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Crime Diary

By John Larimer

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) advises the following alleged incidents were reported as having occurred within the N2 postal code area during May, 1999: Burglary of dwelling, 10; Burglary of other than dwelling, 3; Theft of motor vehicle, 10; Theft from motor vehicle, 18; Criminal damage to motor vehicle, 10.

If you are the victim or witness of a crime, ring 999. If you have any information about a crime and don't want to give your name, ring CrimeStoppers, anytime on 0800 555 111. For further information or advice you can contact our MPS Crime Prevention Officer, PC Peter Hayward, at 0181 733 5092.

Community Safety Units

The launch of new Community Safety Units (CSUs) to give support and offer protection to victims who have been targeted due to their race or colour, sexual orientation, religion or disability, will be given Metropolitan police support as officers will work with these units.

Given extra resources, these specially trained staff will provide a comprehensive support to victims.

Commissioner Sir Paul Condon said, "The CSUs are an indication of the priority the Metropolitan police service is planning on tackling hate crime. We are confident they will build on experiences gained by officers over the last ten years in supporting victims and investigation crimes of this nature".

The CSUs will be supported by posters and leaflets to encourage people to report these crimes.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Attacker in court

Anthony McGlynn, of the Grange Estate, has been remanded in custody by Hendon Magistrates Court.

He is accused of attempted murder in connection with a baseball attack on 1 April in Wooton Grove, Finchley. He is due to appear at the Old Bailey on Wednesday 14 July.

Quality Street

Repairing all faults to streetlights promptly is just one pledge in a package of quality guarantees kicking into action from Barnet Council in June.

Initially covering street services, housing plus refuse and recycling, a new residents' guide to Quality Guarantees sets out:

- ⊙ Details of the services provided by Barnet Council
- ⊙ The standards residents may expect from the council in delivering these services.
- ⊙ How local people can alert the council to any problems.

The guide also tells local citizens how an individual may claim a £10 rebate if the council fails to come up with the standard set within tough new time scales.

Calling Jeremy

"Jeremy of East Finchley" make yourself known!

We've heard you on LBC radio phone-ins, complaining about our little local traffic difficulties: Buses which stop at Archway...the joys of the Northern Line...

THE ARCHER wants to go further on this transport theme (certainly further than the 263).

Jeremy - and anyone else out there - would you like to form a pressure group?

War on Litter

Nearly £230,000 has been made available to improve the current levels of cleaning of the borough's streets. Each street will be given an intensive cleanse once a year in addition to the existing street cleaning arrangements.

From 1 June, street sweepers using a mechanical sweeper will visit the borough's 2,600km of highway in blocks of 12-15 roads per day five days per week. Skips will be provided in each of the blocks so that residents can dispose of bulky household and garden waste; the skips will be emptied regularly throughout the day.

Each block will be leafleted one week prior to the cleanse. This deep cleansing will involve the strategic placing of highly visible information signs to let residents know what is going on. The aim is to complete 75% of all the borough's roads in the next nine months - with the remaining 25% completed between June and September next year.

Tudor Roses

Tudor Rose School recently celebrated National Grounds Week.

The children of Tudor planted bedding plants outside their rooms during this week. The school had a special visit from MP Rudi Vis on 8 June to see the gardening of the green-fingered kids during their morning assembly.

Lankaster coach works

THE ARCHER followed up recent reports that Lankaster Coach Works in Lankaster Gardens was about to close to make way for a new block of flats.

A spokesperson from the Coach Works said, "Where did you hear that?" He confirmed that developers have applied for planning permission to build on the site, but said, "We have a very long lease, and they would have to ask us before doing anything".

Strawberry Vale plans

By Robert Jones

As reported in April's Archer, the Strawberry Vale consultation meeting went ahead with around fifty householders present.

The consultation has led to many changes in the plans for the estate. Many people believed that more parking for the residents should be provided and more parking areas have been added.

The toddler play area has been rejected. The gates for Stable Walk were also rejected as it was thought that they

would hinder emergency vehicles which might need access to the central areas of the estate.

The plans now have an enhanced multi-sport pitch for the children of the Vale. Work has begun on replacing the heating systems along Old Farm Road and the building of the new community centre.