

# FOCUS 13



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Work starts after Easter

## A Safer Parade



The Parade as it is now

The County Council's Scheme to improve the Parade, Victoria Terrace and Bath Street will start in early April, immediately after Easter. The work will take 26 weeks and will see one way traffic at times with some road closures.

### Pedestrian safety improvements

The scheme involves considerable new work, involving more crossings, widened footways, resurfacing and safer pavements.

Cllr Sarah Boad said 'There will inevitably be some inconvenience as the scheme is carried out, but a working group including representatives of local businesses will monitor progress and help to minimise disruption. The work has been timetabled to avoid the Christmas rush, and also avoided Britain in Bloom and World Bowls in 2004'

### An queries? Give us a ring!

If you have any queries about the scheme, please contact Cllr. Sarah Boad or Cllr. Eithne Goode.

## ACTION! Update

Newbold Terrace East / Willes Road

### Pedestrian Phase

Following the update in Focus 12, the County Council have now agreed to do two further surveys during April / May at the Willes Road / Newbold Terrace East junction.

Cllr. Eithne Goode commented "This is good news, as it has been agreed to do a survey on a weekday and a Saturday so that the true usage at the crossing can be judged - many people only use the crossing at the weekend to get to the many facilities at Newbold Comyn." We will let you know the result later in the year.

Spa Centre / Jephson Gardens

### Pedestrian Refuge

**GOOD NEWS!** The requested refuge to help people cross Newbold Terrace has been included in the proposed list of works for 2005/06. It's now up to the Area Committee to approve the money.

## On the spot fines for dropping litter

From April a second park ranger will be employed, and the rangers will take on responsibility for both litter and dog fouling enforcement. This will result in rangers imposing on the spot fines on people littering our parks with take-away food trays and drinks cans.

The Council do provide a lot of bins for people to use. It is important that the Council empties the bins, and, then it is down to the park users to keep the area clean.

## New Anti-Social Behaviour Post

To combat the growing problems of vandalism, graffiti, nuisance behaviour and alcohol and drug abuse Stratford and Warwick District Council's have recently combined to appoint a new anti-social behaviour officer.

Kully Takhar will be intervening on a proactive basis, particularly with youths to modify unacceptable behaviour. She will be liaising with statutory and voluntary organisations such as the Police, mediation and Crime and Disorder Partnerships.

## Your Local Team Working for YOU all year round!



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## Regular Surgeries

Held on the

1st Saturday of the month

11.15am - 12.15pm

Lansdowne Street shops



## POST BOXES

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**Cycle way lighting**  
**Campion Hills**

Many local residents have been asking why the street lights on the new foot / cycle way on the Campion Hills are not working.

**District Council project**

Cllr Sarah Boad rang both the County and the District Council to find out! 'I rang the County Council first, but found that it was nothing to do with them – as it is a District Council scheme they are responsible for the lighting too. The District Council are waiting for the lights to be connected to the mains, and this should be by the end of March'



**Cllrs Eithne Goode and Sarah Boad with one of the non working lights**

Talking to local residents using the path concern was expressed as to how slippery the path is in winter. Cllr Eithne Goode said 'I have asked the District Council to see if anything can be done to improve this'

**Cubbington Road**  
**Calls for new crossing near doctors**

Many of you have contacted us to support our campaign to get a crossing on Cubbington Road by the Doctors' surgery.



**Cllrs Eithne Goode and Sarah Boad looking at the problem at the doctors' surgery**

Cllr Eithne Goode said 'When the Police checked the speed of cars travelling along Cubbington Road towards Leamington (by the Highland Road junction) last August, 23% of vehicles were going faster than 35 mph – no wonder so many local residents are concerned about the safety of this stretch of road'

**Let us know what you think?**

Cllr Sarah Boad said 'If you haven't already been in touch then let us know what you think – we will pass on your comments to the County Council to support our campaign.'

We have also been contacted by residents asking for a refuge at the lower end of Cubbington Road, by the junction with Pound Lane – the County Council have been asked to investigate.

**Post Election Labour and Tory Tax Bombshell**  
**Council Tax Revaluation**

Linda Forbes warns that many residents will face much higher Council Tax bills if either Labour or the Conservatives win the next General Election. Both of the old parties are committed to carrying out a Council Tax Revaluation of properties to reflect the rapid rise in house prices since the first valuation in 1991. (An average of 193% in Leamington). The new valuation will be used for Council Tax bills from April 2007. In Wales, which has just completed their revaluation, 33% of homes went up one or more bands, with only 8% going down.



**Linda Forbes**  
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**Revaluation - a tax on improvement**

If a home has been significantly improved, with an extension or loft conversion, it will almost certainly move up a band.

**Unfair Tax**

"Once again this unfair tax based upon property values, which are outside of the housholder's control, will be used to determine how much tax you pay, even though you may be on a fixed or low income.

This tax needs to go NOW and be replaced with one based upon ability to pay like our proposals for a fair local income tax." said Linda Forbes.

**Don't lose your vote!**

**REGISTER TO VOTE.**

There may be a General Election soon, but one thing is for sure, the Elections to the County Council will take place on Thursday 5th May.

**The last date to get on to the register to vote is 11th March.**

**POSTAL VOTE**

If for any reason you cannot vote in person you can apply for either a postal or proxy vote.

**The last date to apply for one of these is 5pm on Tuesday 26th April.**



All forms can be obtained from the Elections Office at Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington, or Phone 450000 and ask for the election office, or at [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/elections](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/elections). If in doubt contact one of the team and we will do our best to get it sorted for you.

**'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 post boxes, FREEPOST, or give us a ring.

YES, I would like to help deliver Focus/Feedback.

Name .....

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Address .....

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