

DEMONSTRATION

Cavendish Square, Saturday June 22nd 10 a.m.

**Take back control of
Cavendish Square**



The Cavendish Square Lake

**Drain it! Fence it!
Light it!**

Time to deal with the problems at Cavendish Square

The council's decision to give away some of the land at Cavendish Square to the developers was the root of all the problems.

- **The developer didn't put on the roof we were promised.**
- **They failed to put in drainage.**
- **They left the old Co-op site derelict.**

The council allowed the developer to get away with this. As a consequence

- **The square floods when it rains heavily.**
- **The paving stones deteriorated because they were only laid on sand.**
- **The fence which separated cars from pedestrians has disintegrated.**

Parks & East Walcot Community Forum and **SWAP** managed to get the agreement of the council to use some of the £120,00 which was set aside to pay for the roof, to tarmac the old Co-op site and create a second car park.

We had our work cut out to get the private owners to make the paving stones safe. The private owners have never shown any concern for the interests of local people. Their investment was only ever a 'revenue stream'.

Since then the floor of the square and the shops on the Post Office side have been sold on twice.

We recently heard that the council spent £3.3 million buying the land on which sits the Co-op, the adjoining car park and the Pharmacy. **This is land which they gave**

away to the developers for free. They bought it because of the rent that they will get, which is nearly £200,000 a year. But they borrowed money to buy it. They have to pay that back together with interest charges; or rather the council tax payers will foot the bill.

Since the Council now owns all the buildings on the George Hall Court side of the square, and the land it has just bought, **we think it's high time that they acted to resolve the problems.** The ground between the shops on either side is currently owned by a company called Lytton Rd Ltd, shown at Companies House as "dormant"! It bought that and the shops on the Post Office side for £1.25 million. We think there is a good case for the council buying this back in order to take control of the square. That would give them the rent from those shops.

But at the very least they should take back the ownership of the floor of the square, even if they have to buy it.

Once back under council ownership they could use the nearly £90,000 which remains to re-lay the square and put in drainage to resolve the flooding problem.

Now the council has made a £3 million 'investment' isn't it in their interests to create a decent environment at the square?

This demonstration is the first shot in our effort to press the council to FINALLY recognise its responsibility for resolving these problems.

PLEASE COME ALONG

AND BRING

OTHERS WITH YOU

What we want at Cavendish Square

- **The floor relaid and drainage put in to stop the flooding**
- **A fence to separate cars from pedestrians**
- **Decent lighting to make the square safe at night.**