

Report to Cottenham Parish Council from Nigel Bolitho March 2009

Street Lights

I have reported the following dud lights:-

- Traffic light/Give Way sign at the entrance to what I call Old Broad Lane leading to the Cut and before entrance to Tenison Manor. It has not been working for a long time and has been reported before;
- Light no number between 7 Goldfinch and 5 Woodlark on Tenison Manor;
- Light out on road sign indicating a mini roundabout on High Street/Broad Lane;
- Light out on Telegraph Street;
- 2 lights out in Stevens Close
- One light out in Harlestone Road and one with a dirty cover at the end of that road (latter also reported before);

- 2 lights out on Oakington Road including the last one going out of the village;
- One light out in Calvin Close off Coolridge Gardens;
- Light decapitated and rapped up with a black bag near the Green on Rampton Road;
- One of the Belisha beacons on the crossing between the green and CVC is not working and nor are any of the spotlights on that crossing.

I have also reported a number of lights on during the day in and around Cottenham.

I have also interviewed people living close to some of these lights and I believe that there is a link between lights not working at night and increased crime or attempted crime. A lady living diagonally opposite the light out in Telegraph Street tells me that after the light went out she foiled youths trying to steal a bicycle from her garage. I also spoke to a person who was parking his car under the dud lamp in Calvin Close. He told me that a few days ago somebody had attempted to break into the car-

and that he had reported the light out 6 weeks ago!

Cottenham Club

I am retiring as Treasurer of the Cottenham Club as they want somebody who readily provides spreadsheets. I am pleased to report, however, that the club has stopped running at a loss and now has over £8,000 cash in the bank. Costs have been cut (for example the cost of buildings and contents insurance has come down by a quarter) and income increased thanks to more events and ensuring that Cottenham Motors pays a reasonable fee for using the club's car park- and staff become individual paid -up members!