

*Thousands of years ago cats were worshipped as gods —  
They have never forgotten this!*

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We also have names and numbers of many more.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF CHANNEL ISLES & DISTRICT  
TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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September 2006

Hi. It's been a year since the last Annual General Meeting so that means we are having another! Thursday 28th, usual place—Rozel Court Community room. We hope to see a good attendance. After the election of the Committee Martin Chase from SCC Play Areas will give a talk on the problems he encounters across the City and particular attention to the new play facilities at Jersey Close.

Refreshments will be provided and it is a good chance to meet up with other residents; bring forward any items which you would like to air; hear what is going on and what is coming off.

We usually have a good few officials and the Police have promised to be there.

If you really want to have an influence join the committee!

We have included our Annual Report in brief but if you come to the meeting you can get the full story including Finance Report.

*Wife to husband — "I need a new dress"*

*"What is wrong with the old one?"*

*"It's too long and the veil keeps getting in my eyes!"*

## ANNUAL REPORT 2006

Chair: Paul Hennessey Secretary: Podge Eldridge

Treasurer: Gary Waters

Committee members:

Alison Holdaway; Mike Holder

During the past year we have held open meetings every other month, producing a Newsletter before each. Committee members have been in touch throughout the year.

Good contact has been kept with Swaythling Housing Society and contractors Drew Smith to monitor progress on the Jersey Close site; as it draws near completion we are grateful for their co-operation and donations towards the Lower Brownhill Garden of recycled paving slabs and sand; also a donation of £100 from their community fund. Swaythling have handed over the area for the children's play area to SCC who presented us with the proposed plans for information and comment. Work should be carried out over the winter period and we will keep a watching brief.

A grant from Southampton Voluntary Services to Sarnia Court RA was transferred to us enabling us to enhance the garden in front of the Court by creating shrub beds, aided by a donation from the GMB Union. Southampton City Council also helped out through their Wardens and Open Spaces Dept.

Another grant from Outer Shirley Regeneration purchased units to refurbish the kitchen at Rozel Court and help wardens Denise and Tina to provide meals for some residents, encouraging them to mix more freely with others; the City Council matched the grant by fitting the units and redecorating.

Both of these are completed and we hope they will be well received and used

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Hennessey—Chair  
Podge Eldridge —Secretary  
Gary Waters—Treasurer  
Alison Holdaway  
Mike Holder

At the Annual General Meeting in September the constitution was changed to make Open Meetings every two months. They are on the fourth Thursday in the months of January, March, May, July, September (AGM) and November. Committee will meet informally before each to set the Agenda and revue the situation.

*Doctor, Doctor I think I'm a dog!  
Get up on the couch then please.  
I can't. I'm not allowed.*

### COUNCILLOR DENNIS HARRYMAN

Holds Surgeries where you can bring any items you think he can help with, they are at Millbrook School, Green Lane 10.30-12.00 on the third Saturday of each month and in Sarnia Court at 2.00 on the first Wednesday in the month.

