



## North Laine Traders A.G.M. 6pm at Komedia on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The North Laine Traders Association will be holding the 2008 AGM at Komedia. All members are welcome to attend and help decide how the NLTA will be run for the coming year. The Agenda, (see back page ), will include a welcome from our chair, Sharon Thomas, a secretary's report, election of officers and street reps, accounts, website report and a guest speaker. Our speaker this year will be Jonathan Love a business advisor from Business Link. Many members will know Jonathan as he has been working in the Brighton area for some time. The AGM starts at 6pm and will be finished by 8pm – come along and meet your friends and neighbours and join in!

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### **Special District Centre.**

The NLTA have been invited to attend a visit by Brighton and Hove council to Kensington on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March to discuss how a Special District Centre could benefit North Laine and the Lanes.

Kensington's Portobello Road has recently become an SDC and we will be talking to traders and councillors about the effect it has had.

## Pcso John Sharman's crime report.

The amount of violent crime in the North Laine area, during the month of January, which also includes up to and around the Seven Dials, was reported as 59 incidents.

Although this is a large number, the level has actually fallen over the last few months and the police are hoping that with continued high visibility patrols in the area, such incidents will continue to drop. During the first 11 days of February there have been 18 reported incidents of violent crime. Burglary from dwellings 16 reported in January and 2 in the first 2 weeks of Feb. Most of these were reported around the Seven Dials area. The stats showed that many of these burglaries were a result of accessible windows being left open.

Although the number of thefts from other than dwellings is low, traders should be aware of property being left in areas making it easier for persons to take items and leave the shop, often without staff noticing. This would include staff's personal property, i.e handbags or purses left behind the till or counter area, and shop items that are close to the door or can be reached, taken by people without the need for them to enter the shop. At John Street Police Station we have several laminated posters that are available and may assist in deterring would be thieves. These include posters warning of; cctv in operation; staff only; thieves will be prosecuted and advising members of the public not to leave any items unattended. If you would like any of the aforementioned, please let me know.

One of the biggest problems we have had of late has been the increase of thefts from motor vehicles. A lot of these have taken place in car parks where items have been left in view within the car which will then generally have its windows smashed or a small hole drilled next to the door lock which then enables the person to easily access the vehicle.

Reported incidents of drug taking/dealing are constant and higher than anyone would like. Sussex Police would encourage anyone to call in such incidents so we are aware of the scale of the problem. Both uniformed and plain clothes operations are ongoing but all information can assist the police in dealing with such incidents.

I wish you all good business and good health. Feel free to contact me via the Sussex Police website, North Laine team, by email to [john.sharman@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:john.sharman@sussex.pnn.police.uk) ,or via John Street Police Station, ext; 50154. I constantly ride or push my bike around North Laine so if you see me please feel free to stop me and 'have a chat'. Pcso John Sharman.

It just feels like they are digging up the whole of Brighton!

As you will have noticed there are a large amount of road works/pipe works in North Laine and its surroundings. As well as Southern Water still laying the new mains, (almost finished in North Laine now) Brighton and Hove Council have now started the road and pavement work in Trafalgar Street under the station undercroft.

The first stage of the undercroft project will include widening of pavements and improved crossings, to be followed by improvements to the structure itself, including state-of-the-art lighting. The longer term aim is to reopen an additional Trafalgar Street station entrance, last used in the 1980s.

The first phase of the project will run from mid February to late May. Vehicle access will be restricted for some of that time, but will remain unchanged in the longer term. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the works period. Some work will also be carried out in Frederick Place and this may also need to be closed to traffic for a short period.

We have also been informed of the North Street Road safety & Urban Enhancement Exhibition. The Council has been successful in securing funding from the Department for Transport to make road safety enhancements throughout the Old Steine, Castle Square, North Street, Clock Tower and Churchill Square corridor. In conjunction with an education programme the main objective is to reduce the number of Bus/pedestrian casualties along the route. There are three options and the NLTA would suggest that traders in New Road and Bond Street should make their opinions known so that the Council can make decisions based on local thoughts and suggestions.

The first stage of these works at Castle Square and Old Steine are currently under way and the Council are holding an exhibition at the Chapel Royal, 164 North Street on the following days;

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008 10am until 5pm.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 10am until 5pm.

To check opening times please ring 01273 290367 or 01273 290368 or visit [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/roadsafety](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/roadsafety)

Brian Pedley, our web master has asked us to remind members that you can have an extra page of information and pictures on the North Laine website. You can contact Brian through the website [www.northlaine.co.uk](http://www.northlaine.co.uk)

## 2008 AGM agenda.

6pm – Welcome – Sharon Thomas, chair.

Yearly review – Peter Stocker, secretary.

Treasurers report – David Hall

Election of Officers. – Chair

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Street reps

North Laine website.

Police update – PcsO John Sharman

B.I.D. update – Soozie Campbell

A.O.B.

Guest Speaker. – Jonathan Love.

Jonathan is a local small business advisor for Business Link. He will be explaining what services Business Link offer and answering questions from members relating to everyday trading problems for small traders.

*If you are a member come along & join in!*



### COMMITTEE

#### Chair

Sharon Thomas, Off Beat Coffee,  
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#### Secretary

Peter Stocker, Workshop Pottery  
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