

BVRA news sheet

from the Banstead Village Residents' Association

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Executive Committee extends to all members of the Association a warm invitation to the Annual General Meeting to be held at:

**The Church Institute, High Street, Banstead
on Wednesday, 10th May 1995
at 8.00pm**

AGENDA

This year's A.G.M. will be preceded by a talk to be given by Insp. John Diaper, the Community Inspector at Epsom Police Station on the subject of "Combatting crime in Banstead Village." He will, of course, be happy to answer questions from the floor.

- 1 Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting held on 11th May 1994.
- 2 a) Presentation of accounts for the year ended 31st January 1995 (which appear on page 7).
b) The Hon. Treasurer will present the motion "that this A.G.M. authorises the spending of money held under the heading 'Fund for Preservation of Banstead Amenities' on the High Street Initiative."
- 3 Election of Officers and Executive Committee for the year 1995/96.
- 4 Appointment of Auditor.
- 5 Chairman's report on the Association's activities 1994/95.
- 6 Any other business and discussion of local issues with your County and Borough Councillors.

Nominations for election to the Executive Committee should be submitted to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible

Please bring this notice with you to the meeting.

We look forward to welcoming you to what is always an interesting and enjoyable evening.

April 1995

D.M.Sudell, Hon. Secretary
18 Courtlands Crescent, Banstead (BH 357643)

Annual General Meeting

The Executive Committee looks forward to having the pleasure of your company at the Association's 48th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 10th 1995 at 8.00p.m. in the Church institute, High Street, Banstead. This A.G.M. marks the end of another eventful year. We are mindful of our responsibility to account to you, our members, for the actions we have taken on your behalf and to seek your continuing support in the year ahead. It is also important for you to express your views on those issues which give rise to concern and which affect our daily lives and the environment in which we live.

It is in this context that your Executive Committee chose as our guest speaker Inspector Diaper of the Epsom Police Station who, I hope, will be able to offer us an assurance of the Metropolitan Police's continuing commitment to the protection of our community and environment.

Our Association continues to go from strength to strength and as at January 31st 1995 our certified membership stood at a record 1,762 households, an increase of 3.6% compared with the previous year. On your behalf, may I thank our band of 73 Road Stewards who deliver your NewsSheets and collect your subscriptions for their magnificent efforts.

Committee News

During the year we lost the services of three of our most active and conscientious committee members - Pam Jeffries, Geoff Stevens and John Wilkinson. May I thank them on your behalf for their tremendous contribution and wish them well for the future.

I am pleased to report that in response to earlier appeals two public-spirited ladies came forward and were co-opted on to the Committee. They are Hilary Powell of Monks Road and Marjorie Axton of Wilmot Way. They are both very welcome.

This still leaves four committee vacancies to be filled at the A.G.M. I should like to appeal to you to offer yourself for election on May 10th. You can be quite sure of a warm welcome, good company and an opportunity to contribute your ideas and views. The Committee meets at 8.00p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month (this may change to suit the convenience of members) with additional meetings of small sub-groups, as required, to formulate policy on specific issues. Our constitution requires us to maintain a non-political, independent stance and to represent the best interests of the residents of Banstead Village in local affairs.

If you are interested to learn more about our activities or in joining the committee please do not hesitate to contact me, Peter McLaren, on 357463.

Wanted Urgently!

The Hon. Secretary, Mary Sudell, has served for fourteen years and now wishes to retire. Duties consist mainly of preparing agenda and taking minutes of monthly committee meetings, distributing

papers to committee members, arranging sub-group meetings. Very little general correspondence. There is a car mileage allowance available.

This is not an onerous job, but one vital to running the committee and the affairs of the Association. Please contact Mary Sudell (Tel: 357643) for further details.

High Street Initiative

In our letter of July '93 and the last four issues of the NewsSheet, Tony Ford has reported on the evolution and development of plans for improving the High Street, with a view to making it more pedestrian friendly and enhancing its appearance. In the following report, he outlines the latest proposals and foreshadows future developments.

You can hardly fail to have noticed the construction work taking place outside the "Woolworths" parade. This is the second stage of the High Street Initiative, giving us a wider footway with trees planted along the edge, together with a properly sized parking bay instead of the previous double parking free for all. The footway will also be less sloping than it was before. To keep the costs of the scheme down to a minimum, the paving blocks are reused, supplemented by new blocks to make up the larger footway area. The paving work, together with the pits for the new trees, is being funded by the Borough Council, with the trees themselves provided by the local community.

