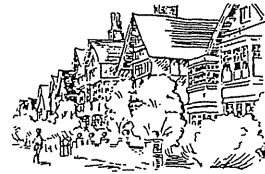


Stoneygate Conservation Area Society

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SCAS WRITELINES

Contact us if you are concerned, or wish to know more about aspects of the following within our area:

- ◆ Listed buildings
- ◆ Demolition in whole or part.
- ◆ Windows and doors.
- ◆ Trees.
- ◆ Alterations to buildings.
- ◆ Satellite Antennas.
- ◆ Roof & decorative features.

Send your letter, including phone number to:-

Writelines
c/o 12 Central Avenue
Clarendon Park
Leicester LE2 1TB

We will then arrange for someone who can help in the matter to get in touch with you.

Roundabout fate rests with councils

THIS month could end the silence which has prevailed since our huge petition, bearing 8,110 names, was officially presented to the appropriate authorities.

SCAS believes that no news is good news, but since the petition has to be referred to the relevant committees in both councils, the earliest date a response can be expected is on 24 September following a meeting of the county council's Highways and Transportation Committee.

And there will be a longer wait for the city council's reply because its relevant committee meeting date is 30 October.

That is about the time when work will start on a £400 exercise to remove this summer's planting and set out a scheme for next spring. Alpine plants and geraniums will provide a bright and cheerful theme for the summer.

David Oldershaw, SCAS co-chair said the planting also could be good news for the campaign but, he added: "The battle is not yet won."

PICTURE shows Ro Gordon handing the petition to Cllr Robert Pritchard prior to its presentation by him and Cllr Ron Adams to the county council on 26 June. Ro made a presentation to the city council the next day.

Also pictured from left are SCAS members James Monk, Odette Fogler; Cllrs Arnie Gibbons and Karey Hunter (city); Jim Roberts (county); John Burrows, secretary Leicester Civic Society; David Macqueen of Midland Vending Services, sponsor of the roundabout. (Photo by courtesy of Leicester Mercury.)

FAMOUS WRITER SUE TOWNSEND HAS PUBLICLY DECLARED HER SUPPORT FOR THE ROUNDABOUT

AUTUMN programme



MEETINGS HELD AT:
St. John's Parish Centre
Clarendon Park Road
(London Road end)

Wednesday 16 October at 8.00pm
Street trees - what to plant and how to manage them.
Professor Robert Pritchard.

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Wednesday 4th December at 8.00pm
Leicester in Bloom - plans for 1997.
Nick Thornton - Campaign Co-ordinator

Meeting points: 16th October

'LEICESTER is blessed with many mature street trees which cause problems like subsidence, shading and leaves in gutters.

The council has no consistent policy to deal with the problems and tends to respond to individual complaints with damaging crisis management.

The best defence of our trees is an informed public who can tell bad practice from good, and is confident enough to challenge bad practice as they see it happening.

My illustrated talk will explain how trees grow, how their shape is determined and how to prune them without storing up worse problems for the future.' *Robert Pritchard.*

Plans in the pipeline

54 Stoneygate Road:
2-storey house to be built in grounds. Appeal refused.

28 Springfield Road:
Applied for 2-storey extension to front of dwelling house, first-floor extension over garage at side and single-storey extension at rear

Hollybank Court, London Road:
Telecommunications installation on roof - including six sector aerials, two micro-dishes and a radio equipment cabin. Application refused.

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Diamond Cable: was it trumps for you?

SCAS is interested to have your comments - good or bad and would like to know about any action you have taken. Do send a letter to *Writelines* (see overleaf).

Contacting Diamond Cable is not easy. Much of their work is contracted out to:-

Bendigo Construction,
Lady Bay House,
Meadow Grove,
Nottingham NG2 3HF.
(Telephone: 0115 986 0449.)

Complaint forms can be obtained by ringing the number.

Two other useful contacts may be:

Paul Niles (Diamond Cable),
Diamond Plaza,
Daleside Road,
Nottingham NG2 3GG.
(Telephone: 0115 912 2629.)

or

Paul Randle, Construction Manager, Bendigo.
(Fax. number: 0116 233 4050.)

Diamond Cable claim to be tree-friendly. They even have a hand-out, *Trenching and Trees*, which SCAS has copies of - but there are doubts as to whether Leicester City Council is in a position to monitor the cable installation work.

The people to talk to at New Walk Centre are:

Mr K Rowe (Highways) - Tel: 254 9922.
Mr Allan D'Albe (Tree Management) - Tel: 252 7351.

SCAS thinks that the city council and Diamond Cable should have given householders the *Trenching and Trees* leaflet, together with proper notification of the work taking place.

SCAS members are at the forefront of activities to protect our conservation area. This can be done through direct contact using the information given here. Please support us and tell your friends.

STONEYGATE CONSERVATION AREA SOCIETY

I/we wish to join the Society/renew membership and enclose cash/cheque for £2 (family per year) as from March 1996. Please make cheques payable to Stoneygate Conservation Area Society.

(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Title) Tel:

Address: Postcode:

(Send to: Odette Fogler, Membership Secretary, 5 Calbri Court, 37 Knighton Drive, Leicester LE2 3HD. Tel: 270 5623.)