

ARE YOU ON A 'RAT RUN'?

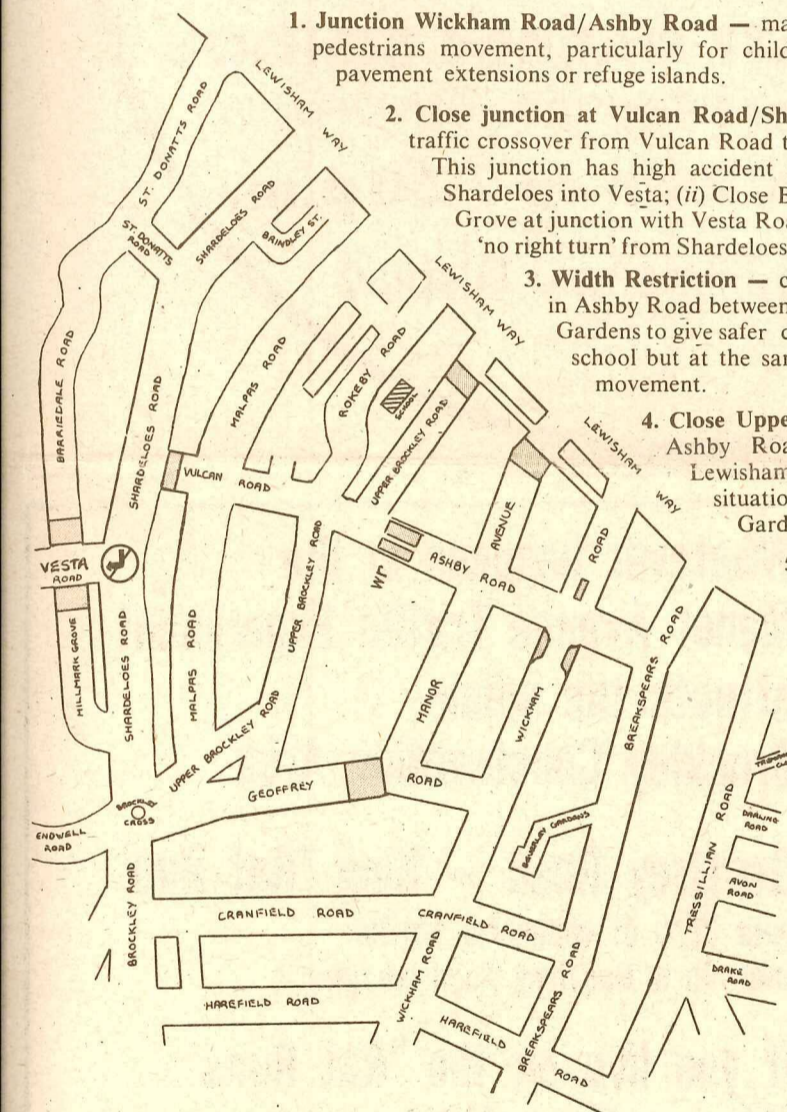
Some roads in the Conservation Area have, over the years, become commuter 'rat-runs'. As traffic has increased on the main roads flanking the area, more and more drivers, in an attempt to beat frustration, have been cutting through residential streets. This has turned what were quiet and relatively safe streets into dangerous semi highways.

Montague Avenue, Tressillian Road, Breakspears Road, Harefield Road, Wickham Road, Geoffrey Road, Ashby Road and St. Margaret's Road, all residential streets, are those most affected.

The proposals indicated on the map and listed below, the Brockley Society believe, will significantly reduce the traffic flow on these streets, and subsequently the number of accidents now largely attributed to these 'rat-runs'. Lewisham Council has its own proposals (shown overleaf) and an open meeting to discuss these and other schemes is scheduled for 10th April.

