



Cars speed at scene of fatal collision

By Janet Maitland

Speeds of up to 51mph in a 30mph zone have been recorded at the crossroads where 96-year-old Daphne Edwards lost her life at the end of February. She was crossing Lyttelton Road at the junction with Ossulton Way, N2, and Kingsley Way, where there are no pedestrian lights, when she was in collision with a car.

The speeds were recorded by volunteers from Hampstead Garden Suburb using mobile speed cameras supervised by police in a Community Roadwatch exercise. "Over an hour, seven vehicles were doing 38-51mph," said police officer Hayley Lewis. "Only one in five cars was doing less than 30mph," added volunteer Brian Ingram.

the Highways Department, TfL, and local councillors to assess and improve the junction, but at the time of going to press a date had not yet been set. Gary Thomas, chair of HGS Residents' Association Road and Traffic committee, has called a public meeting about road safety on 6 July.

No solution from CR efforts

It doesn't look, however, as if Community Roadwatch will help with finding a solution. TfL said there was no link between data collected during these exercises and decisions about whether to install pedestrian lights or speed cameras. "Information gathered from Community Roadwatch is used to help build intelligence for future police activity," said a spokesperson.



Traffic watch: Brian Ingram operates a speed gun. Photo by Peter McCluskie.

Details of vehicles caught speeding in these exercises are sent to Transport for London (TfL), who then send the owner a letter. If this happens more than three times they face police prosecution.

When we reported on the danger of crossing at this junction in May, readers said there were problems with visibility and with the phasing of the lights as well as speeding traffic. "It's not 'if' but 'when' somebody else will be injured or killed," said Jackie Young. "TfL should take a close look at this and come up with a solution," said Mike Bailey.

Motions and meetings

On 4 April Barnet Council unanimously agreed to a motion from Councillor John Marshall for an urgent meeting between



Oh I do like to be...: David and Caroline Broome raise a glass in their garden beach hut.

On the beach... in Church Lane!

David and Caroline Broome have transformed their summer house into a beach hut ahead of opening their garden in Church Lane, N2, for the National Garden Scheme on the last Sunday of this month. Those who have visited before will know that the garden is packed full of unusual perennials and shrubs.

David has also created two new water features around the rill: a copper kettle pouring into a copper cup and saucer, and a copper Posser. There is a mini living wall by the front door, and new planting displays on the roof terrace and patio.

The couple is promising fabulous home-made cakes, a selection of locally propagated plants for sale, a raffle and a children's treasure hunt. Their garden at 79 Church Lane will be open from 2-6pm on Sunday 30 July. Entrance is £3.50 per person, free for children. Fur-

ther details from www.ngs.org.uk/?bf-garden=21824.

This year the NGS is celebrating its 90th Anniversary with lots of special events. In 90 years the NGS has donated over £50 million to charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie.

Motorcyclist killed on A1

By Janet Maitland

A 29-year-old motorcyclist was killed in a collision with a car on the A1 Falloden Way on 21 June. Police were called just before 11am to reports of an accident just past the traffic lights at the junction with Northway and Hill Rise, the adjacent junction to Ossulton Way, N2.

"Sadly, despite the best efforts of everyone involved, one patient died at the scene," said a spokesperson for the Ambulance Service. "The driver of the car stopped at the scene and there have been no arrests," said a police spokes-

person. The A1 between Hill Rise and the North Circular was closed to traffic for several hours. Anyone with information is asked to contact the dedicated witness appeal line on 020 8991 9555.

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