

North West Two NEWS

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE LIFE BETTER IN CRICKLEWOOD

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Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter of the NW2 Residents Association.

WHO ARE WE?

Quite simply, we are a group of local residents who are committed to making NW2 a better place to live. Addressing practical issues like graffiti removal, neighbourhood watch and also creating a sense of community and belonging by getting to know each other.

Since it emerged from the living room on Temple Road where the initial meeting was the start of the local Neighbourhood Watch at the first open meeting on the 4th September, members have been contacting councillors, borough officials and the local community police team to get started on tackling graffiti, street cleanliness, pavement safety, lighting and other practical things that will help make Cricklewood a better place to live.

For example members have asked questions about the possibility of utilising Neighbourhood Working money to tackle safety issues around Temple Road and have been told that if residents highlight safety in this area as an issue then there is a possibility that some funds can

be invested in schemes to tackle this problem.

Local councillors will be having a walk about and public meetings to explain the scheme and to discuss with residents what they would like to see the money spent on. Rest assured - NW2 interests will be highlighted!

If you are worried about something to do with living in NW2 - if you feel vulnerable if you are out after dark, if you are worried about crime, particularly street crime - please let us know.

This newsletter will keep you up to date with what the residents association is doing to make life better for all of us who live in NW2.

We also want to include contributions from as many residents as possible, young and old, so please get in touch with ideas and articles.

**Next Open
Meeting 17th
January 2008 @
The Crown Moran
Hotel @ 7.30pm**

CHILDRENS CORNER

We want to run a regular children's corner in the newsletter too. So anyone out there still in (junior?) school, please let us know if you want to help - for example, do you read a lot - would you like to review a book for us? Did you go (or are you planning to go on an unusual trip or holiday - would you like to tell us about it? If you think you have an idea for us, just get in touch! The Residents Association wants to organise some fun activities for young residents - how about a picnic and games day in Gladstone Park? We need your ideas.

TIMES PAST

Has anyone out there been living in the area for many years? Do you have memories of how things used to be here? Can anyone tell us how Cricklewood fared in the blitz for instance, or what locals did to celebrate the coronation?

If you do, and you would be happy to share them with us, we would love to hear from you with stories, recollections and photographs - please get in touch.

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LOCAL TRADESPEOPLE

We want to start up a list of local tradesmen recommended by local people - I can start the ball rolling:

If you need an electrician try Martin Connell Electrical Services 020 8830 7186 or 078956 367 526 for a qualified domestic installer.

If anyone has a trusted builder, plumber, tiler, decorator or anything else useful, please let us know and we can put the word around. Help us to make sure the good guys get the work and we all get good trades people to do our jobs.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

We know there are guide and scout groups out there, bridge clubs, and walking groups - a reading group meets at Olive Road Library on the fourth Thursday of every month - anything we discover will be published here - so if you are looking for members, volunteers something to join or something to set up, let me know and we will see what can be done.

PUB QUIZ NIGHT 30th January @ The Crown Pub

Get your friends and neighbours together for a Quiz night to be held in the bar of the Crown pub Cricklewood Broadway come along at 7.30 to register your team - quiz starts at 8pm! E-mail:

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CONTACT DETAILS

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