- 1. Junction Wickham Road/Ashby Road** — make safer for both traffic and pedestrians movement, particularly for children crossing to school, e.g. pavement extensions or refuge islands.
- 2. Close junction at Vulcan Road/Shardeloes Road** — to prevent traffic crossover from Vulcan Road to Vesta Road and vice versa. This junction has high accident rate. (i) No right turn from Shardeloes into Vesta; (ii) Close Barriedale Road and Millmark Grove at junction with Vesta Road to prevent traffic bypassing 'no right turn' from Shardeloes into Vesta.
- 3. Width Restriction** — carriageway reduced to 6ft.-8ft. in Ashby Road between Manor Avenue and Brockley Gardens to give safer crossing for children going to school but at the same time allowing local traffic movement.
- 4. Close Upper Brockley Road** — between Ashby Road and Lewisham Way at Lewisham Way end to reduce dangerous situation at entrance to Myatt Gardens Primary School.
- 5. Close north end of Manor Avenue** — before slip road. This will be in conjunction with the GIA proposals for pavement extensions creating parking bays.
- 6. Close Geoffrey Road immediately to west of junction with Manor Avenue** — to prevent it being used as a major 'rat-run'.

This scheme will reduce commuter through traffic in the whole of the Brockley Conservation Area, north to Lewisham Way — south to Adelaide Avenue.



Proposed Traffic Lights at Junction of Lewisham Way/Friendly Street/Wickham Road — There are mixed feelings about the lights proposed for this junction — some people feel that the lights will make it safer for pedestrians and traffic. Yet are the junctions of Lewisham Way with Malpas/Florence and Amersham/Shardeloes where there are traffic lights so much safer? (See inset map last years accident figures).

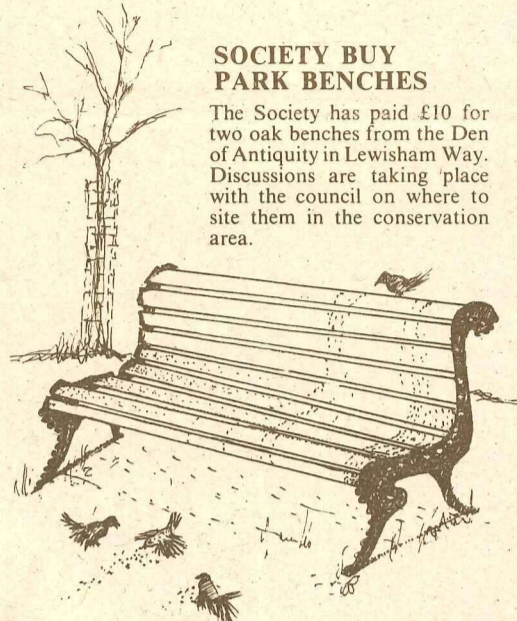
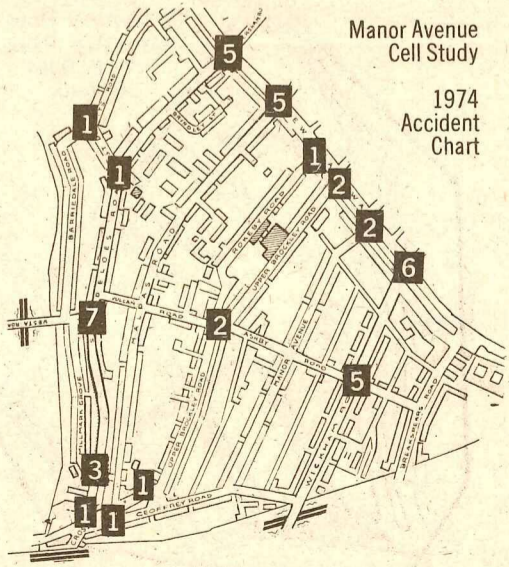
There certainly is a need for improved safety measures for pedestrians crossing both Lewisham Way and Wickham Road. One measure that has been suggested is to provide pedestrian 'refuge' islands midway across Wickham Road and on existing zebra crossing on Lewisham way. This would also assist the directional flow of traffic at the junction.

