

# Clarendon FOCUS 12

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## FIRST FOOTING IN 2005

Cllr Sarah Boad, Linda Forbes and Cllr Eithne Goode met many Leamington North residents at their surgery in Lansdowne Street on Saturday 1st January 2005. We'll be there, rain or shine, on the first Saturday of each month from 11.15 till 12.15 - and we look forward to meeting you.



## SKATEBOARDING

Warwick District Council's Community Safety Officer advised Eithne & Sarah that reports of incidents of nuisance youths in the town centre have decreased by 25% since the opening of the skateboard park at Newbold Comyn. Young people joined forces with Eithne in their successful campaign for a ramp and other equipment.

## GOOD NEWS!

A resident of Grosvenor Court recently asked if more litter bins could be provided in Christchurch Gardens. Cllr Eithne Goode contacted the District Council, who confirmed that two new bins will be provided soon. The District Council is also considering providing some large capacity bins for this busy area, as small bins fill quickly on summer days.



Your Local  
Team Working  
for YOU all year  
round!



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## REPORTBACK FROM LAST ISSUE

We will be asking Warwickshire County Council to survey pedestrian movements at Willes Road/Newbold Terrace junction at a weekend in our campaign for a pedestrian phase at this crossing. We are also pleased to tell you that a pedestrian refuge will be constructed to help people wanting to cross from Jephson Gardens to the Spa Centre safely.

## POSTBOXES

129 Upper Holly Walk  
22 Augusta Place

Warwick & Leamington Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST 19960, CV32 4BR

Surgery: Lansdowne Street on the 1st Saturday of the month 11.15 - 12.15

# Graffiti Buster

To help combat this problem, Cllr Sarah Boad proposed that the Town Council add £1,000 to its budget. The Council will be working with the District Council, Police and Probation Service. The money will be used to remove graffiti all over Leamington and the work will be done by those on community service.



Cllrs Sarah Boad and Eithne Goode looking at graffiti in Mill Passage

## Spring Start

'This money is available to use in Leamington North, and the project will start in the Spring, so let us know of any problem areas and we will pass the information on.'

## Liberal Democrats Plan Effective ACTION!

# We need to deal with Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Lib Dems nationally have put forward plans for effective action to deal with the widespread problems of crime and anti-social behaviour. We want to see solutions that really work - not just public relations announcements and spin.

- Liberal Democrats will tell the police and other agencies to use more effectively the powers that they already have. New laws against bad behaviour will prove useless unless there is the will to enforce the rules.



- Liberal Democrats would set up local hotlines for people to report problems, and would expect the police to attend quickly. New laws will be useless unless the police come at the time they are needed, rather than several hours later.

- Liberal Democrats want to see more positive programmes to give young people something to do and stop them getting bored. "The devil makes work for idle hands."

- Liberal Democrats would make non-violent offenders repay the communities they have harmed through intensive community work.



Acceptable Behaviour Contracts pioneered by Liberal Democrat controlled Islington Council often work better than Anti-Social Behaviour Orders because the culprit has agreed to the 'contract' voluntarily.

## Liberal Democrat Council congratulated by the Home Office

The Home Office recently congratulated Liberal Democrat controlled Liverpool Council for dealing with more cases of Anti-Social Behaviour than Manchester ( Lab Control) and Birmingham (Lab controlled until recently) combined. Liverpool uses a variety of policies to prevent Anti-Social Behaviour, with ASBOs as a last resort.

## 'We Would Like To Hear From You!'

If you have a problem or query that we may be able to help with, please return this slip to one of our postboxes, FREEPOST address, or give us a ring or send an e-mail.

YES, I would like to help deliver Focus locally.

Name .....

Tel: .....

Address .....

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# A Police Force for the 21st Century

**LIBERAL Democrat** campaigner Linda Forbes is backing moves to put an extra 10,000 Bobbies on the beat across the UK.



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The Liberal Democrats have announced this proposal as part of a plan to bring our police force into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### The key policies include:

- Scrapping the Government's proposals for ID cards which will cost £3bn and instead recruiting 10,000 more police officers and 20,000 more Community Support Officers;
- A massive investment in technology to help officers spend more time out on the street;
- A National Police Agency to fight national and international crime, freeing local police to serve and protect their communities;
- A National Border Force, made up of HM Customs and Excise, the Immigration and Nationality Directorate and police guarding ports and airports, to tackle cross-border terrorism, drug smuggling and people trafficking;

### Local Policing Contract:

The Liberal Democrats also propose a new Policing Contract between local people and Chief Constables. The contract would guarantee the numbers of police serving each local community. Please contact us with your views.

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