

# MHRA YOUR Community Link

Mossley Hill, is generally a desirable place to live. We are fortunate to live in a relatively peaceful and quiet part of Liverpool. We have areas of green space with many mature trees and some wonderful architecture, notably the magnificent parish church of St Matthew & St James (right) and the recently refurbished Sudley Art Gallery. Mossley Hill Athletic Club continues to thrive and is an excellent provider of sporting and social activities. MHRA has enjoyed a long standing relationship with the Club, who have kindly provided us with a meeting place since the 1960s. There are many other groups that add to the traditional character of the area, including, Mossley Hill Scouts & Guides and conservationists Friends of Sudley Estate. In the recent past, we have helped the Scouts & Guides with a donation towards renovation works



For the past forty five years Mossley Hill Residents Association has been instrumental in maintaining the well being of the area. Much of the work and consequent results go unnoticed. In fact it is only during the last five years or so that we have published newsletters on anything like a regular basis.

A long standing affiliate of the Civic Trust; Mossley Hill Residents Association is a well respected voluntary organisation and is recognised by statutory bodies, such as the City Council, local ward councillors and the police, for its valuable input over many years.

MHRA is your link with the above agencies. Working on behalf of local people, fighting to ensure that public spaces and amenities are maintained, traffic management and planning applications are monitored and that crime and disorder are reported.

We are fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with Inspector Bob Daley and his officers. On page three of this issue, he offers some clarification on matters raised by members of MHRA.

We are grateful for the help advice and backing of Councillors Ron and Tina Gould, who try to attend most of our committee meetings. Newly elected Linnie Williams has also pledged to take up local issues on our behalf.



*The stable block at Sudley*

to their headquarters at "Clearview". FOSE benefited when The Eight Oaks of Mossley Hill were provided by MHRA to celebrate the City of Liverpool's eight hundredth year. Since the oaks were planted in December 2007, Friends of Sudley Estate have planted literally thousands of meadow and woodland plants for all to enjoy in Sudley Park.



*Mossley Hill Athletic Club*

**Our current membership stands at around eight hundred.**

**If you are not already a member of Mossley Hill Residents Association - you really should be.**

It only costs £2 per year to be on our mailing list and to know that help is at hand when you need it. As a member you are also in a position to, (but not obliged to) offer your help and have your say in shaping the future of your neighbourhood. To join us simply fill in the form on the back page or contact our Membership Secretary: Helen Clawson, 724 1624.

# Advice from Inspector Bob Daly



There have been a number of concerns raised with the Residents Association with regarding the use of fireworks in public. Inspector Daly comments, "The legislation relating to fireworks is wide-ranging, however attention is drawn to the following:-

Adult fireworks can only be purchased by persons of 18 years and over.

Persons under the age of 18 years cannot possess an adult firework in a public place, except that any person over 16 years may possess any of the following; caps, cracker snaps, novelty matches, party poppers, serpents, throwdowns and sparklers.

It is an offence for any person to use an adult firework during the night, that is between the hours of 11.00 pm and 7.00 am the following day, except on the first day of Chinese New Year, Bonfire Night (Nov 5th), Diwali and New Years Eve (December 31st) or during a local authority firework display.

It is also an offence for any person to throw, cast or fire any firework in or into any street, highway, thoroughfare or public place. Public place includes any place where the public have access at that material time, whether on payment or not."



Inspector Robert Daly

- Marked with a number
- Had an identification chip implanted
- Neutered or spayed at the age of 6 months
- Covered by a suitable third party risks insurance policy.

As part of the process such dogs must be registered with the Police who send the details to the Index of Exempt Dogs. Such dogs must not be used for breeding, sold, exchanged or given away. They must be muzzled and on a lead (held by a person of 16 years and over) in a public place. Such dogs must not be allowed to stray in a public place and must not be abandoned by their owners.