Part of the dangerous situation at present is caused by traffic pushing its way across Lewisham Way from Friendly Street or Wickham Road. Although lights may make it safer they will also make it easier for traffic crossing over from Wickham Road/Friendly Street, so increasing the north/south flow of traffic along these two roads.

The area around Friendly Street is particularly vulnerable; Friendly Gardens Park on the west side, the newly built old peoples flat (corner Albyn Road/Friendly Street) and the fact that it is a crossover point for children going to and from the four schools in the area.

The situation would be alleviated by closing off Friendly Street in either of the following ways: Friendly Gardens

extended across to a paved area in front of the terrace of shops at the north end, or Friendly Gardens extended across to join up with the landscaped area around the old peoples flats.



SOCIETY BUY PARK BENCHES

The Society has paid £10 for two oak benches from the Den of Antiquity in Lewisham Way. Discussions are taking place with the council on where to site them in the conservation area.

£30 DONATION TO ST. PETER'S PLAY GROUP

The Society has given £30 to the St. Peter's Play Group for play equipment, puzzles and toys.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 4 WICKHAM ROAD, S.E.4**
Self containment of 3 existing flats.
 - 13 HILLY FIELDS CRESCENT, S.E.4**
Conversion into 2 self-contained flats.
 - 25 CRESCENT WAY, S.E.4**
Conversion into 3 self-contained flats and the installation of dormer windows in the side and rear roof slopes. (Re-submission).
 - 103 TRESSILLIAN ROAD, S.E.4**
Conversion into 2 self-contained maisonettes.
 - 81 MANOR AVENUE, S.E.4**
Conversion into 2 self-contained flats and 1 self-contained maisonette.
 - 82 TYRWHITT ROAD, S.E.4**
Conversion into 3 self-contained flats.
 - 45 TRESSILLIAN ROAD, S.E.4**
Conversion into 3 self-contained flats.
- Anyone wishing to see the plans of the above applications may do so at Catford Town Hall (3rd floor) between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.

URGENT

THE BROCKLEY PLAYGROUP
Urgently requires a permanent and qualified PLAYGROUP LEADER
To work with an enthusiastic team of helpers
Please ring for details
01-692 6336 01-692 4248

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Beverley Court	Miss E. Anderson	No. 44	Rokeyby Road	Miss Parish	No. 21
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				Mr. S. Thorpe	No. 11

UP TO £400

People who chop down trees can now be fined up to £400. With certain exceptions this is the penalty contained in the Town and Country Amenities Bill which came into force on 12 March 1975.

All trees within Conservation Areas having a trunk diameter of 100mm or more at a height of 1.5 metres from the ground (with the exception of fruit trees) are now completely protected.

Permission is required from John Marchant in the Planning Department at the Town Hall, Catford (01-690 4343), before any pruning or cutting takes place.

MANOR AVENUE RESIDENT'S ASSC.

AGM

Thursday 17th April, 8pm
MYATT PRIMARY SCHOOL
Upper Brockley Road

The main topic is likely to be the Council's latest moves on the Mew's Development . . . things are hotting up . . . !

exchange & MART

To advertise telephone 01-692 1996.

