoE upheld Barnet's refusal and the owners will have to reinstate the windows made from the original materials.

The other two cases involved the owners of 92 Kingsley Way and 6 Coleridge Walk. These owners also replaced their windows in UPVC without the consent of either the Trust or Barnet. In both cases Barnet were successful in implementing their enforcement procedures and the owners were forced to put back the proper windows.

Fortunately most Suburb residents are aware of the regulations and new owners receive a leaflet from the Trust explaining the guidelines for replacement windows. The number of illegal window cases has fallen dramatically.

Next time you receive a leaflet or phone call advertising double glazing please remember that in all cases before any changes are made you are required by law to get the prior approval of the Trust and Barnet.

Chris Kellerman



6 Coleridge Walk

MENDELLS PROGRESS

Many Suburb residents are only too aware that progress is at last being made on the Mendells Garage site in Coringway. Pictured here one of the lorries full of subsoil trundling through the Suburb



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