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What is a Wheelie Bin?

A wheeled dustbin 2½ times the capacity of your present dustbin. It stands — high may be grey, black or orange!

The London Borough of Barnet has experimented with these bins, and its Public Works Committee have approved their use; if the scheme is ratified by the Council we will see these bins in use by June next year.

What they could mean to you?

A wheelie bin will be issued to each household, (larger ones could be available), yours to replace if it is stolen or breaks. You will be required to place the bin at the roadside each collection day.

You will be required to return it to your property.

Only the wheelie bin 'full' will be collected — no boxes or extra bags etc.

This may sound simple unless you:

- (1) live in a terraced property and house your bin at the rear
- (2) have steps or change in levels to reach the roadside
- (3) are elderly, disabled or just unable to manhandle or lift this larger bin
- (4) are away on business or holiday

— who will help? — not the collectors — you will be expected to ask a neighbour.

What would it mean to the Suburb?

Bins left on pavements, all day or part of the day — a security risk once emptied.

An obstruction, especially to the blind and disabled, mothers with prams.

An additional hazard in our many narrow and already congested 'Closes'.

They would be dumped in front gardens, particularly where there are terraced properties, steep steps (or cupboards/encloses they no longer fit)?

The experience of the trial areas was that bins are often left on the pavement from one collection to the next.

In short an eye sore on our environment.

What can you do about it?

Are you prepared to move a full wheelie bins? — NO

Are you prepared to see the Suburb littered with wheelie bins? — NO

Well unless you write to the Councillors M.M. Davis, R. Shutz and Mrs C. Sebag-Montefiore, Members Room, Hendon Town Hall, and the Chief Executives of L B of Barnet at Hendon Town Hall, you too could be the owner of a wheelie bin by June next year.

Please write and try to save our environment. SM

HGS CHARITABLE TRUST

Last year the Residents Association offered to collect funds for 'Suburb Charities' when it collected the annual subscriptions. This was to replace the present collection which is specifically for the Fellowship Fund. It was felt that there were other sections of the community which could benefit from financial support in addition to the elderly. Another factor which affected the decision to try to raise money for the Charitable Trust, was the agreed cessation of support from the New HGS Trust Company Ltd who are no longer obliged to give their profits to the Charitable Trust.

(The title is so long that the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust Company Ltd. will be referred to as the Charitable Trust for the rest of this article.)

In order to avoid confusion in residents' minds between the Charitable Trust and the main Trust Company a motion was put to the last AGM to change the name. This was defeated and when the Wardens decided that they could not take on the collection this year the Charitable Trust Council had to consider the future of the Company.

After lengthy discussion it decided to try to find the answers to two fundamental questions. First is there a demand for a body such as the Charitable Trust to be available to help organisations and individuals in need? Second if the need exists are the residents willing to give money for these purposes?

Although the Suburb is an affluent area there are people who are in need of additional financial help. There may be families which have split up and children being supported largely by one parent. Money could be needed to attend a weekend youth camp or disabilities whose life would be improved by the modification of their homes to meet their needs. We believe that there will be a number of people for whom some financial help would considerably improve their life on the Suburb or alleviate some social need.

To find the answers to the two

questions posed above the Charitable Trust Council is going to implement the following programme.

You are invited to write to the Secretary of the New HGS Charitable Trust Ltd., 862 Finchley Road, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 6AB, marking the envelope CONFIDENTIAL and stating the need for help and the amount of money requested. I need hardly say that all applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. All the applications are to be submitted by Friday, 10 June 1988.

The Charitable Trust Council will meet soon after that date to evaluate the requests and to decide which proposals it wishes to support. Further details may be requested then so that an article can be published in the September Suburb Newsletter asking for your donations but making it clear what projects we have in mind for this year. You will be asked to send in your cheques by the end of November so that the Charitable Trust Council can review the position and recommend the disbursement of the available funds.

At the AGM in 1989 the Charitable Trust Council will be able to report back what has been achieved.

So if you know of someone in need please write in as soon as possible and not later than Friday, 12 June, 1988.

John Freeborn, Chairman of the New HGS Charitable Trust Ltd.

Dear Sir,

Having read the article "Its an ill wind" in the winter issue of the Suburb News I fail to understand the "Trusts" persistence in advocating Plane trees as being suitable for this part of the Suburb.

It was a mistake in the first place to plant forest trees outside these small cottages, they are certainly not "in scale" as the article suggests.

In the summer when in leaf they block out the light, and in the Autumn they create continual sweeping and clearance problems.

The pavements are being disturbed by the roots, and one wonders what this is doing to the foundations.

The London Borough of Barnet are aware of the problems that these Plane trees can cause and would have replaced them at this end of Hampstead Way several years ago but for the intervention of the Trust. The Council are surely looking ahead by replacing the larger ungainly trees with smaller ornamental ones, at least they are ensuring that problems with growing perennial plants will be kept to a minimum for future generations.

Perhaps the Trust should consult the residents who watch these trees growing larger each year, in my case for the last 39, after all, we do pay a management fee to the Trust to look after our interests.

Mr. S.C. Catling
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Temple Fortune, NW11

LAYING FOUNDATIONS FOR ART

The Institute has long prided itself on the strength of its Art and Craft Department, which has for some years now been in the capable hands of Co-ordinator John Brown. 1988 sees the launch of an exciting new venture which John has been busy masterminding in recent months.

The 'Pre-Foundation/Portfolio Course in the Visual Arts' consists of a structured two-term programme, designed to prepare students for an art foundation course or a fine art degree at university. John, and Course Administrator Barbara Jackson, hope it will attract both school leavers and mature students who wish to experience the commitment of a full-time course in art and craft. The structure of the course is flexible, to cater for the differing needs of students, but is basically spread over four days per week, with additional time set aside for museum and exhibition visits, private work and optional subjects. Regular tutorials will be given to students to help their creative development and to give practical guidance and career advice.

Compulsory subjects will be drawing and basic design, life drawing, painting, sculpture and 3-dimensional design, pottery, and history of art; photography will also be covered. Optional subjects include stained glass, calligraphy, book-binding, fashion and dressmaking, tex-

tiles (including embroidery) and jewellery. A team of specialist tutors, some of whom are already on the Institute staff, is being assembled so that students have the benefit of high quality teaching. Interviews for the course take place in May, and interest has already been expressed by some students in existing Institute classes. John and Barbara also hope to capture the attention of potential students from much further afield, however, and to this end an illustrated leaflet describing the course is being widely circulated to schools, colleges and polytechnics, among other places.

Being effectively full-time, the course is not cheap, but John is hopeful that it will, for certain categories of student, meet a need which at present is largely unfulfilled. His enterprise and energy are to be applauded; and time will tell whether they are also going to reap the reward they deserve. If you are interested, or know anybody who might be, please contact John at the Institute. RB



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