



## Totteridge Residents' Association

Issue 11

### BUILDERS BEWARE!



We have had more complaints, letters, email and telephone calls over the problems

caused by building works in Totteridge than at any other period. Problems ensue when houses are razed to the ground and rebuilt, or when a house undergoes an extensive renovation. Totteridge Green residents suffered mercilessly when a large mansion was built south of the Green whilst at the same time the Consolata Fathers Missionary was turned into residential property and another house underwent reconstruction. Grange Avenue was turned into a gigantic car park for a 3-year period when a large house was rebuilt on Totteridge Lane, and is still suffering from the problems caused by three houses being rebuilt at the top of the road, all at the same time. Over the last year Totteridge Manor Land next to the Church has been appropriated by builder's vans and lorries involved in the rebuilding of Estralita. In addition, vans and cars belonging to this refurbishment spilled over to park in Northcliffe Drive, often parking on grass verges. This line of cars resulted in difficulties with access from Totteridge Lane and car drivers often found themselves forced to reverse back out on to the Lane, hardly desirable. Access to the Nature Reserve was blocked and a portaloos was even placed on the pavement outside the property.

Excavation for basements also brings unbearable disruption for neighbours with the necessary heavy machinery, unbearable noise and soil dumped on the road and pavements. There is also the concern that as basements are allowed to go to the limit of their boundary, what protection is given to a neighbour regarding his own property and its foundations? There appears little an ordinary peaceful law-abiding resident can do. In response to these complaints we asked our Councillors what restrictions could possibly be applied. For instance, can a time limit be placed on reconstruction if a property has been started and stopped several times and left idle for years on end? Can a limit be placed on how many homes in a street can be pulled down and rebuilt at the same time?



We do not know the answer to these points but maybe you should ask your MP, your local councillors or your local planning officer.

- If you suspect planning regulations have been breached contact the Planning Enforcement Team on 0208 359 4627
- If there is damage to the environment call Environmental Officers on 0208 359 4627

- If vans, lorries and cars are causing an obstruction call Parking and Highways (who employ civil enforcement officers) on 0208 359 2000.

These are the statutory limits applied to hours of work on buildings that have planning permission:

1. Monday to Fridays 8am to 6pm
2. Saturday 8am to 1pm
3. Sunday no work at all allowed.

If these limits are broken please call 0208 359 7995.

### AGM

Our AGM on May 23rd was attended by 104 residents. We are told that the attendance at our AGM is one of the best of the residents' associations in Barnet. Our MP Theresa Villiers, Chief Superintendent Neil Basu, Barnet Borough Commander, the Deputy Lt of Barnet, Martin Russell FCT, and Sgt Flashman of the local Neighbourhood Safety Force all addressed the meeting. There was an excellent discussion from the floor. The most important issues appear to have been the proposed fence at St Andrews Primary School Totteridge Green, the persistent disturbance and disruption caused by builders blocking streets and access to streets, in particular Northcliffe Drive, St Andrews' Church, Grange Avenue and the proposed introduction of 'Pay By Mobile Phone' in Barnet Car Parks

## PLEASE WRITE TO US!

Your opinions count. Send your views to

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[www.totteridgesidents.org](http://www.totteridgesidents.org)

## WILL YOU PLANT A TREE?

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee many organisations and individuals will plant a tree. All London Boroughs are being presented with a Black Maple tree, a favourite of the Sovereign. All schools have been offered a sapling and St Andrew's School will plant a Black Mulberry tree. The Totteridge Residents Association will plant a Walnut Tree.

**VICTOR LYON** a valued Past Vice-president of the TRA, sadly passed away in July. He was elected a Barnet Councillor in 1986 and retired in 2006. During his tenure on the council he was elected Mayor of Barnet, Leader of the Council and chaired numerous Committees. Victor was always available to give his constituents the benefit of his vast experience and knowledge of local affairs.

## TRA 2012 YEARBOOK

If you live in a house with interesting architectural features we would like to write about it. Please contact us at [tottres@aol.com](mailto:tottres@aol.com) or 0208 445 5687.