**The Dangerous Dogs Act also relates to all breeds of dog that are dangerously out of control.** The offence of failing to keep a dog under proper control relates to owner or person in charge for the time being. A dog is deemed to be dangerously out of control if, on any occasion, there are grounds for reasonable apprehension that the dog will injure any person.

It is also an offence where a dog injures a person whilst in a public place. An offence is also committed where a dog is in a place that is not a public place but nevertheless is a place where the dog is not permitted to be when it injures a person or there are grounds for reasonable apprehension that it will do so. The grounds in question would be a matter for a court to decide, however it has been held that such grounds may arise when one dog suddenly attacks another dog or when a dog's potentially dangerous and sudden behaviour is sudden and unexpected."



A number of concerns have been raised with the Residents Association over dogs acting in a dangerous manner, including some quite serious attacks on pets.

Whilst anxious to ensure that the public **do not** perceive that there are widespread problems in our area caused by dogs and irresponsible owners, Inspector Daly provided us with the following: "The legislation specifically refers to **CONTROLLED DOGS** which are referred to as fighting dogs and include the following breeds:-

Pit Bull type dogs, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino and Fila Brasileiro.

The Dangerous Dogs Act has set up a scheme whereby owners can keep **CONTROLLED DOGS** provided that they comply with following:-



Parking on week days by people using I M Marsh campus of Liverpool John Moores University, has been a problem for many years. Inspector Daly and Ian Stokes of MHRA will continue in dialogue with Mr. Paul Hartley from JMU in an effort to ease the situation. Football traffic on Saturdays and to a lesser degree on Sunday have been a major problem during recent months. Parking congestion on Mossley Hill Road, Barkhill Road and North Sudley Road, bring constant complaints from residents. Warning notices and subsequently, tickets were issued to offenders.

One solution, suggested by local resident and MHRA member, Mrs Christina Spencer, is to introduce a series of staggered double yellow lines, thus leaving passing places where the lines appear. Ian Stokes has passed this suggestion to Inspector Daly for his consideration.

### ADVISORY NOTICE

IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT THERE IS A LARGE INFLUX OF VEHICLES INTO THIS AREA AT THIS TIME LARGELY DUE TO PARENTS/ GUARDIANS/CHILDREN PARTAKING IN JUNIOR FOOTBALL MATCHES ORGANISED ON SUDLEY FIELD.

AS A RESULT OF LOCAL COMPLAINTS, DRIVERS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO PARK THEIR VEHICLES CONSIDERATELY AT ALL TIMES.

FOOTPATHS AND THE ROADWAY MUST NOT BE UNNECESSARILY OBSTRUCTED AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES MUST BE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS AT ALL TIMES.

ANY VEHICLES CAUSING OBSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAYS OR THE ROADWAY WILL BE LIABLE TO BE ISSUED WITH FIXED PENALTY NOTICES. SIMILARLY, ANY VEHICLES PARKING ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES WILL ALSO BE LIABLE TO ENFORCEMENT ACTION FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY PARKING WARDENS.

DRIVERS ARE ASKED TO SHARE LIFTS WHERE POSSIBLE TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.



# Avonmore Let there be Light

A planning application to erection of a 4 storey, 81 bed nursing home and 3 other 4 storey blocks of 62 units for sheltered accommodation, has been submitted. This is the land at the rear of LA fitness, adjacent the railway line. After hearing the views of local people, MHRA have objected to the development in its present form.

Residents have expressed alarm at the sheer size of the development, both in height and density. The prospect of established traditional two storey residential properties being overlooked by four storey high buildings is extremely unwelcome. Some houses would be overlooked by the proposed new dwellings, depriving people of privacy and light.

