

Improving Communications

These are critical times for the Trust. Unless a determined effort is made to defend the Trust's existence and to strengthen its influence its future could be threatened. If the Trust were to fail the quality of our surroundings would deteriorate and the value of living on the Suburb would be reduced.

“These old buildings do not belong to us only;...

We are only trustees for those that come after us.”

– William Morris

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The Trust cannot achieve its objective, “to preserve and maintain the present character and amenities of... Hampstead Garden Suburb”, unaided. We need the understanding and support of all those who live on the Suburb.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Trust in September I undertook to improve the Trust's communications with you. This *Gazette* is the first step.

The Trust Council will always give a clear account of its actions and proceed as transparently as possible. We are seeking to establish a widespread understanding of our work. It is part of the Trust Council's purpose to enable all those interested in our activities to offer informed criticism of the Trust.

The Trust has an unfortunate reputation for secrecy. I hope that we will soon demonstrate that this reputation is now without foundation. We would be very pleased to welcome more members of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust Company. In this issue you will find instructions on how to make an application for membership.

I hope that you will find *The Gazette* helpful. I look forward to hearing from you.



Mervyn Mandell
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