

Newsletter 2009 February

With crime increasing commensurate with growth in The Wilderness, we encourage members to attend the Neighbourhood Watch meetings, held at the Fairy Knowe Hotel on the last Monday of each month. With security in mind, we also appeal to everyone **not** to give money to the bogus "car guards" and beggars in the village. Such monies are invariably used for liquor, and there were several unfortunate incidents of intimidation in the Wilderness CBD over the festive season, including one Restaurateur being physically threatened. For the safety and security of all, and in particular our overseas guests, undesirables should not be encouraged into our area through handouts, however well intended the gesture may be.

Again the subject of incorrect sequencing of house/street numbers has come to the fore. WRRRA would like to appeal to all home owners to ensure that both the number of your house plus the street name is clearly displayed. For example, in Wilderness East, Second Avenue becomes North Road becomes Third Avenue!

In the interests of transparency, we have made it known that committee meetings, which are held at 2p.m. at the Fairy Knowe Hotel on the first Wednesday of every month, are open to members in an observer capacity. However, should you wish to make representation to the committee, a maximum of ten minutes will be allocated at the start of each meeting, although no single representation should be longer than 3 minutes. Thereafter the observer status must be strictly adhered to.

To end on a lighter note, the Bowling Club is enjoying increased activity - not only the twice-weekly bowling activities on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, but now croquet is also played on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Both sports are an excellent way to meet local people and make new friends. Contact Roy for bowls on 044-877-0343 and Peter for croquet on 044-877-0516.