

# Stoneygate Conservation Area Society

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## ROUNDABOUT WAITS FOR SIGN

“LEICESTER in Bloom, as it stands, is dead.”

But the statement by Clive Somerton, co-ordinator of what is now known as the city council's Community Horticulture Group, does not mean an end to flowers and the sponsorship of Mayfield Road and other roundabouts.

“The signboards are a problem and new, more permanent ones are being made which will have Leicester City Council's logo on them,” he said.

Meantime the present sign on Mayfield roundabout will stay as it is, with plants for 1998 being sorted during September.

Clive, who has a “horticultural background”, wants to see how the roundabout can be improved in terms of design, planting and soil condition. He also looks upon sponsorship as being very important.

“This will be sought when the groundwork has been done. I would also like to encourage local people to get involved and let us know what they would like to see in their areas,” Clive added.

• *David MacQueen, director of Midland Vending Services, Ltd. has confirmed he will sponsor planting on Mayfield Road roundabout and Carisbrooke triangle when new signs are ready.*



• *DESPITE very hot weather and some drought casualties, the hanging baskets on Queen's Road are continuing to show a bright face to the local community, and there is every hope that the initiative which set in place a budding community spirit will continue.*

*“We are grateful to volunteers who undertook to water the baskets on lamp posts, but hope to ease such duties in future by either introducing a regular maintenance scheme or using other types of plant,” said SCAS co-chair, David Oldershaw. (Photo courtesy Leicester Mercury.)*

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME - JUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM OVERLEAF

**STREET TREES AND DIAMOND CABLE**

SCAS has learned that Diamond Cable is to uncover the site and replace a tree that was removed from Central Avenue. The planting is expected in the autumn.

Do you know of any street trees that were damaged or taken away when the cables were laid? If so, please contact the city council or let us know on 0116 270 7586

**THE Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens' Trust** is to be formally launched in Leicester by Stephen Anderton, Gardening Correspondent for *The Times*.

One aim of the Trust is to foster a consultative approach when gardens, parks and designed landscapes come under threat from inappropriate development or neglect.

The event will take place on Saturday 13 September 1997 in The Richard Attenborough Centre on Lancaster Road.



**BY PUBLIC DEMAND  
OUR THIRD WALK WITH  
RICHARD GILL**

**Monday 15th September  
at St. John's Parish Centre,  
Clarendon Park Rd.  
(next to church.)**

**Early start 6.30pm (to gain light)**

Richard will again lead us on a light-hearted architectural and historical tour of another part of the conservation area.

All who have attended previously will know we are promised an enthusiastic, informative, enjoyable and impromptu evening.

**Book your place (cost £2 per person) with Odette Fogler now on (0116) 270 5623.**

**Planning situation as at 1 August 1997**

**55 Springfield Road:**

Change of use from guest house to multiple occupation.

**336 London Road:**

Change of use from hotel to 10 bedsits.

**8 Springfield Road - rear of, fronting on Avenue Road:**

Block of four flats. Permission refused.

**111 Clarendon Park Road:**

Change of use to students' accommodation (10 bedrooms) Application has been withdrawn.

**1 Stoneygate Road:**

Change of use from residential to educational. Applied for by Muslim Academy, 320 London Road.

**7/11 Stoneygate Road:**

Application to fell eight trees covered by tree preservation orders - still outstanding.

**Christ Church, Clarendon Park Road:**

Following SCAS intervention, the church heating installation was eventually agreed only after an adjournment to allow for a site visit and with conditions to safeguard the neighbours and screening from the street.

*(NB: Multiple occupation means sharing bathroom and kitchen. Bedsits are self-contained units.)*

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**TELL SCAS**

CONTACT us if you require information about any of the following:

- Listed buildings
- Demolition in whole or part.
- Windows/doors.
- Trees.
- Alterations to buildings.
- Satellite antennas.
- Roof & decorative features.

Send a letter, including phone number to: *Writelines, c/o 12 Central Avenue, Clarendon Park, Leicester LE2 1TB* and someone who can help will contact you as soon as possible.

**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 1997. Please make cheques payable to Stoneygate Conservation Area Society.

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