

**Northern Approach Action Group (NAAG)**  
**MAY NEWSLETTER**  
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Dear Residents

Further to our last edition please find the next instalment of the NAAG newsletter.

**VANDALISM IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH YARD!**

We don't know if all the residents are aware but on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May over 34 gravestones were vandalized & kicked over in St Michael's church. The behavior of these people is totally unacceptable & will not be tolerated on this development or the rest of the Parish. We would hope that any resident with information on this crime contact the local Police on Tel: **01206 762212** or Crime stoppers Tel: **0800 555 111**.

At present, only gravestones that are over 100 years old will be restored by CBC. The rest needs to be funded by other means. NAAG have donated £100 to St Michaels Church towards the cost of restoration of the damage caused. We would urge any residents who are able to make a donation to do so, as the repair bill for this could run in to thousands of pounds.

Cheques should be made payable to St Michael's Church & can be sent to the following address

**St Michaels Church**  
**Rectory Ct**  
**Colchester**  
**CO4 5DN**

On a more positive note, the Police have arrested a number of youths on suspicion of Criminal Damage and hopefully will press charges in the near future. The footpath between Bolsin Drive and the churchyard is also going to be closed off with a gate being inserted. The churchyard will also be locked at night to stop further damage. This is all very disappointing considering it is a beautiful and useful walkway. **It is a shame these idiots have spoilt it for the majority.**

**DAMAGE TO PLANTATION AND ANGLIAN WATER BUILDING ALONG HAKEWILL WAY**

There has been extensive damage to the new plantation along Hakewill Way where plantation has either been trampled on or plants have been pulled out. The Police are aware of the situation and will take action against those who are caught causing criminal damage. Further trees were damaged between 18.30 and 20.00 on May 20<sup>th</sup>. It is sad that some of the vandalism is being done by those who actually live on Hakewill Way. Maybe we should trample down their gardens? The Anglian Water building was also vandalized earlier in the year where a post and some fencing was ripped down. This has just been repaired after NAAG intervened. However, somebody has damaged one of the posts yet again and put some graffiti on the fencing.

**ROUNDABOUTS, SWALES AND YELLOW LINES!**

Several of the roundabouts have been damaged again by inconsiderate drivers crossing the centre of them with their vehicles. The grass verges opposite Wallace Road have also been damaged yet again by drivers either parking on or driving over them. We have taken this issue up with ECC/CBC and have asked they put bollards on these areas to ensure the inconsiderate drivers who damage them learn to drive on the road. Parking restrictions are also being looked at in the form of Yellow Lines or Parking Permits which come into force in January 2008 from ECC.

**TREES**

Good News : the trees have been finally planted on the roundabouts and are starting to get established. Once again we would like to thank George Wimpey, Colne Housing, Suffolk Heritage Housing, Estuary Housing, Royal Bank of Scotland, and Myland Parish Council for contributing to the purchase of these trees.

**RUBBISH BINS**

We have had a number of conversations with CBC concerning the lack of rubbish bins on the development. CBC has agreed to fund two additional bins on Wallace Road and the walkway from the Oaks Hospital. On top of this we have had funding approved from the Parish Council for additional 2 bins at the entrance to Mill Road Park and Dickenson Road crossing. Unfortunately CBC Waste team has come up with a stumbling block, wanting to charge £858 for emptying each bin! This is currently being reviewed and considered by NAAG and Local Councilors to get resolved.

### **RESIDENTS LITTER PICK**

We held a residents litter pick on March 24<sup>th</sup> which was attended by the 3 Borough Councillors and 3 NAAG representatives. Sadly, no other residents came forwards to help. Between us though we litter picked the whole development, including the George Wimpey end and proposed Bus corridor near Bardsley Close. We managed to collect over 20 bags of rubbish.

### **FENCE PANELS**

Some fence panels have been stolen from the entrance to Wallace Road. These will have to be replaced at great cost to the Taxpayer (i.e. YOU). English Partnership has confirmed that they have placed the order to fence off the Bus lane at the top of Dickenson Road. Hopefully this should take place within the next couple of months.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to congratulate Anne Turrell in her victory in the local elections. If it wasn't for Anne, the Northern Approach Action Group would never have been formed. We look forward to working closely with her over the next 4 years.

### **BOVIS HOMES DRAIN COVERS**

Bovis Homes have finally agreed to replace the drain covers and re-tarmac as necessary for all Bovis homes customers who have private roads or parking areas. These drain covers have all started to sink into the ground and therefore the tarmac around them has become damaged. This work will commence in the next few months.

### **BOVIS STREETLIGHTS ON PRIVATE PARKING AREAS**

There have been some issues developing where streetlights on private areas have been going out of service. When these have been reported as being inoperable, it transpires they are owned by individual residents who have responsibility to pay for the electricity and repairs. Bovis Homes have been informed that other developers set up Asset management companies which all residents provide a small annual fee to in order to pay for costs. NAAG will look into how we do this with all Bovis customers to ensure we have the same process and fairness as other residents who purchased from George Wimpey, Persimmon and Barratts.

### **SHOPPING TROLLEYS**

Asda trolleys are still being dumped around the development. If you do see any please continue to report them. To the few residents who keep bringing them up to the development – can you be responsible and actually take them back, or even better don't take them at all! It is of course theft to take them anyway!

### **MEETING CBC EXECUTIVES**

A couple of NAAG representatives are meeting with some of the Senior Management team from CBC to discuss the lessons learnt from planning and implementation mistakes which have been made on this development. We will share the findings and actions from this report as we know it. This report would never have been completed had the residents on this development not formed NAAG. It proves "People Power" does work!

### **LITTER & RUBBISH**

Litter and rubbish is improving on the development. But there are still a few residents who are chucking out rubbish early (Wed/Thurs). If you don't know, rubbish collection for this development falls on a Monday. Please understand that if you don't clear up the rubbish after yourself it affects all of the residents and gives a negative feel to the development. Come on take pride in your development!

### **RECYCLING**

If you would like a CBC recycling pack to get your Green Box and Garden Waste bags please email NAAG at the address below and we will pop you a copy through your door.

### **RESIDENTS MEETING AUGUST 2007**

We are looking to hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> annual residents meeting in the Church Hall on Nayland Road in August 2007. We will update you on progress since the meeting in August 2006 and take further feedback as to what you would like us to focus on. We will let you know the exact date shortly. If you would like to attend please email [NAAG2006@AOL.COM](mailto:NAAG2006@AOL.COM) to express your interest.

### **RESIDENTS FEEDBACK**

We are always interested in hearing from all residents with feedback or issues you would like us to champion on your behalf. Please contact us via email on [NAAG2006@AOL.COM](mailto:NAAG2006@AOL.COM)

