

# THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION

AUTUMN 1980

## PROPOSED CONSERVATION AREA

Members of the Conservation Project Group have made a good start with various lines of research, under the direction of Mrs. Sophie Leonard, which will provide information for a written report about the Grange and its vicinity. The preparation of this report arises from the proposal that the Association petition the Planning and Development Committee, City of Edinburgh District Council to designate the area as a Conservation Area: the report will describe the area's history, its character, potential threats to that character, and proposed policies for conservation. In order to inform and consult the community in general, an exhibition explaining what would be involved in designation, will be held (probably in January) in Newington Library. A public meeting and a sample census within the study area are also planned. The Group meets monthly, and it is hoped to submit the completed report to the Association's Committee within the next six months. Anyone who would like to assist in some way in this interesting work (including artists and photographers) should contact Mrs. Leonard (667 2339) or Mr. W. Rae (447 3835).

Historical photographs of the Grange are also sought for the exhibition.

## POISONOUS PLANTS GROW IN GRANGE

Hemlock, woody nightshade and giant hogweed have been seen growing in gardens this year. Please dig out these plants, as they may seed into gardens where children play. Nightshade and daphne berries look like dolly's cherries, and laburnum like dolly's pea-pods. Grow the sterile type of laburnum and cut off pods and berries likely to be picked up by children. Essential reading is 'A Parent's Guide to Poisonous Plants' - gardeners should have it too. It's published by JOGGER waterproof pocketbooks.

## MAN'S BEST FRIEND

It could be said that half the residents in the Grange suffer dogs gladly, and the others suffer.....Footpaths are meant primarily for people, yet they are sometimes, often, rendered unpleasant, hazardous and unhealthy by dogs. Dog-owners sometimes ignore the effect of their pets on other people. Please be considerate when exercising your pets. Best of all encourage them to 'use' your own garden; failing that, it would earn the gratitude of many if they were made to foul gutters rather than pavements.

## THE LAUDER GRIFFINS

There is encouraging news of the Lauder Griffin at Lovers Loan. All pieces of the broken Griffin are now in the workshops of Renofors (U.K.) Ltd., Glenrothes. This Company has been most co-operative and generous and has undertaken to restore and replace the Griffin for a very modest sum and the work is being done over a period when weather conditions preclude outside work proceeding. Mr. D. W. Maitland and Mr. Wilson, our Treasurer, with a sub-committee will attend to the matter with Renofors and will consider the possible cleaning of this Griffin and the other Griffin further east in Grange Loan. We have been greatly encouraged by the interest shown, the generous donations already received and those promised, and will report further at the Annual General Meeting.

## PLANNING MATTERS

Permission has been granted for two 2-storey houses to be built on the south side of Lauder Loan. The application to extend the Nursing-home at 15 Findhorn Place is to go before the full Planning Committee in November, although the Planning sub-committee recommended its refusal last August.

There are two new applications of note. At Mount Grange Hotel an application has been made to build a 5-bedroom bungalow in the grounds, with swimming-pool. At Ross's Garage on Causewayside, there has been an application to change the use of one unit from storage to 'rust-protection ... and ancillary services'. Both these applications seem rather imprecise in their intentions, and the GA has written to the Planning Dept.

Tree Preservation Order - A fine specimen of Turkey Oak at the junction of Lauder Road and Dick Place has been added to the list of T.P.O.s in the Grange. This is an uncommon tree with a beautiful shape and is well worth looking at in winter as well as in summer.

#### GRANGE ROAD: CHILDREN CROSSING TO SCHOOL

There is an urgent need for a school crossing patrol over Grange Road at the end of Cumin Place. Please, is there anyone who can be a 'lollipop'-man or lady, there? Police advertisements in the press and shops have proved fruitless, and they can't always spare a policeman for the job. Ring the Police Schools Crossing Section at 311-3092 or -3433 during office-hours, or 311-3131 and leave a message, if you could possibly help.

#### RECYCLING WASTE

Glass - Edinburgh District Council Cleansing Department have located Bottle Banks at the following new sites close to our area: Craigmillar Depot, Civic Amenity Site, Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh University, Marshall Street, St. Leonard's Car Park, St. Leonard's Street. Mr. Gruber, 44 St. Albans Road (667-4813) will continue to collect for those who find it impossible to get to a Bottle Bank. Please rinse bottles and remove all metal tops.

Alcoa Cash-a-Can - Alcoa will give 1p for each all-aluminium drinks-can they receive. The Secretary, Mrs. Sawers, will act as a local collecting point and provide magnetic testers and polythene sacks. Proceeds to Grange Association funds! Or take them yourself to the Cash-a-Can Centre at Old Broughton, Barony Street (556 7673) open Monday to Saturday 9.00 to 5.15 and Thursdays to 7.30 p.m.

#### AROUND THE GRANGE ....

Don't forget that the G.A. has produced a special leaflet, free to all new residents, full of useful information about facilities in the area. It's available from any committee member. The speaker at the G.A. 'Local Birdlife' meeting last April, Mike Phillips of the R.S.P.B., will give advice on making your own garden a haven for birds. Contact him via the Secretary. Mayfield Church Steeple - special collections made at G.A. meetings resulted in a donation of £50 being made to the restoration fund.

The narrow lane off Lauder Road south of Dick Place, once the access to Grange House, is now called Lauder Loan.

For Lifts to and from G.A. meetings, contact John Hammond 667-6146.

### GRANGE ASSOCIATION PROGRAMME

\*Monday, November 3rd: The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION will be held in Mayfield Church Lower Hall at 7.30. The formal agenda will include reports on GA activities during the year, and election of the committee for 1980-81. After the business of the meeting there will be an illustrated talk by Mr. J. Gardner of the Royal Botanic Gardens on Trees in Private Gardens. Guests are welcome to this talk, but only members of the GA may vote at the AGM.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE. Nominations for the new committee are invited from members. They should be in the hands of the Secretary on or before Monday 27th October.

Present members of committee are:-

Mrs. A. Clarke (Chairman)	55 Grange Loan	667-6331
+Mr. A. Reid (Vice-Chairman)	108 Findhorn Place	667-4876
+Mrs. H. Sawers (Secretary)	54 Grange Loan	667-6360
+Mr. J. Wilson (Treasurer)	19 Grange Cres.	667-5926
+Mrs. A. Miller (Membership Sec.)	29 Grange Loan	667-4016
+Mrs. M. Anderson	12 Monkwood Court	667-8072
Dr. J. Hammond	61 Fountainhall Rd	667-6146
+Dr. R. Kemp	2 Mortonhall Road	667-5817
+Mr. H. Robertson	19 Dalrymple Cres	667-1150
+Mrs. I. Simpson	2 Dalrymple Cres	667-7747
+Mrs. M. Thomson	31 Hope Terrace	447-3406
Mr. T. Trim	17 Lauder Road	667-2251

+denotes available for re-election.

Subscriptions fall due at the AGM: they may be paid at the hall between 7.00 and 7.30. The current rate is 75p annually 30p for pensioners.

\*Friday, 14th November: Musical Evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. K. Palmer, 4 Cumin Place at 8.00 pm. All those wishing to perform or just to listen, please contact Mrs. Palmer 667-4602. Hurry, places are limited.

\*Monday, 8th December: Mr. Keith Frost of Martin & Frost will talk on 'The Fascination of Oriental Rugs' at 8.00 pm in Mayfield Church Upper Hall.

\*Saturday, 31st January: Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy. Mayfield Church Upper Hall, 10.30 - 12.00 noon.