Concerns have been raised over density of the proposals; ie: the number of units and it is feared that an unacceptable increase in the volume of traffic will be generated by a development of this size. Some of the tenants of three of the blocks numbering sixty two units will no doubt be car owners. All four blocks, particularly the nursing home will have visitors, staff and service vehicles entering the area from Rose Lane at various times, daily, including weekends. This would inevitably lead to further problems in an area already experiencing a severe increase in traffic management problems over recent years. Much of the additional traffic has been due to changes of use to several premises, from established shops to licensed restaurants and cafes, with extended hours of opening. There have also been residential developments in close proximity to Rose Lane and the surrounding area, which have contributed to significant increases in vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Mossley Hill is a well established area. Most of the building in the area was completed by the 1930's. Large blocks, over two storeys would be most out of character and would detract from houses in their proximity; aesthetically and monetarily.

As always, we are most concerned that any development preserves the character of the area. With this in mind, we have requested that there be no loss of sandstone walls and that provision for their future maintenance is stipulated. Generally we would ask that extensive landscaping, including the planting of native trees should be an essential component of any future developments or alterations to any site in the Mossley Hill area, including that at 88a Rose Lane.

We are aware that objections have been sent independently by two of our members. Dr. Goldsmith of Rose Lane and Claire Glen of Avonmore Road.

We await a decision from the Planning Department.

**Speeding offences** in the Mossley Hill, Allerton and Aigburth areas are being monitored.

**Car crime** including theft from and theft of vehicles continue to be a source of major concern. There have been several opportunist thefts of cars, when people have left their cars momentarily, with the keys in the ignition and in some cases with the engine running. Please take extra care. Your car can be taken in just a few seconds.

As the summer months approach, we brace ourselves for the next spate of vandalism, graffiti and under age drinking in public places. We are assured by the police and by City Watch that reported incidents will be acted upon.

## MOSSLEY HILL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP CONSIDERED TO HISTORY

Having entered its twenty seventh year the group is to close in June of this year.

Started by Earnest Smith in 1981 the group thrived and for many years had a viable membership of around thirty. Mrs. Barbara Taylor, who has run the group for many years has decided to step down. This and a fall in membership has led to the imminent closure. Mrs Taylor said, " Existing members, myself included, are very sorry to see this happen. Due to people moving away from the area and to ill health, we are now down to just sixteen members. I have enjoyed running the group for MHRA and have made some good friends.

# Mossley Hill

## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### AGENDA for the 45th Annual General Meeting

#### of Mossley Hill Residents Association

**Tuesday 13 May 2008 at Mossley Hill Athletic Club at 8.00 p.m.**

Chairman's welcome and opening remarks: Mr. I. Stokes

Apologies

REPORTS:

Membership Secretary  
Presented by Helen Clawson

Treasurer  
Copies of the accounts to be circulated at the meeting.  
Presented by Mr. D. Pope Hon Treasurer.

Approval of accounts.

ELECTION of OFFICERS:

Nominations should be made to the secretary prior to the meeting. However, late nominations can be accepted from the floor.

Officers to be elected:

Chairman	Vice Chairman
Secretary <b>(vacant)</b>	Assistant Secretary (vacant)
Treasurer	Membership Secretary

Refreshments.

Any other business:

Including contributions from members which at the digression of the chairman, may be discussed at the AGM or referred to a forthcoming general committee meeting.

Contributions should be submitted in writing to the Hon. Chairman by Monday 12 May 2008

Closing remarks.

**SECRETARY  
URGENTLY REQUIRED**  
IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO TAKE THE  
MINUTES AT UP TO 10 MEETINGS PER YEAR  
Please contact:  
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Hon. Secretary:

**VACANT**

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To JOIN or to RENEW your MEMBERSHIP, please fill in the following and either bring it to the Annual General Meeting or post to:  
The MHRA Membership Secretary, 5 Varley Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool L19 4PU

\* Delete as appropriate

I wish to renew my membership/join\* the Mossley Hill Residents association and enclose £2.00

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Title. Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms./Other rank or title

Surname and initials .....

Address .....

..... Post Code .....

Telephone No. .... Signed .....