

BRENTHAM SOCIETY

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BRENTHAM POLICY AND DESIGN GUIDE

Brentham residents may be in some doubt from time to time as to which changes to their houses and gardens do require planning permission and which do not and whether changes they wish to make are likely to be given planning permission if they seek it.

The Ealing Borough Council has prepared a booklet entitled Policy and Design Guide dealing specifically with Brentham and which outlines the policies and guidelines it will follow and which reflect its desire to conserve and enhance the special character of the Brentham Estate. This booklet will be available to all residents and will;

- a) serve as a reference for those preparing planning applications,
- b) avoid disappointment in that it will indicate changes for which planning permission is unlikely to be given,
- c) serve as a reminder to those who may be tempted to go ahead with unplanned and unauthorised works.

The booklet is at present in its draft stage and the Town Planning Department is anxious that all residents should see the draft and have an opportunity to comment before final printing. Copies can be obtained from the Pitshanger Lane Library & at the Town Planning Division's offices on the 2nd floor of 22-24 Uxbridge Road.

The committee of the Brentham Society has seen a previous draft and generally approved it but made a number of comments. All residents are urged to use this opportunity to comment on a document which, when finalised, will have a direct bearing on our home environment.

If you wish to comment, for or against, the comment must be in writing (preferably on the form provided in the draft) to the Chief Officer, Town Planning, 22-24 Uxbridge Road, before the end of January 1986. Letters can be left in the Town Hall letter-box at the Pitshanger Lane Library.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING

In the recent Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter No. 5, notice was given of a Meeting when residents can discuss security matters. This has been arranged by the Society, and will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Thurs. 13th Feb. at the Methodist Church Hall in Pitshanger Lane.

GARDEN COMPETITION 1985

It was not possible to follow up our original idea to change the basis for last year's awards, giving separate prizes for the most attractive garden for each of the four seasons. Last winter and spring made it practically impossible to get out to see the gardens and sorties did not really begin until the early summer. So our prizes reverted to 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the most attractive gardens for just the remaining period. Despite the poor summer (at least we were spared watering) many gardens made a good show, which continued on through the long, late autumn.

Mr. & Mrs. Durant's garden at 21A Brentham Way has been mentioned in many previous years and finally topped the list in 1985 to receive first prize. This garden achieves a happy balance between neatness and exuberance which must be the result of great attention to the choice of plants, colours and much practical loving care.

