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Rat Run in Clarence Square

It is illegal to drive into Clarence Square from Western Road at the Sussex Stationers corner.

But that doesn't stop people doing it and driving across the pavement at speed. So there could well be an accident since pedestrians do not expect cars to come towards them from the main road. Nor do cars driving (legally) out of Clarence Square.

We raised this problem with the police and the highway authority.

The police agree that motorists do break the law but not that they exceed the 30 mile an hour speed limit in the process. The police have made some attempt to enforce the no entry but "it is very manpower intensive and is not seen as a great priority in terms of road safety." Their reason for giving it low priority is that they are not aware of any conflict having occurred as a result of the illegal manoeuvre.

This may not be entirely true since the council's records show that there has been one accident at this junction in the past three years. No doubt there have also been near misses.

The Council have promised to include this junction in a review of measures to restrict illegal movements through the clock tower and Western Road area.

One possible solution is to close this junction altogether. It would stop a lot of vehicles using Western Road illegally during working hours (9-6) as a short cut to the car parks. But closing it would make it more difficult for taxis to get to Clarence and Russell Squares

What do you think ?

Rubbish as Well

The corner of Clarence Square near Sussex Stationers is not just a traffic problem. It has also become a popular dumping spot for rubbish. We have drawn it to the Council's attention.

Action on Illegal Dumping

We are pleased to report that the Council has taken some action to try to reduce illegal dumping of domestic refuse.

Mr Jackson is the Cleansing and Highways Enforcement Officer for Brighton and Hove Council. When he was in Regency Square recently arranging for dumped rubbish to be removed, he saw someone from one house dumping bags on the pavement.

So he sent a warning letter to all 10 residents of the house. The person responsible has since contacted him and promised not to dump rubbish in the street in future, but to store it on the house steps.

Mr Jackson has promised to continue monitoring popular dumping spots with a view to eliminating the problem. We have thanked him for his efforts.

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Now you see it ... now you don't

Things are changing dramatically in the area around the Prince of Wales pub, but we were very surprised at the rapid disappearance of the building next to the pub at the top of Cannon Place.

Enquiries at the planning office revealed that it is not in the conservation area so no special permission was needed for demolition. In fact the development was given planning approval a couple of years ago. One of the conditions was that the façade should be faithfully reproduced. So we will watch closely as the new building takes shape.

Many thanks ...

... to everyone who has made a contribution recently to Society funds. We have had several large donations including those from the Adelaide Hotel, BUPA, Topps Hotel and from individual members. Many other members have added a few pounds to their membership subscription to help pay for Brighton in Bloom.

Hanging Basket Damaged

Within hours of being put up, the two hanging baskets near Topps Hotel was pulled to the ground by vandals. Council staff were quick to repair them.

The Council has also put troughs on the railings. These were put in place later than the baskets because of delays receiving them from suppliers.

CAAG to be Re-established

The new Brighton and Hove Council has announced that it will re-establish the Conservation Areas Advisory Group on which the Society is represented.

Delivered in Error

Several members have complained about wrong delivery of mail in this area. The Society is considering taking this up with the Post Office. If you have any evidence of poor delivery service please give the details to the chairman, Brian Smith, either by phone (325175) or on paper (45 Regency Square).

Last Chance Draw

The Society has already raised over £4,600 to contribute to the single regeneration budget project for Regency, Russell and Clarence Squares. This is only a small part of the total sum needed but it represents a significant achievement for our small Society.

Most of the money was raised through two prize draws. We are planning a third for later this year. It will be the *last chance* for the Society to raise money for the project since it is due to be implemented next year. Tickets will be 50p each - half the price in previous draws - so you will be able to buy twice the tickets at no extra cost !

Prize draws only raise money if the prizes are attractive. We have already been promised as a top prize, a weekend for two in Paris on Eurostar including hotel with breakfast. The planned second prize will be a day out on the Orient Express including a visit to Longleat; we already have promises of funding to cover part of this but more help is needed.. And we need more prizes. We cannot expect the same supporters to provide expensive prizes each time.

Can you help us find more prizes, large or small ? Very often businesses can offer prizes which cost them very little but represent very good value to the winner. Perhaps you work for a business that would be able to donate something. Or perhaps your business has suppliers or customers which could be persuaded to contribute. Or maybe you can help fund a prize yourself.

Remember, the funds raised will be used to improve the environment in and around Regency Square, thus making the heart of our town more attractive.

If you have any ideas please contact Traude Tappin on 01273 735167 who will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Membership Renewal Form

Most members have now renewed for 97/8 - many thanks. There are just a few subscriptions still outstanding. If there is a cross in the box below your sub is still due.

The subscription rates shown are the minimum payable for membership. If you are able to give more, please do. You can give a donation for general Society funds or for the Regency Square Improvement Fund which is reserved specifically for environmental improvements.

To Roger Hinton, 39 Regency Square, Brighton.

I would like to renew my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the year 1997/98 in the category ticked below:

	£
Ordinary member	4.00
Family	4.50
Senior Citizen	3.50
Junior	2.00
Associate (non-resident)	3.50
Business (non-resident)	6.50

Optional donation: £ _____ for
Society funds OR Regency Sq Improvement Fund
(delete one)

Name _____

Address _____

Cheques payable to the Regency Square Area Society please.

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sub is due !

