SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2005 / 6

- 1. **Committee**: A busy year in that your Committee has used every available opportunity to lobby/campaign to maintain the character of the Hill. Our thanks too to Derek O'Neill and Peter Gilliat for their efforts. The Committee is up to strength and retiring members are prepared to stand again. If however any residents would like to offer their services please get in touch. It is proposed to update the Resident's Address List to include address, telephone number, Email and the Committee member responsible for communications/Neighbourhood Watch etc. Resident's help in updating this list will be a help. It should only be used to facilitate communications within the Hill.
- 2. **Local Area Design Study (LADS).** The draft has now been produced by the City Council appointed consultants; your Committee has made its formal response to the Council who have now to consider/adopt it probably in the next 2 to 3 months. The Study is generally supportive of the need to maintain the character of the Hill. The Highways Authority view that the road should not be allowed to access any more houses may, as much as anything, stop further development on the Hill.
- 3. **Unauthorised parking / Clamping**: The present arrangements seem to have contained the problem to an acceptable level on the private road. We still await a response from the City Council as regards Dawn Gardens and Sleepers Hill Gardens (both adopted).
- 4. **Snow**: Another snow-free year so we still have 50 bags of salt at strategically placed houses.
- 5. **Annual party**: Our thanks to Matt and Marie Louise Johnson for hosting last year's party and to Margaret Gilliat and Pam Jones for their seemingly effortless organisation of a most enjoyable gathering.
- 6. **Finance**: Our thanks to Don Midgley for all his work as our Hon Treasurer and to Jonathan Monkcom our Hon Auditor.
- 7. **Road surface**: As the accounts show we are building towards having sufficient money to do a tar and chippings surface to the whole Hill in 2007/8. In the meantime some patch repairs have been carried out where needed.
- 8. **Membership**: It is the Committee view that all residents with direct access from the Hill are de facto members of the Association and should therefore make the same annual contribution. It is proposed that this should be the same as last year at £40, payable from the date of the AGM to be held at HIGHCROFT 12 NOON SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2006.