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2014/1048/P	Rebecca Ellis	Bidborough House	14/04/2014 09:32:25	COMMNT	<p>The Empty Property Team in the Housing & Adult Social Care department of Camden Council was alerted to this long term Empty Property in December 2011 by a member of the public responding to Channel 4's 'The Great British Property Scandal' programme which campaigned Local Authorities to help bring empties back into use. Three more reports by separate individuals were received in between December 2011 and March 2012.</p> <p>We are very keen to see this long-term empty property brought back into productive use. The building is situated in a busy and visible location close to Camden High Street, thus invariably receiving attention. It not only represents a waste of resources, but has caused problems for the local community. It has been squatted three times, costing the owners (a Church) considerable funds and efforts to evict. When I visited in March 2012 there were unsightly metal grills on the door and window, piles of beer cans and rubbish in the garden whilst a young neighbouring family complained of noise from the property.</p> <p>A homeless charity is currently occupying the property as a means of protection, but the owner will be applying for a Empty Property Grant from Camden Council to help with building costs and to provide accommodation for Camden's homeless clients.</p>
