



Flight of the Earl: Grants Hill, where Lord Lucan (left) was last seen, is now the site of a block of flats worth £725,000

1979 worth  
£50,000  
2005 worth  
£725,000

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1974, Sandra Rivett, nanny to the three children of the 7th Earl of Lucan, was murdered in the basement of his London home, the six-storey 46 Lower Belgrave Street in Belgravia, London SW1.

The Countess of Lucan was also attacked (then comforted by her husband) before she fled to raise the alarm in a nearby pub, The Plumber's Arms. Lucan then escaped to the Uckfield home of his friends Ian and Susie Maxwell-Scott.

Mrs Maxwell-Scott and two of her six children were at home when Lucan arrived at 11.30pm. She gave him a whisky and some notepaper to write two letters to Bill Shand Kydd, his brother-in-law, while he told her he planned to 'lie doggo' for a while. Next, Lucan rang his mother, the dowager countess.

## Whatever happened to...

The last house Lord Lucan was seen in?

### Grants Hill House, Uckfield, E. Sussex

Mrs Maxwell-Scott gave him another scotch and water, and at 1.15am he drove off and has never been seen since.

Grants Hill House was a large, rambling, Victorian former rectory 40 miles from London bought by Ian Maxwell-Scott, a cousin of the Duke of Norfolk, with the proceeds of a large gambling win.

The Maxwell-Scotts sold the house

after he died and his wife moved to a flat in Battersea with her daughter, Catherine.

Grants Hill House was subsequently sold to a developer and in 1983 was demolished. It has been replaced by 42 flats and bedsits that form part of a three-storey residential home for elderly people run by Wealden District Council. The council charges rent of £55 per week for the bedsits and £78 for the one-bedroom flats — an unglamorous end for a once notorious address.

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