# BARNET BOROUGH

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## Dear Residents,

Listed below are the burglaries and crimes that occurred on Totteridge Ward between the 1st and 31st September 2011.

## BURGLARIES

**Budd Close. N12. From 5pm.** Front door forced open, property searched nothing taken.

**Swann Lane. N20 From 8am to 3pm.**

Front door forced, laptop, camera equipment and cash taken.

**Southover. N12. From 9am to 4pm.** Rear patio door forced. Jewelry taken.

**West Hill Way. N20. From 7am to 1pm.**

Rear patio door forced. TV and playstation taken.

**Woodside Grange Road. N12. Over 28 hr period.** House under renovation. Pipework damaged.

## ATTEMPTED BURGLARIES

**Friern Barnet Lane. N20. 11.am.**

Suspects tried to force front door. No entry gained. No property taken.

**The Oaks. N12. From 5pm to 6pm.**

Suspects disturbed by a witness. No property taken.

**Holden Road. N12. Overnight.**

Ground floor window forced and damaged. No entry gained.

## ROBBERIES

*(using or threatening violence against another)*

Outside Totteridge tube station. A 15 year-old schoolboy was approached by four 19 year-old youths who threatened victim with violence and stole his mobile phone.

## MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME

There have been 14 thefts from motor vehicles. These thefts can be split in to two types. The first, builders vans which tend to be targeted for tools. The second is where resident's cars are targeted. The best crime prevention advice I can give is don't leave items in your cars. If you have to park, try to park in busy streets or in CCTV areas. At night you really should try and take all property from inside your vehicles.

Each month our **SNT team produces a Newsletter** similar to the above. If you wish to be included in the circulation contact:

**Pc Andy Caswell**

[Totteridge.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Totteridge.snt@met.police.uk) or  
by phone on 0208 721 2975.

# DIAMOND JUBILEE DOUBLE BANK HOLIDAY 2-5 JUNE 2012

**A message from the Deputy Lieutenant of Barnet MHC Russell FCT**

**National celebrations** will focus on a range of activities in central London. Some of these will allude to events from previous reigns – a River Pageant on the Sunday afternoon will replicate the flotillas along the Thames heralding Queen Elizabeth I. Gun salutes will be fired at HM Tower of London and elsewhere that evening. It is hoped the Service of Celebration and National Thanksgiving to be held at St Paul's Cathedral will be followed by a progress through parts of South London, possibly in the Gold State Coach, similar to the journey of Queen Victoria at her Diamond Jubilee.

**Barnet's celebrations** will commence with a Civic Service at the church of St Alban, Golders Green at 3pm on Sunday 5 February 2012,

to which the public is invited. This recognizes the Sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne. Civic and religious leaders and representatives of voluntary organisations will participate in this Christian service, and multi-faith prayers will be included.

**On Saturday June 2nd**, listen out for a wide range of musical events around the Borough, when churches and other buildings will be open for their own melodic interpretations of sixty years of service by The Queen to the country and commonwealth.

**On Sunday June 3rd** Diamond Jubilee weekend will be marked by a Borough 'Big Jubilee Lunch' event., large and small. Good details are available at <http://www.thebiglunch.com/about/jubilee-2012.php>

**On Monday 4th June**, the Borough, in conjunction with the City of London

Corporation, will host an exciting and varied Fun Day for families at Golders Hill Park. In the evening, the **Mayor of Barnet will light our official Beacon as part of the chain of 2012 beacons around the country.** It is expected that other prominent sites around the Borough including the RAF Museum, Hendon, and several churches will light additional official beacons as well.

**On Tuesday June 5th** churches and all other buildings with bells throughout the Borough and beyond are being encouraged to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary by a peal of their bells.

The Borough has **commissioned a piece of music**, suitable to be played by schools and others, and ideas are in hand to give a **small commemorative gift to each of the nearly 80,000 children who are at schools in the Borough.**