HAND-MADE POTTERY FOR SALE. OO/HO model railway equipment for sale and wanted (particularly continental locomotives). 01-692 1322.
FOR SALE, hopefully finished breeding. A duck-egg blue Wilson pram with brown hood and apron, hand-made Wedgewood plaques, detachable body, shopping tray and canopy, hardly used, only one careful owner and two occupants. Telephone 01-692 6977.
HORSE MANURE FOR COLLECTION. Ring 01-692 9136. Bring your own plastic bags. Any donations to the Brockley Society.
TROPICAL FISH TANKS. Two, 2 foot tanks with stand, complete with heaters, thermostat and filters. Two, 2 foot 6 inch tanks with stand, complete with heaters, thermostat and filters, plus 2 small tanks. 6 Wickham Road, S.E.4.
SALE: Imperial office typewriter, 14 inch platen, recently overhauled, £9, or would exchange for cassette recorder or golf trolley. Telephone 01-692 1996.
EXCHANGE GARDEN PLANTS. If you are interested in exchanging surplus garden plants for those of other varieties, contact Don Harris at 90 Breakspears Road. Telephone 01-692 2892.
WINDOW CLEANING for Pensioners. Mr. A. F. Harrison, 44 Woodyates Road, Lee (telephone 01-857 8279), who is a window cleaner, will be willing to clean any senior citizen's windows at a very reasonable charge, at regular intervals.

Due to lack of space Landlords and the Law feature has been held over to the next issue.

Do you know your neighbour?

Do you know your neighbourhood?

Does Brockley need a Neighbourhood Council?

If you would like to see the people of Brockley working together for:-

- Pre-school Play Groups
- Community Centre
- Civil Rights and Legal Advice
- Mothers and Toddlers Clubs
- Increased Senior Citizen Activity

Then come to

MYATT GARDEN SCHOOL

Rokeby Road/Upper Brockley Road [nr. War Memorial]

April 24th at 7.30 p.m.

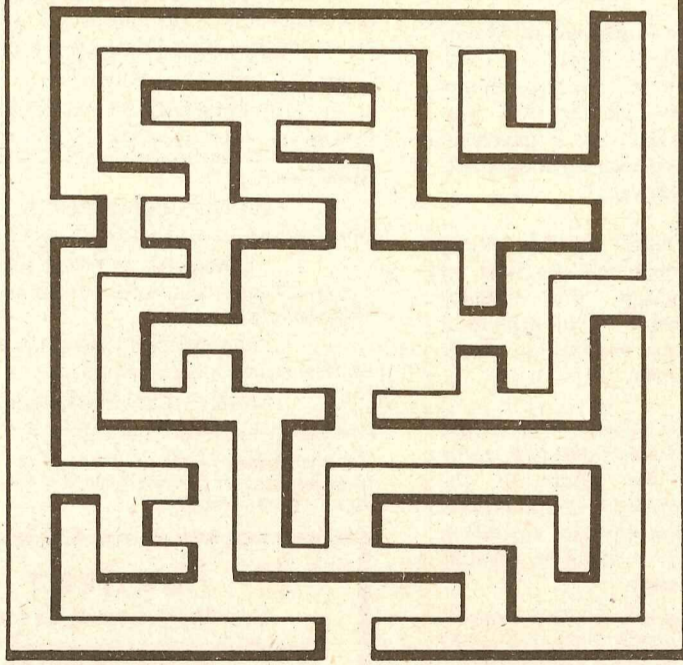
Video Films and Display

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WHICH WAY FOR BROCKLEY TRAFFIC?

THE COUNCIL OPTIONS . . .

Option A, is to do nothing at all. This does mean leaving through traffic to continue to filter through the area as it does at the moment, probably worsening as congestion on the main roads gets worse.

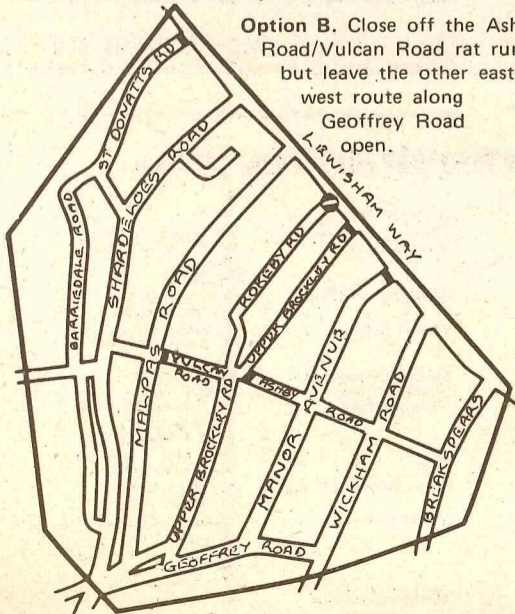


Whatever happens in the Manor Avenue Traffic Experiment affects the whole Brockley Conservation Area

