

UPDATE

You will remember in our last edition of FOCUS that **Cllr Cymone De-Lara-Bond** had asked for urgent repairs to be made to a dangerous dropped kerb at The Holt. These repairs were carried out very soon afterwards and the area is now safe.



DROPPED KERB ISSUES? CONTACT CYMONE.

HOSPITAL LATEST

A project board of 16 nominees (9 NHS Board members, 4 patients and 2 councillors) is currently deciding options for the future of the NHS in Coventry and Warwickshire. Warwick Hospital's future is threatened. Key Issues are: stroke and older people's care; children and maternity; diagnostics and A&E.

Cllr Roger Copping said, "Local people have fought for our hospital for many years and we raised £1m for the new Accident and Emergency Unit in 2001. The "options" must be agreed by next April. Before then local public meetings will be held where you can have your say about forthcoming cuts in local NHS provision."



Meanwhile, as winter hits us, the local Primary Care Trust has made a huge 60% cut in its grant to Age Concern for its "Care of Elderly and Frail Older People Recently Discharged from Hospital" programme. This sudden cut is likely to increase delays at Warwick Hospital especially after hip and cataract operations. **Roger Copping** has asked for this to be considered by the County Council. If you would like to comment or require further information, please contact Roger.

COMMUNITY ACTION on TRAFFIC SPEED

One of the topics which is most important to many residents of north Leamington is the issue of speeding in our residential streets. Many of you have real concerns about the impact of traffic speed on your lives and those of your children.



Cllr Eithne Goode with two of the C.A.T.S. posters

Warwickshire Casualty Reduction Partnership have introduced a scheme called C.A.T.S. which has been designed to attract attention and engage people, enabling serious messages to be explained throughout the whole community without confrontation.

The most important element of the campaign is the general information leaflet containing the community commitment form which is an undertaking

to keep within the limits at all times and to encourage other drivers to do the same. The C.A.T.S. scheme requires the community to become involved and once the signed commitment form is returned, posters and car stickers can be forwarded. There are A3 street posters and A4 posters for children as well as general A4 posters.

If your street/area/or group would like to know more, or to receive the leaflet, please contact Eithne.

PLANNING APPEALS

Cllrs Iain Jermond and Eithne Goode have written to the Planning Inspectorate asking that the decision of the Planning Committee to refuse permission for the building of new homes in the back gardens of properties in **Lime Avenue** be upheld. Many residents of Montrose Avenue, Lime Avenue and Cameron Close have also written to the Inspector.

The Planning Inspector has dismissed the appeal by a developer who wanted to demolish the **Walnut Tree pub.**