



# The Grange Association

NEWS LETTER

AUTUMN 1983

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Grange Association will be held on Monday, November 7th, 1983 in Mayfield Church Lower Hall at 7.30 pm. The formal agenda will include reports on activities during the year, particularly the designation of the Grange as a conservation area, and the election of the committee for 1983-84. After the business has been discussed, there will be an illustrated talk on the conservation of buildings in Edinburgh by Mr. Desmond Hodges, Director of the New Town Conservation Committee.

## ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Nominations for the new committee are invited from members. Please lodge them with the Secretary on or before Monday 31st October with names of proposer and seconder and signed by the nominee. Present members of the committee are:

Mrs. A. Miller (Chairman)	29 Grange Loan	667 4016
Mr. A. Reid (Vice-Chairman)	108 Findhorn Place	667 4876
Mrs. C. Stephens (Secretary)	39 Lauder Road	667 2887
*Mrs. M. Thomson (Treasurer)	31 Hope Terrace	447 3406
and Membership Secretary		
*Mr. R. Bartholomew	1 Lauder Road	667 3500
Mrs. C. Cameron	13 Dalrymple Cres.	667 6087
*Miss B. Dickson	215 Dalkeith Road	667 9400
(Or she may be contacted at the Library)		
*Mr. A. Dixon	50 Dick Place	667 1813
*Mrs. N. Drucker	1 Hatton Place	667 1709
*Miss C. Fortescue	5 Seton Place	667 1291
*Mr. M. Lugton	1 Findhorn Place	667 3259

In addition the following members have been co-opted:

*Mr. G. Gretton	52 Grange Loan	667 1156
Mrs. I. Simpson	2 Dalrymple Cres.	667 7747
(Trees and Gardens)		

\* Available for re-election

Please note that although all are welcome at the AGM, only members may vote.

## CONSERVATION

The City of Edinburgh District Council designated the Grange as a Conservation Area at its meeting on 30th June. The boundaries were defined in an advertisement in The Scotsman of 16th September: they are as agreed at last year's AGM of the Grange Association and illustrated in the map on page 68 of the Conservation Report. The effects of designation are:

1. Planning consent is required for demolition of any building.
2. All trees are protected as if they were the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.
3. All planning applications are advertised on the site and in the press.

A significant number of the objectives set out in the Conservation Report have been achieved and the Chairman would like to thank the Committee, the Conservation Group, residents who bought of the Report and all those who have supported us in our efforts to achieve so much.

Some of the objectives of the Report await action from Lothian Region especially the recommendations on traffic and parking. We shall not ask them to consider the proposed pedestrian preferred street in Lauder Road about which many members had reservations.

Further action by the District Council may consist of an Article IV Direction which would impose stricter controls on the breaching of walls, the scale of extensions to houses, and the repair and painting of stonework by requiring planning permission for some of these things in future. We understand that the District Council intends to impose similar conditions on all existing conservation areas. At the same time, a series of "Guidelines" will be drawn up by the District Council in consultation with the Grange Association to assist in planning matters. Before any action on these lines is taken, members will be informed and consulted.

## TREES, SHRUBS AND CLIMBERS

"All trees in a Conservation Area are protected as if they were subject to a Tree Preservation Order". Any applications for consent to carry out tree work (i.e. pruning, "lopping" or felling) should be addressed to the Director of Planning, and six weeks must elapse before any action is taken as the Planning Dept. may wish to make an inspection. Shrubs, climbers (including ivies) and herbaceous



plants are not included in the above order and now is a very good time to trim back any plants which may be crowding the footpaths and causing an inconvenience to pedestrians. Please try walking along your frontage on a wet day and do some pruning if necessary.

### PLANNING

A great many planning applications have been submitted in the past year. It is becoming increasingly difficult for the committee to notify neighbours, inspect the plans and where appropriate to comment on them. Now that the Grange is a conservation area, the plans are advertised on the site and in the press, if the Planning Department considers them contentious, so neighbours who are not co-terminous proprietors are more likely to be aware of applications which have been made. The committee feels that neighbours who are unhappy about proposed developments should be willing to write to the Director of Planning themselves. When applications come before the Planning Committee, the issue is often judged on the volume of letters from directly affected neighbours. The Grange Association will continue to write in general terms about contentious applications and to give advice on planning matters where possible.

Several significant applications have been made recently. The outline application to subdivide Dunard, 121 Grange Loan and build houses in the grounds has been approved but with restrictions on many of the details. An application has been made for change of use to a public house and hotel on the site of Ross' Garage, Causewayside where the filling station and car wash are to be retained. The Grange Association has objected to these proposals. New applications have recently been made by a different developer to build sheltered housing on the sites of the Argyle Church (65 people) and the Mountgrange Hotel in Strathearn Road (145 people). We have commented on both these applications and suggested modifications to the plans. Several applications have recently been made to divide family houses into small flats. The Grange Association is concerned that this trend may lead to a shortage of family houses whilst there is no shortage of small flats in the Grange or elsewhere in Edinburgh.

### REPORTS

The walk along the Innocent Railway during June was a great success and attended by over 150 people. About half that number enjoyed the Wine and Cheese Party in the Carlton Cricket Club.

DOG LOO COMPETITION

The Scottish Health Education Group are running a competition for practical ideas to remedy the problem of dogs fouling pavements and other public places (especially now that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act has increased the fine to £50. They suggest sand 'dog loos', fenced-off areas in parks and public places and portable scoops. Any ideas which you may have should be sent by October 31st (typed and accompanied by diagrams where possible) to:

Dog Loo Competition,  
Scottish Health Education Group,  
Health Education Centre,  
Woodburn House,  
Edinburgh EH10 4SG.

Winning proposals will be sponsored so that they can be put into practice.

PROGRAMME

Monday 7th November at 7.30 p.m. - Annual General Meeting in Mayfield Church Lower Hall. Usual business, followed by an illustrated talk by Mr. Desmond Hodges, Director of Edinburgh New Town Conservation Committee on the conservation of buildings in Edinburgh. Doors open at 7.00 pm to allow time for renewal of subscriptions. Coffee will be served.

Saturday 28th January, 10.30 am to 12 noon. - Bring and Buy and Coffee Morning in Mayfield Church Upper Hall. Contributions of books, home baking and preserves, plants and bric-a-brac will be very welcome.

Transport to and from meetings - Anyone who would like a lift please contact Mrs. Drucker.

To renew your subscriptions, please fill in this slip and bring it with you to the AGM or send it to the address shown

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To: Mrs. M. Thomson, Treasurer and Membership Secretary,  
Grange Association, 31 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh 9  
(Tel. 447 3406).

I/We wish to join/rejoin the Grange Association and enclose a remittance of .....  
(membership costs £1; OAPs 50p).

Name: .....  
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