In addition, new trees are to be planted in the footway around the crescent at the western end of the High Street, opposite the newly refurbished Victoria. This area was the first to see changes under the High Street Initiative. With the new trees, the improved pedestrian arrangements and, shortly, some tidying up of the roundabout island, we will begin to see what the Initiative can really achieve.

Further work on the High Street is due to take place in the summer and autumn of this year when the "bellmouths" of the side roads (Glenfield Road, Wilmot Way, etc.) will be made narrower and therefore safer for pedestrians to cross. In addition, the footway will be built out at three points in the High Street to provide better opportunities for crossing and a new pedestrian refuge will be constructed just next to the roundabout at Park Road. This will give for the first time a facility for crossing the High Street at its eastern end. All these proposals are shown on the plan overleaf.

The plan also shows the design for Park Road roundabout itself which has now been finalised. The intention is to enlarge the roundabout to make it easier for cars to U-turn and to form a "proper" roundabout junction instead of the present blob of paint in the middle of the road. The centre island will still be low so that buses and lorries can continue to turn into and out of Park Road, but it will be constructed from raised cobbles to persuade cars to drive around the centre rather than across it. There will also be some widening of Park Road at the

junction so that a new pedestrian refuge can be constructed. This will enable residents of Woodmansterne Lane, visitors to the Longcroft Clinic and so on to cross Park Road without taking their lives in their hands on the bend by the Well.

As a consequence of these changes at the Park Road junction, the War Memorial will be moved to a new home further along on the grass verge. This will position it further back from the kerbline and allows the possibility of a properly paved and landscaped setting to the Memorial to be created.

Mention was made in the last NewsSheet of the fund raising efforts within the local community. The first area to be targeted for improvement using this community funding is The Timbers, between Glenfield Road and Harbourfield Road. Although this area looks reasonably pleasant already, with its trees and grass, more can be done. There are gaps in the line of trees. Some of the grass areas are small, undulating and ill defined. The intention is to add to the tree line, to provide additional seats and to smarten up the ground surface. There will also be new areas of footway created at both ends of this area, where the bellmouths to the two side roads are altered, and this provides an opportunity for additional trees and so on.

The target sum for achieving these enhancements to the village scene is £10,0000, which will be raised under the Backing a Brighter Banstead campaign. Of this total, about £5,000 is for the tree planting and £1,000 is for new seating.

As you will know this Initiative is jointly sponsored by a Steering Group comprising representatives of the Borough Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Banstead Society and B.V.R.A. The source of funding so far has been the County Council (road safety improvements) and the Borough Council (pavements and crossings). The business and retail community has made a substantial financial contribution (more is expected this year) and now it is the turn of the local community. Your support is sought to enable work to progress, bearing in mind that it is a rolling programme which will take several years to complete.

How Can You Help?

- Firstly, by making a voluntary donation, however small, which your Road steward will be pleased to accept when your annual B.V.R.A. membership subscription is collected. You can be assured of complete anonymity and no details of your donation will be disclosed or published.
- Secondly by supporting the Grand Fair to be held in The Orchard, High Street, on Saturday, July 8th 1995 as part of the Banstead Village Fair Week celebrations. MAKE A DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.
- Thirdly by supporting the Village Week Grand Draw for which tickets will be on sale in the High Street on Saturdays leading up to the Fair itself.

It is vital to the success of this Initiative that all sections of the Village community play their part in this unique partnership and I hope that B.V.R.A. members will generously support this good cause.

If you would prefer to send your donation direct to the Hon. Treasurer, please forward it to:

