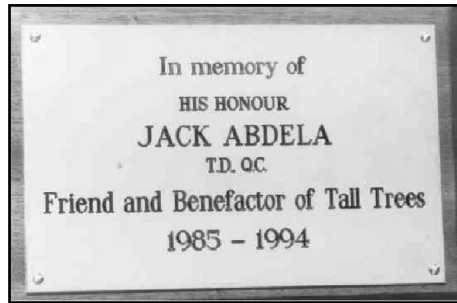


The Closure of Tall Trees

When the surprise announcement was made by MacIntyre Care in January that they intended to close Tall Trees in May, the League of Friends of Tall Trees and those representing Patrick Abdela met the Chief Executive of MacIntyre. He said the closure of Tall Trees was a 'last resort', and agreed to defer closure until at least early June. Tall Trees is one of a number of MacIntyre homes throughout the country.

Together with Patrick's guardians, we instructed an experienced independent social work consultant to prepare a report on the viability of Tall Trees. Despite her recommendations, MacIntyre were adamant that they still wished to continue with their plans to close the home.

We therefore reported to the Charity Commission our concerns that MacIntyre had not given adequate consideration to the care and welfare of the extremely vulnerable residents; and that funds of the charity – especially the substantial capital asset of Tall Trees donated by Jack Abdela – were being put at risk. We understand that the Charity Commission



have made various inquiries of MacIntyre's Trustees. Whilst appreciating the strong local feelings about MacIntyre's actions, the Charity Commission concluded that MacIntyre were within their powers to close Tall Trees.

The remaining residents were moved from Tall Trees at the beginning of June. At the time of writing we have not been informed of MacIntyre's future plans for the site, but we think Tall Trees will probably be sold on the open market.

Charles Keighley
Chairman, League of Friends of MacIntyre Tall Trees

The Wychwood Surgery IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to a practice training session on **Tuesday, 14th October 2003** the surgery will be **closed**. In the case of an emergency please telephone 01993 830260, you will be transferred to a call centre, which will take the relevant details and contact the local on-duty doctor.

Please make sure you order repeat medication in good time. To ensure that the medication will be ready for **Monday, 13th October** we would recommend that you order by **Thursday, 9th October**.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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