

Chairman's Report – AGM. 5th December 2007

I wish to present a report of events in the Mews which have occurred since the beginning of the year.

1. A break-in occurred on the night of 2nd February. Two men entered the Mews by climbing over the pedestrian gate and spent half an hour in the car port area before vandalising one car, causing £4,000 worth of damage. The men were caught on the CCTV cameras and subsequently were arrested and convicted (with a six month jail sentence). As a result of this occurrence the gating group had a meeting and additional security measures were put into place. This involves raising the height of the North and South gates, and installing additional CCTV cameras.
2. On the night of 4th August another incident took place, when three men entered the Mews at night by forcing the main gates open, spending time at each car before breaking into one car and stealing the contents. They were caught on CCTV cameras and the case is under police investigation. The installation of electronic back arms and two mat locks to the main gate in order to prevent forced entry has now taken place.
3. On the night of 2nd November two men entered the Mews at night, one climbed over the opposite side to the pedestrian gate. A bicycle was stolen. As a result of these unfortunate occurrences, security has been increased in the Mews and there exist nine CCTV cameras monitoring 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
4. It is important to preserve the security code/PIN numbers for entry to the Mews, and not to reveal the number to anyone else other than is necessary. Trades people, delivery vehicles, pizza deliveries should not gain entry by being given the code.
If you wish a new PIN number for security purposes, please let me know.
5. Cleaning in the Mews is occurring on a once weekly basis, to include the car port and includes the forecourt as far as the North gate.
6. Watering of the plants has been taking place once a week through the summer months and through the year. Alan Burn is maintaining the plants, and a certain amount of new planting has taken place.
7. The maintaining and service contract with R&D security has been renewed at a total cost per annum of £4,112.66 commencing 1st June 2007 to 31st May 2008, and will remain at the same cost for the next contract year. The maintenance cover is for everything except for the replacement of the PC or if any metal hardware on the gate is required to be replaced, hinges and metal work are not covered and the hinges at some point in the next two years will need replacement.

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7th September 2007

To: Maryon Mews Company Residents

Dear Resident,

I am writing to you to provide an update of events, which have occurred since the beginning of the year, in order that you are fully informed.

Some of the information will form the basis for the AGM to be held in the next few months (date to be confirmed). On the face of it everything appears to have run smoothly in the Mews since the beginning of the year with the usual exceptions.

A *break-in* occurred on the night of 2 February 2007 into the Mews at about 4am – two men entered the Mews by climbing over the pedestrian gate and spent half an hour in the car port area before vandalising one car, causing £4,000 worth of damage. The men were caught on the new CCTV cameras and subsequently were arrested and convicted (with a six month jail sentence).

As a result of this occurrence the gating group had a meeting and additional security measures were put into place. This involved raising the height of the North and South gates, and installing additional CCTV cameras.

On the night of 4th August another incident took place, when three men entered the Mews at night by forcing the main gates (North entrance) open, spending time at each parked car before breaking into one car and stealing contents. They were caught on CCTV camera and the case is under police investigation.

Installation of electronic back arms to the North and South gates, in order to prevent forced entry is planned.

Late in 2006 there existed a spate of two thefts and one attempted theft of the PIN plates at the front control box. Although the culprits were caught on camera, no arrest was made. The plates were eventually secured by security screws being placed on all the plates and both sides of the control box (as should have occurred at the beginning by R & D Security).

As a result of these unfortunate occurrences, security has been increased in the Mews and there exist nine CCTV cameras monitoring twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. This has proved to be most effective in identifying criminals in the event of a break-in into the Mews.

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