Peter McLaren
61 Commonfield Road,
Banstead SM7 2JY

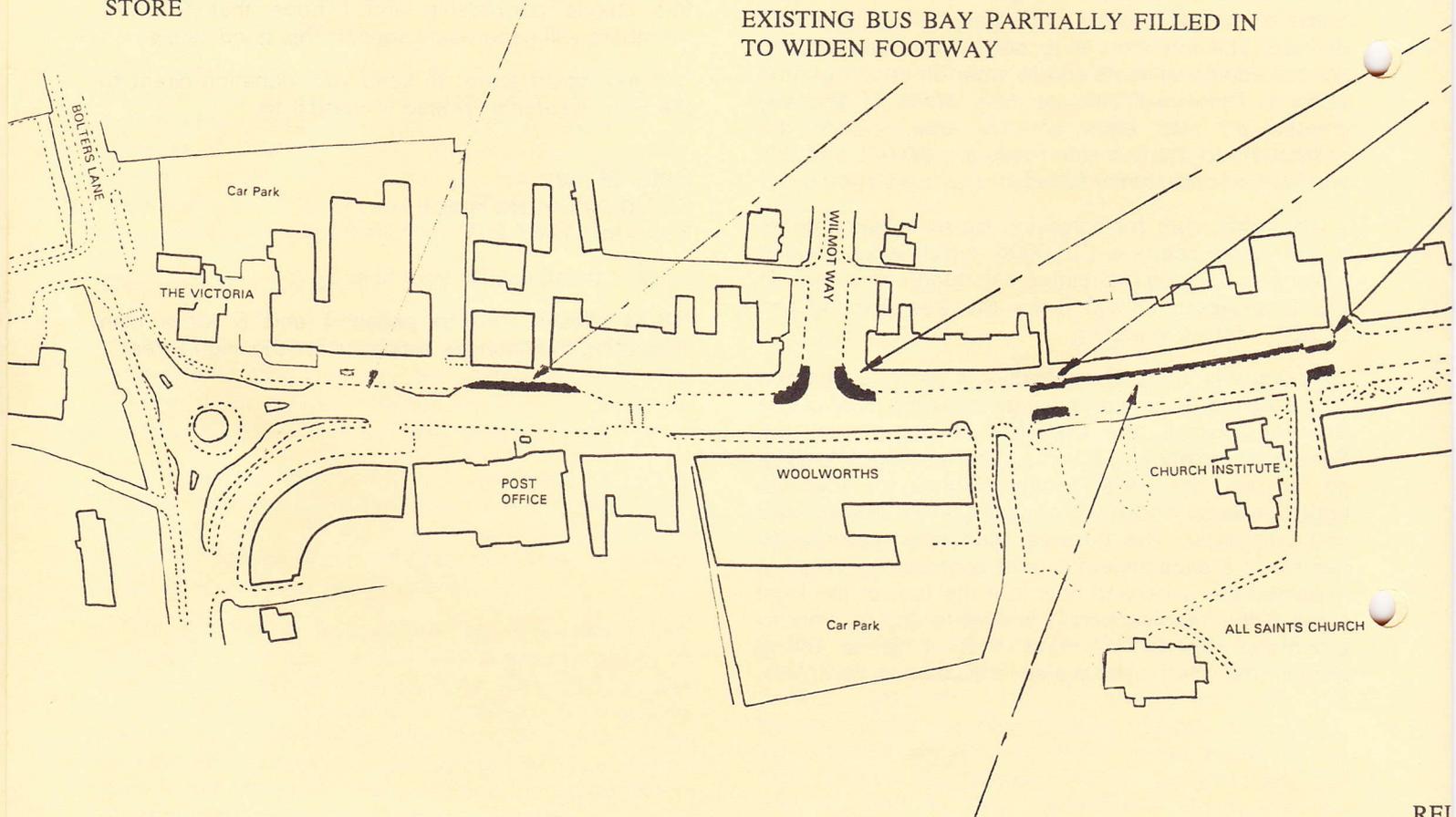
May I thank you for your help.

Now please turn to pages 4 and 5 for a plan illustrating the changes proposed for the High Street.

