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Damaged walls in King Street. Photo by John Dearing

Hammer Blow

Not content with spraying their logos all over every blank space and brick wall in the district, local vandals now feel the need to demolish property to express themselves.

The retaining walls around Alder Court in Long Lane have been knocked over along almost their entire length. Several walls in the adjacent King Street have been similarly attacked. These are not the result of a car going out of control and crashing, or even the random application of a drunken boot. The debris shows clear signs of deliberate

attack. Many of the bricks and tiles involved have marks, chips and even splits.

It is hard to imagine how this would come about without the use of something like a large club hammer, not a tool to be carried about without deliberate intent to use it, probably in such a specific fashion. What is next, one wonders?

Test case

McCarthy & Stone, whose proposed High Road sheltered housing development is required by the council also to include affordable homes, are appealing against a High Court decision against them.

The developers claim that the council's insistence on the building of these homes would make the whole scheme financially unviable.

Councillor Monroe Palmer says that, although McCarthy & Stone have won many similar appeals, this has become a test case. He said, "when we have a policy about affordable housing, it should apply to everybody". Quite.



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Tree watch

Jill Bamber of Eastern Road is the new Trees Officer for the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association.

With the help of Tim Pyall, the arboriculturist for Haringey and Mary Craine of the Tree Trust, she is monitoring requests for tree works in the Fortis Green area.

Jill is a former ARCHER contributor and deliverer and is well known for her poetry writing, particularly about nature and Cherry Tree Wood.

Anyone who would like to help in this work or requires further information should telephone 8883 8095.

Lights for

Ossulton Way

As part of this year's Local Safety Scheme programme, Barnet council is proposing to introduce measures along East End Road to reduce the number of accidents.

The proposals include introducing traffic signals at the Ossulton Way/East End Road junction.

The zebra crossings will be removed, as the traffic signals will include a pedestrian phase.

Local lady hit by bus

By Femke van Iperen.

A serious accident occurred in East End Road on Wednesday 7 November when the 143 bus was involved in a collision with a pedestrian.

The accident took place at around 3.15 pm on the pelican crossing near Church Lane, after which the traffic stood still for nearly three hours.

A spokesman for the Metropolitan police said that the a local elderly lady was trying to cross the road on the pelican crossing and was hit by the bus's front doors as she leant forward. She sustained head injuries and is currently still in hospital where she is in a critical but stable condition.

The scene caused traffic chaos for hours, but none of the

bystanders or local shopkeepers seemed to know exactly what had happened. According to the police there were no clues to be found on the bus, standing further down the road, as to how the accident had occurred.

Serious injuries

Sergeant O'Donnell who was at the scene, said, "We are not sure of the circumstances at this stage or whether the pedestrian was on the road or not when it happened. We know it is an elderly person who has gone to hospital with serious head injuries."

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