*What do you get if you cross a Snowman with a Vampire?*

*Frostbite!*

### PRINTING

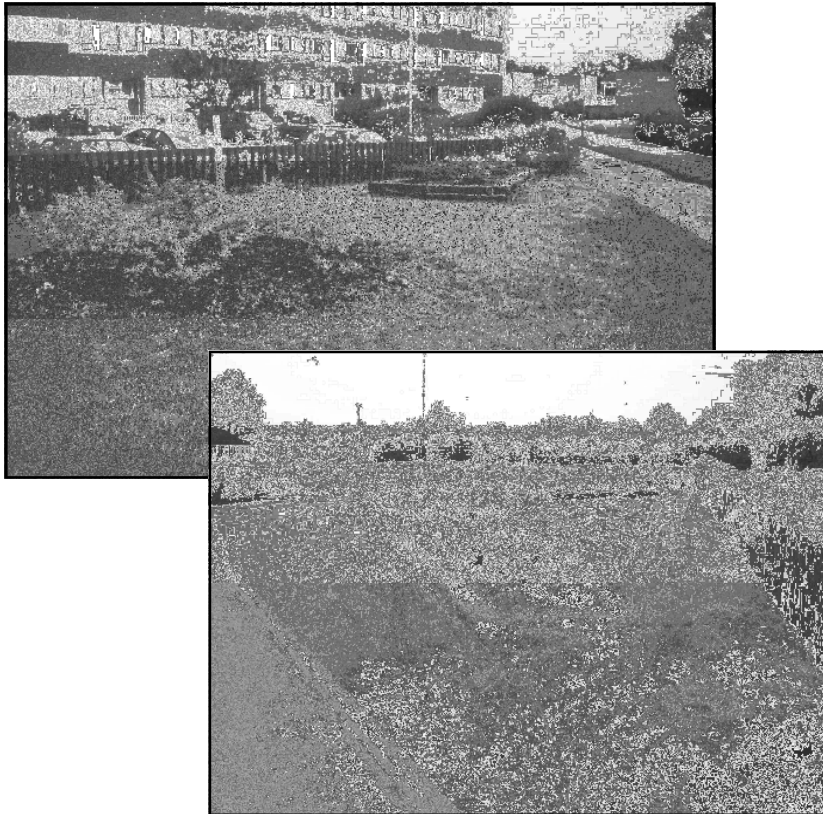
Again we have used a photocopier at Relate Offices/CAB in Kings Park Road, on paper given by TPU, and have given them a donation towards cost.

## SARNIA COURT GARDEN

The shrubs are in and we hope recent rain will ensure their survival, it was quite hard going as we found the remains of the previous play area under some of the ground and had to take hammer and chisel to remove it.

Three different shrubs have been planted, two varieties of berberis and a pyracantha. They should provide year round colour and we wait to see the seasonal change.

Thank you to the Sarnia residents who sent letters of appreciation to cidtra.



The Lower Brownhill Garden was officially opened in April when a good number of residents came along. Unfortunately this was followed by some damage (now repaired). We are desperately short of willing hands to take care of the garden and hope that some ideas will come forward for next year. We intend to arrange a Halloween Party.

Having good contact with various Council Departments we have been able to urge them to make repairs to the many damaged car park walls, and a bricklayer has systematically worked through the Estate and completed a thorough job. Regularly reporting lighting faults lead to a concerted effort to repair many long term faults and an official from the lighting dept came to address our meeting (brave man). The City Council has been very helpful with any queries we have raised although not all have been dealt with to our complete satisfaction.

Recently Sainsbury's trolleys have seemed to be fewer, again we have reported them regularly. We hope you think the Estate looks a lot tidier, thanks to all residents who take pride. (We can get a litter picker for you if you wish to use it occasionally).

Thanks are also due to Podge for the minutes, a difficult task in a busy meeting; Gary for keeping the financial details so ably; Mike and Allison who never give up hope!

Jo, Karen Sylvie and Edward resigned from the committee this year and we thank them for their past support. So we are looking for more committee members and hope we will find one from the new development. Please approach us if you feel you can contribute a little time.

## LOWER BROWNHILL GARDEN

As you see on the opposite page we want to have a Party. It is mainly aimed at the younger ones particularly the residents of the flats and nearby. So we hope that you will come along with them as we cannot supervise a lot of youngsters and ensure their safety.

There has been some damage to the garden and it perhaps is caused by those from a little further away. While not wanting to ban anyone who wishes to enjoy the area it is aimed at those who do not have a garden at home where they can play or grow things.

So please respect the garden and use it for the intended purpose.

There will be an Open Day at the Down to Earth Farm at Millbrook school in Green Lane on Sunday 29th where you will be able to buy Pumpkins and design a mask.



**HALLOWEEN  
PARTY**

**5.30pm**

(PROVIDED IT IS DARK ENOUGH)

Bring a Pumpkin and dress up

Prizes for the best

**Tuesday 31 October**

*Lower Brownhill*

*Community*

*Garden*