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO BANSTEAD HIGH STREET

NEW BUS BAY OUTSIDE FORMER WAITROSE STORE

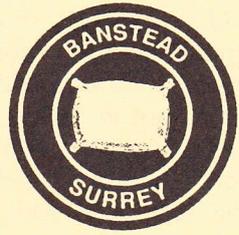
EXISTING BUS BAY PARTIALLY FILLED IN TO WIDEN FOOTWAY



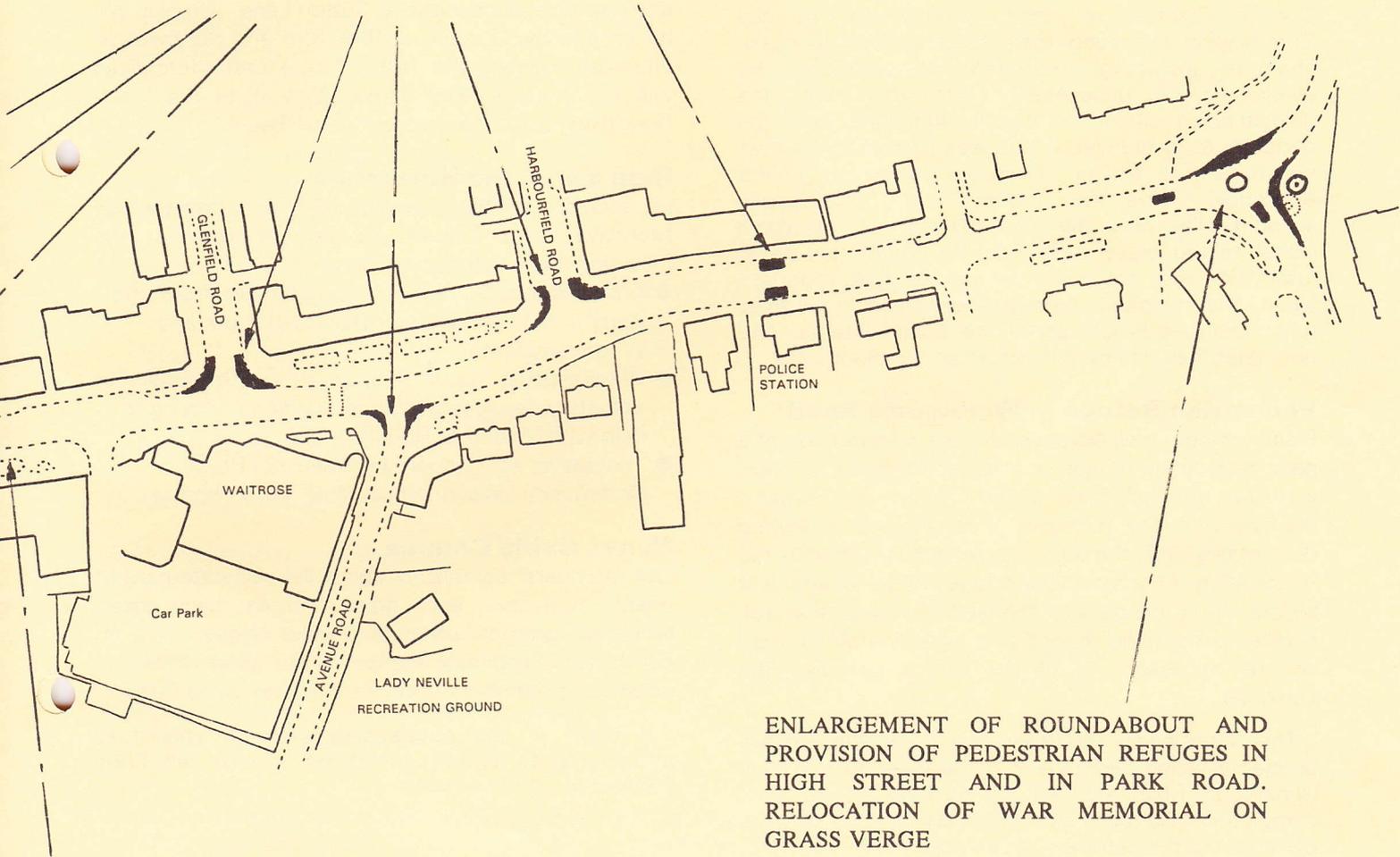
WIDEN ROAD TO ALLOW LARGE VEHICLES TO PASS SAFELY. PARKING CONTINUED ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD IN CLEARLY DEFINED BAYS

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE PROPOSALS FOR TREE PLANTING, SEATS, SIGNS, FLOWER BEDS, ETC. ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE HIGH STREET

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BUILD OUT FOOTWAYS AT SIDE ROAD JUNCTIONS AND AT THREE POINTS IN THE HIGH STREET TO PROVIDE SAFER CROSSING FOR PEDESTRIANS



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LOCATION OF BUS STOP TO BE IN FRONT WAITROSE

CHANGES ALREADY COMPLETED IN THE EARLIER STAGES OF THE HIGH STREET INITIATIVE ARE SHOWN ON THE PLAN BUT ARE NOT LABELLED. THESE INCLUDE THE WORK AT THE ROUNDABOUT BY THE VICTORIA, BY WOOLWORTHS AND AT BUFF AVENUE

Review of Local Government in Surrey

In our January '95 issue of the NewsSheet, David Rudd reported that the Local Government Commission had recommended to the Secretary of State that the present two-tier system of local government in Surrey (the County and Borough and District Councils) should be retained. The basis of its report was that there appeared to be little overall public support for a change in the existing structure.

You may have read that in the case of Surrey, the Secretary of State has accepted the Commission's recommendations and the status quo will therefore be maintained. It is understood that note has been taken of statements made by County and Borough/District Councils in their submissions to the Commission indicating their preparedness to make changes including improved co-operation, the elimination of unnecessary duplication and the delegation/devolution of certain functions (and the budgets) to local level. If this was carried forward as we expect it to be, it should result in greater efficiency, value for money and bring public accountability and the determination of priorities closer to the grass roots, i.e. the council tax payer (us)! We have not seen the last of this important issue. The incoming committee will need to consider what changes would serve the public interest and how best they can be introduced and implemented.

