

The Milverton Team

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Protect the Green Belt

The government has indicated that it expects to see very high numbers of houses built in the West Midlands between now and 2026, and their adviser, Kate Barker, has suggested the green belt should not be out of bounds.

Cllr Margaret Begg commented, "It is important that we work with other councils across the region to argue the case for lower numbers which safeguard our green belt. Bill Gifford worked with residents in Milverton to make the case for protecting the green belt north of Leamington as part of the Local Plan inquiry. The inspector is due to report in April and we expect he will back the council's current position of restraint, so we should be safe in the immediate future. It would be wrong for the government to then impose far higher numbers on us. **This would make a mockery of all the talk about giving power back to local communities.**"

Local campaigner, Nick Pittarello said, "The green belt north of Milverton is a vital lung for local residents. The gaps between local towns enable each community to retain its distinctive character. I don't want to see out-of-town developments which only lead to



Nick Pittarello (behind) & Sidney Tyrrell (foreground) in the green belt near Old Milverton

more car journeys, congested roads and more carbon emissions."

Both County and District Councils will be considering the issues in February with a view to responding to the Regional Planning body in March. There will be opportunities for the public to receive further information and give their views. The Region will pass on its views to the government late in 2007 and the Secretary of State's final decision is expected in 2009.

Top of the League

Milverton Primary School is top of the latest school league tables for Value Added measurements in the area. These were record results for the school particularly in the numbers achieving a high level five.

Cllr Chris Davis said, "Performance tables can never be the whole story but many congratulations to the Headteacher Ben Wilde, his dedicated staff, and the pupils for their hard and successful work."



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Ward Surgery: 1st Saturday of every month, 11am to 12:30pm outside the Rugby Road Shops

Spring Clean: Can You Help?

As in past years, the Milverton Liberal Democrat Focus Team will be doing a spring clean litter pick on Saturday



Last Year: Sidney Tyrrell with volunteers and Bill Gifford

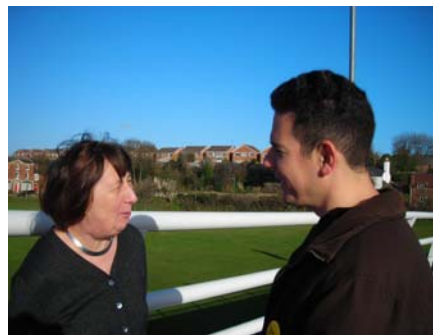
24th March between 10am and 12noon. Please let Sidney Tyrrell or Bill Gifford know of areas that need cleaning. As always, the more volunteers the more areas we can do, so let us know if you would be able to help on the day.

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Potterton Site

Local campaigners, Sidney Tyrrell and Nick



Sidney Tyrrell & Nick Pittarello

Pittarello, checked on progress at the old Potterton's site. Sidney commented, "I am very concerned at the prospect of the extra traffic on Rugby Road at peak times. We shall be monitoring closely the traffic management system." Nick added "We have recently seen how vitally needed the flood plain is in this area. I hope the developers manage the situation carefully."

What they say....

The Audit Commission said of your Liberal Democrat jointly-run Warwick District Council, "...provides good value ...while service performance is better than average".

New Drama at Trinity

A new 154-seat Studio Theatre has recently been opened at a special celebration event at Trinity Catholic School by ex-Trinity student actor Sam Troughton from the Robin Hood TV series.

The theatre is part of the newly built facilities at the school and will be used for the teaching of new drama lessons, for school assemblies and personal, social and citizenship type activities.

Cllr Chris Davis said, "This is a very welcome development and will enable the school to further enhance its already renowned artistic and cultural reputation. In addition a wider public, such as Stagecoach, the young person's drama group, will use the facility."

In Brief..... Some of the recent actions by your Milverton Liberal Democrat councillors

- Discussions with WDC about Graffiti
- Dog Warden to patrol Beverley Road, Stamford Gardens Play Area and Avonside
- Discussion with Police about parking at Northumberland / Kenilworth Road junction
- Milverton Cres West - white lines to protect access to flats
- Talked to Avonside residents about anti-social behaviour in play area
- Helped get new cover to make safe the drainage hole at Dragon Cottage Play Area
- Arranged for removal of fly tip in Victoria Park
- Grove Street - helped get changes to parking
- Archery Road - Changes to parking agreed
- Avenue Road & Guys Cliffe Road, blocked drains reported
- Westgrove Terrace, over-large hedge cut back

We would like to hear from you

If you have a problem or query that we may be able to help you with, please write to our Freepost, phone us or email us (see over)



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