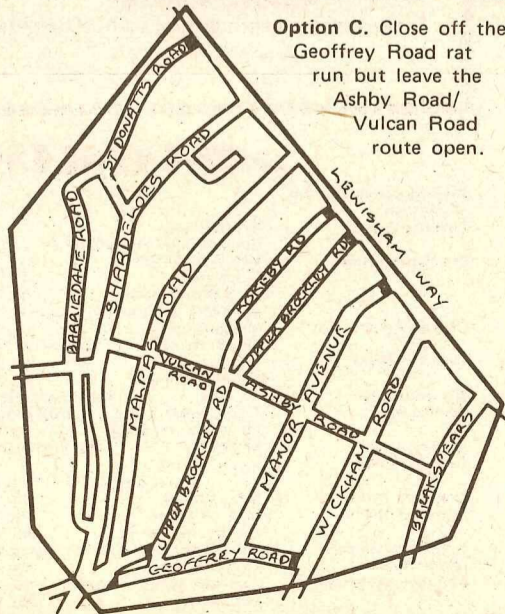
Geoffrey Road – King 'Rat Run'
over 80% of commuter traffic ends up in Geoffrey Road am/pm

If you live on the 'Rat Runs' this meeting affects you . . .

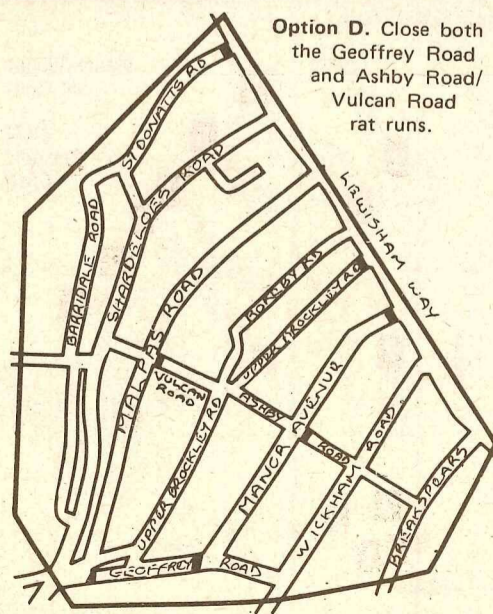
**8pm Thursday 10 April
Myatt Garden School
Upper Brockley Road**



Option B. Close off the Ashby Road/Vulcan Road rat run but leave the other east-west route along Geoffrey Road open.



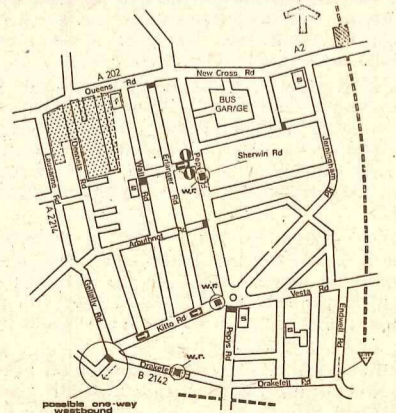
Option C. Close off the Geoffrey Road rat run but leave the Ashby Road/Vulcan Road route open.



Option D. Close both the Geoffrey Road and Ashby Road/Vulcan Road rat runs.

In addition to the three proposals shown

Manor Avenue Residents Association
Brockley Society
Shardeloes Road Residents Association
Drake Ward Labour Party
will present their own proposals.



Telegraph Hill Environmental Traffic Proposals for six months experimental period.