Pedestrian Refuge in Winkworth Road

Plans are now well advanced for the construction of a new pedestrian refuge in Winkworth Road, a short way up the hill from Wilmot Way. The original drawing for the scheme was revised following discussions with the adjoining residents and with the Association. As a result the refuge will be located just before the turnings into the service roads that run parallel to the main road. Some widening of the road will be necessary to fit the refuge between the kerblines.

The Association welcomes this recognition of the problems facing pedestrians trying to cross the busy Winkworth Road and will be pushing for its early completion. Currently, construction is due to take place during the summer of this year.

Banstead Post Office

Since the article in our January '95 NewsSheet, there has been a deafening silence from Post Office Counters Ltd. which is still looking for an established retailer to take over its business in the High Street. Meanwhile, post office services will continue to be provided at its present location and your Committee will keep an eye on any developments.

Street Cleaning

The current issue of the Borough Times (obtainable from The Help Shop, The Horseshoe), contains a schedule of dates on which our local streets are due to be swept. I noted that during the April street clean a large number of cars parked in our residential roads inhibited the mechanical road sweeper. Please try and ensure cars are removed from the kerbside on these days. It's no use complaining about the state of our streets if we cannot play our part.

Anti-Litter Skip Dates

From 16th - 18th May a skip for unwanted, bulky household items will be placed outside the old depot site near the roundabout on Sutton Lane. The skip will be on site by 12 noon on the 16th and removed on Thursday morning the 18th. The nearest alternatives will be at Tattenham Corner (Downland Way) and Nork (High Beeches, opposite Pine Place).

Help Shop, the Horseshoe

In addition to the Planning Officer attending on Mondays from 2-5p.m. to answer queries, the following areas will also be covered:

- Wednesdays, 9-11a.m. Housing Officer (from 26th April) to help residents of Banstead, Nork and Woodmansterne.
- Wednesdays, 11a.m. to 3p.m. (from 19th April) Voluntary Services welcome residents offering to help with Volunteer Bureau.
- Thursdays, 10-12 noon. Metropolitan Police Community Liaison Officer (P.C. Terry Thomas).

Nynex Cable Comms

Our members' complaints about the reinstatement of roads, footways and grass verges have been receiving prompt attention from Nynex and its contractors Fitzpatrick thanks to the good offices of committee members Chris Penfold and David Rudd.

If there is any outstanding work in your road attributable to Nynex operations, please tell Chris Penfold on 01737 212051.

Peter McLaren
Chairman

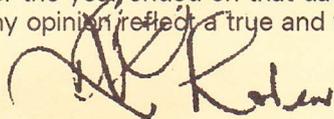
BANSTEAD VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1995

	1994/95 £	1993/94 £
INCOME		
Subscriptions Received	1802.50	1735.00
Interest from Surrey Building Society (& Northern Rock)(net)	-.-	10.44
Interest from Bank (net)	26.46	4.02
Interest from T.S.B. (net)	12.27	-.-
Barn Dance (net profit)	<u>314.90</u>	<u>-.-</u>
	2156.13	1749.46
EXPENDITURE		
Production of NewsSheets	457.50	650.00
Subscriptions Paid	4.00	19.00
Printing & Stationery	394.17	494.47
Postage & Telephone	9.23	22.47
Hire of Rooms	140.00	118.85
Annual General Meeting Expenses	299.00	299.30
Sundry Expenses	1.00	70.25
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>851.23</u>	<u>75.12</u>
	2156.13	1749.46

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JANUARY 1995

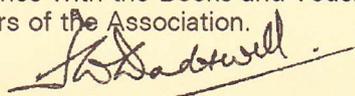
	31.1.95		31.1.94	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank - Current Account		2419.01		1014.58
Cash at Bank - High Interest Cheque Account		-.-		565.47
On Deposit with T.S.B.		<u>1012.27</u>		<u>1000.00</u>
		3431.28		2580.05
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
		-.-		-.-
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		<u>3431.28</u>		<u>2580.05</u>
Represented by -				
General Fund -				
Credit Balance Brought Forward	2177.77		2102.65	
Add - Surplus Income For Year	<u>851.23</u>		<u>75.12</u>	
	3029.00		2177.77	
Fund for Preservation of Banstead Amenities -				
Credit Balance Brought Forward	<u>402.28</u>		<u>402.28</u>	
		3431.28		2580.05

I have audited the above balance sheet dated 31st January 1995 and attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date and they are in accordance with the Books and Vouchers submitted to me and in my opinion reflect a true and fair statement of the affairs of the Association.



P. McLaren MBE
Hon. Treasurer
61 Commonfield Road
Banstead

6th February 1995



F.W. Dadswell FCA
Hon. Auditor
5 Greenhayes Gardens
Banstead

10th February 1995