



# Mulberry Close Residents Society Newsletter

May 2006

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM for 2006 was held at Ellis House on Wednesday 29 March and around 20 shareholders attended. The Minutes of the meeting have already been circulated and were approved by the Directors at their last meeting. If you need another copy or have any questions about the meeting please don't hesitate to contact a Director.

## MCRS Directors

There are still 7 Directors for the Close, their roles for 2006 are:

*Sarah Barratt*, No.20, Chair, skip and Neighbourhood Watch coordinator

*Ellen Lee*, No.33, Treasurer

*Steve Willis*, No.1, Company Secretary, also report any Close lighting etc failures to him

*Ann Jack*, No.28, grounds and trees maintenance

*Kyle Rowland*, No.52, grounds and trees maintenance

*Clarke Brunt*, No.35, email list

*Katherine Brown*, No.51, Newsletter, share transfers and Minutes.

## Alley-way between Close and Milton Road

Anyone walking from the Close to the Milton road shops will have noticed the overgrown and rubbish strewn alley to the left as you leave the Close. Thanks to Richard Allen, City Ranger for our area, the alley is now clear of debris and the weeds trimmed flat.

MCRS owns part of the land of the alley so it would be good to keep it in order now the Council has

done the heavy work. A volunteer for 10mins a week is needed!

Please contact Katherine, No. 51, who is litter picking at the moment, if you have a very little time to spare.

## Fencing at the top of the Close

The AGM voted to have some new fencing at the entrance to the Close if it could be afforded. Unfortunately the quotes are all around £2000+ due to the heavy nature of the work and this is more than MCRS can afford. If residents would really like decent wooden fencing then the next AGM must consider how we can best afford it.

Ann and Kyle will be arranging to plant some thorny shrubs as an alternative intruder deterrent.

## Scam alert

The Community Police ask that we be aware of a new scam in the region: cards from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) are posted through your door telling you that you have a parcel awaiting collection and inviting you to call a number to arrange delivery. Do not call the number! There is no parcel and you will be billed £15 for the call, however short. Already under investigation by Trading Standards.

## Skip Dates

The next skip is here today.

**Please, please** don't overfill it. If your stuff doesn't fit in you must take it back. If you can, also take compostable material to

the recycling centre at Butt Lane. Thank you.

## **Dustbins**

Please can residents put their bins back in their gardens or the bin corral after collection day. Unclaimed bins are used by burglars as steps to get over the fences.

## **Lost Cat**

Many readers will know that the grey tabby from No. 58 went missing last month. Fortunately he returned, having been trapped in a shed. Thanks to all who checked their sheds for him.

## **Micropower**

Micropower generation and security of supply are likely to be issues in the future and the Close, with a good proportion of technical residents, should be in a position to exploit the opportunities that new technologies bring.

Before then, though, the Directors agreed, at their meeting in March, that they would not object to any resident wishing to put static solar panels on their roof. This new policy is subject to provisos that the panels must not interfere with any other householder, must be professionally installed, roof subject to survey, internal wiring etc. etc. The MCRS line does not, of course, prevent any other householder from objecting.

If solar heating/electricity are contemplated the Directors would favour a single contractor to maintain visual integrity in the Close.

## **Doggy reminder**

If you walk your dog on the Green, please keep him/her on a lead. Thank you.

## **Leaf Clearing**

The AGM was told that the Close Gardening service planned to charge an additional £900 for leaf clearing. Ann and Kyle have obtained a number of other quotes and it does not look, so far, as though much saving can be made. They are trying some other companies but it is possible that 'self-help' will be required...

## **For Sale and Wanted**

**Free to a good home** - 17" CRT colour PC monitor, cream;  
17" CRT colour PC monitor, black;  
Phillips 600W microwave, white;  
Electrolux upright vacuum cleaner with accessories, grey;  
Tefal Classic 2 slot toaster, white

Contact Anita or Gerry, No. 34

Send your needs and wants to [newsletter@mulberryclose.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@mulberryclose.org.uk) for the July newsletter.

## **Lost and Found**

**Found** - on the Green opposite Nos. 36 and 37, late January, soft dark brown and creamy white scarf, label - Moonbat. Can be claimed from No. 38.