

drug problem and a co-ordinated approach is needed by all agencies.

I look forward to continuing my partnership with the CGCA in the coming year.

If you wish to speak to one of your community officers – PC Barrington Thompson, PC Andy Bithell, PC Paul Walker –

ring 020 8733 6545.

If you have information regarding drugs ring our Community Intelligence Line at Holborn Police Station – 0800 0850670

*Des Rock, Sector Inspector,
Holborn Police Station*

over the last two years. Changes have been made, such as our new fencing, kindly donated by the Lilac Project and finally we can say that the garden is free from the undesirables who were making it a no go area and we are really encouraged by seeing the many children who are coming back to use this valuable open space.

We are continuing to grow our own flowers and plants both for use in the garden and to sell. Springtime has been fantastic, with an array of colour and blooms, and we can't wait to see the children's sunflowers again.

Christmas Carol evening and this year we have included "frog week" which includes an art competition for local schools and children.

This year we are celebrating our 18th Birthday and hope to hold a party during the summer to celebrate.

The "back end" of the garden really needs developing and this will be our main priority. We held a planning afternoon last autumn, which has helped us focus on what needs to be done. We do hope that local residents and businesses will support us in any way, no matter how small, so that this can be achieved.

Please come and visit us and take advantage of a wonderful green area in the heart of the West End.

*Sharon Peppard,
Chair of Trustees*



The Phoenix Garden – tulips and tadpoles

Phoenix Garden

The Phoenix Community Garden is managed by the Covent Garden Open Spaces Association and is the last of the community gardens in the Covent Garden area.

Phoenix Garden has changed much

Wildlife has continued to take advantage of the area, the blue tits are nesting again and the frogs have been very busy providing lots of tadpoles!

We have continued to have our usual events, Fun Days, Halloween parties,

Covent Garden Housing Co-Operative

Perhaps the greatest challenge for our residents during the past year has been from the increased presence of drug use and trafficking as a result of the well-intentioned Project Lilac. The artificial boundaries meant that our residents on Stukeley Street and Drury Lane were almost under siege.

Further evidence of mindless crime, quite new to our properties, was the kicking in of four front doors in one week in November. Nothing was gained by the perpetrator but there