

FEEDBACK 107



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Walnut Tree Pub Saved - For Now!

The pub has been saved (at least for the time being). Planning permission was refused for its demolition and replacement with 34 flats. The developers spent a lot of money on consultants in support of their proposals and it is likely that they will appeal against the decision. They could also start again and submit a new plan.

Is any estate pub safe from developers?

Cllr Alan Boad said, "The community support for keeping the pub is overwhelming. The pub's owners 'Punch' claim it's not viable, even though it is the only pub in Lillington, so why don't they put it on the market and see if someone else will take it on. Or, perhaps the offer from Barrat Mercia as a development site is worth more to them than the future of a well supported community pub? Is any estate pub with a car park safe?"



Cllr Alan Boad outside the Walnut Tree pub

Mason Avenue Park Update

The copses in the park will be thinned out during February. This will improve the safety of all park users by removing hiding places.

Your Local Councillors Working for YOU all year round!



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Cubbington Road

Call for new crossing

Cllrs. Sarah Boad and Eithne Goode have been contacted by a resident in Cubbington Road who is concerned about the speed of traffic and the difficulty residents have in crossing the road, particularly to get to the Doctors' surgery. The County Council have been asked to do a survey of both traffic and pedestrians to see if a refuge or a controlled crossing can be provided

Let us know what you think

Do you have difficulty in getting across the road, perhaps to get to the surgery, or taking children to school?

Good news!

Multi Material recycling for all

Starts April



Cllr Sarah Boad looking forward to multi waste collection

At present only half the households in the District are receiving the fortnightly multi-material collection service, but from April 2005 all households will be able to put glass, cans, foil, textiles and car batteries into their red box along with their papers. If the red box is full, residents will have the option of using a plastic bag for the extra materials or asking for a second box.

Cllr Sarah Boad commented, "Doorstep collection makes it far easier for everyone to recycle and cuts down on those trips to Princes Drive. We all need to recycle more to help protect the environment and avoid the rapidly increasing government charges being levied on councils, when they take our waste to landfill sites. I look forward to more materials being collected in future – especially plastic and cardboard. We need less packaging on our goods to stop the total amount of rubbish in our bins growing year on year."

Regular Surgeries

Held every month on the
1st Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am
and
3rd Saturday 10.00am - 11.30am

Note change of times!



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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, The Police and the Probation Service.

The money will be used to remove graffiti all over Leamington and the work will be done by those on community service.

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.'



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

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 ASBO's as a last resort.

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A Police Force for the 21st Century

LIBERAL

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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 the proposal as part of a plan to bring our police force into the 21st 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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