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Twerton &Whiteway

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Community newsletter from your local Liberal Democrat team Cllr Tim Ball • Cllr Sarah Moore

Rosewarn Park improvements



Following the residents survey that Tim and Sarah carried out in 2019, a number of improvements were requested to make the Rosewarn Park area more useable for all ages.

Requests from more seating and new play equipment through to all weather sports pitch were put forward and we have bee working with Curo and the Council to get funding in place to make improvements.

Tim and Sarah are delighted to announce they have committee sign off for funding to install a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), which will have a low level fence around it with both football goals and basketball hoops in place. This just requires final sign off before an order can be placed and equipment installed.

Councillor Tim Ball said "Unfortunately, this project has been delayed due to lockdown and staff availability, but we are pleased it is now progressing".

This is the first stage of improvements that we are working on with Curo to try and get this whole area back in use.

We will confirm when the work is scheduled to install the MUGA and when further improvements have been agreed.

IN OUR AREA

Freeview Road Parking



During September, Tim and Sarah met with Highways Officers to review the plans for additional parking to be put in place in Freeview Road. The next stage is a meeting between Highways Officers and the Contractors on-site to confirm final plans. The additional parking will be put in place towards the Innox Park end of the road.

Councillor Sarah Moore said "It is good that we are finally seeing plans that will provide long awaited parking relief to residents on Freeview Road, this is something we promised during the election and it is good to be able to deliver on another one of our promises".

If you have a problem in your street that is not being addressed, please do get in touch.

Down your street

Redland Park - We have joined local residents in the area clearing bags of litter.

North View Close - We have asked Highways to look into widening the end of the close to make it easier to manoeuvre around and requested a grit bin is also installed at the end of the road.

Kelston View - We are chasing Curo to remove the unsightly graffiti from the garages.

Haycombe Drive - We have asked FirstBus to review their use of double decker buses in this area due to the damage they are causing to the trees.

Newton Road - We have started up the community speedwatch groups to try and help reduce the number of speeding vehicles.

Woodhouse Road - We are working with Curo to find a more permanent solution to the constant flytipping and waste issues.

Ward Empowerment Fund

Councillors Sarah Moore and Tim Ball are pleased to confirm they have been able to provide funding to help with 7 different community projects though their ward empowerment fund.



The Ward Empowerment fund is a small pot of money available to Councillors to help with projects in the ward that will be of benefit to the community.

More details of each project will be provided once the work has taken place.

Twerton & Whiteway Transport Survey

Earlier this year we put an on-line survey out for residents to give their views on Transport around our ward and key issues they had.

We received over 100 responses to our survey and promised to provide feedback on the responses we received to the following questions:

Q1 - What is your most common mode of transport?

58% responses Private Car/Van with only 6% responding bike.

Q2 - What are the main issues you face when travelling in Twerton/Whiteway?

44% of respondents cited speeding vehicles, followed by 23% saying poor surfaces.

Q3 - Are you aware of the Council's aim to introduce low traffic neighbourhoods?

44% of respondents were are aware of the Council's aim, but 56% were not.

Q4 - If No, would you like more information about these?

Of the 56% that were not aware, 52% would like more information, we will be putting more details about Low Traffic Neighbourhoods on our blog and also email details to those that requested it.

Q5 - If Yes, do you agree with them?

Of the 44% that were aware of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, 73% of them supported the proposals.

Q6 - If you answered Yes to Q5, which roads in Twerton/Whiteway would you like to be assessed to potentially be included

This presented a large number of roads across the area and we will be looking at options available for each one and respond back on these.

Q7 - Looking at the wider area, would you agree with pedestrianisation of shopping areas such as Moorland Road, Weston High Street etc? You can provide reasons in the comments box

This was a very close response with 48% in favour, but 52% against.

Q8 - We are aware of a number of main roads that have speed issues that need to be addressed, eg Newton Road, Shophouse Road, Kelston View and Poolemead Road. What options would you like to see put in place to tackle this specific issue?

We received a large number of suggestions which we are working through to see viability and will confirm what can be done.

Q9 - Are there any other roads/paths that you would like to be added to our existing list? Please provide details of the issues and potential resolutions you would propose.

As you can imagine every respondent listed their road and we will be looking at every road in the ward to ensure as many issues raised are addressed, where possible.

Full details of all responses will be posted on our blog page and shared on Facebook and Twitter.