



# HOSPITAL STREET NEWS

Spring 2003

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first edition of *Hospital Street News*.

This newsletter is designed to keep the members of the association and other local residents informed on the various actions that are in progress to make Hospital Street and its surroundings a safer and more pleasant environment to live in.

We plan to issue about four newsletters per year. If you have any suggestions about the content of future newsletters please contact our editorial team.

## SPRINGING INTO ACTION

Since the first general meeting the committee have been extremely busy on your behalf. Having met three times now, the Hospital Street Association is well and truly up and running.

We have written to all the relevant bodies and the Association has now been officially recognized as a properly democratically constituted residents association and community group, and as such will be consulted and involved in any relevant developments of initiatives in the future that are taking place. We will also be able to approach the council for funding when the need arises.

We have put together a petition which we need as many residents as possible to sign (more overleaf). We have begun the technical submission for requesting the change of road signage into and around Nantwich and we are beginning to build up a dossier of incidents.

The Association has now also been affiliated to *Transport 2000/Streets for People and Living Streets*.

So you may not have heard anything, but we've been busy!

## WHAT A SUCCESS!

We would like to thank everyone who attended the first meeting of the Hospital Street Association and also for completing the questionnaire that was sent out.

Of a total of 202 dwellings in Hospital Street and the adjacent streets 103 questionnaires have been returned, 49 households were represented at the meeting and a further 25 expressed that they would like to join the Association but could not attend the meeting.

If you have not as yet completed your questionnaire please do so and either bring it to the next general meeting (1st May 2003) or pop it into the chairman's letterbox at 116 Hospital Street.



## SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the last general meeting it was agreed that the minimum membership subscription to the Association should be £5.00 per household, although any household that feels able to contribute more should be encouraged to do so. This needs to be paid as soon as possible.

Ways to pay:

- 1) At the next general meeting on 1st May 2003
- 2) At your front door with a local representative comes to collect it
- 3) Paid direct to Chris Barratt (the Association treasurer) at 27 Spring Gardens

This subscription will be collected once a year and you will receive a receipt to show proof of payment.



## YOUR STREET NEEDS YOU!

Calling all volunteers - to get the petition signed we will need volunteers to help collect signatures and also need more volunteers to act as local representative to go door-to-door to collect signatures, subscriptions, distribute mail-shots and act as the eyes and ears of the Association.

It is proposed that a Social sub-committee should be set up to plan and organise social gatherings and other events. The chair of this sub-committee will also need to be a member of the main committee.

If you would be interested in participating please contact Anthony Blacklay (116 Hospital Street ☎01270 610050/626032) or Rick Appleton (148 Hospital Street ☎01270 624293).

## ON THE DOTTED LINE

One of the first points of action is to present Cheshire County Council with a petition that sets out the principal objectives of the Hospital Street Association and further details of our campaign.

The petition has been drafted and we will be knocking on your door to get you and your families to sign it. This petition will also be at the next general meeting ready to be signed.

The petition sets out our campaign to implement the exclusion of through traffic, the introduction of a weight restriction, a 20mph zone, the widening of pavements and a programme of improvements to enhance the environment of Hospital Street.

It is vital that we get as many signatures as possible, the more the better, so please make sure you sign it. If you haven't seen the petition by the end of May 2003 please contact Roger Dutton who will be co-ordinating this at 132 Hospital Street. ☎ 01270 621776.



## COLLECTING THE EVIDENCE

As part of our evidence to the coroner for the inquest into the tragic death of Mr & Mrs Jones we wish to collect a dossier of incidents to show just how dangerous the two-way part of Hospital Street is, and how this contributed to the awful accident.

Therefore we will need to pull together a very comprehensive document detailing as many accidents/near misses as possible.

If you have experienced anything like this please can you write it down and pass it on to Roger Dutton (contact details above) or bring it along to the next general meeting on 1st May 2003.

The more evidence we can collect the better chance we have of making major improvements to our street.