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Have your say!

Use the space below to let us know any issues you would like the Lib Dem team to take up on your behalf:

Tim and Sarah rely on support from local volunteers to help keep in touch with their regular FOCUS community newsletters.

Could you help out from time to time by delivering FOCUS in your local area?

YES **NO**

I can help by displaying a poster in my window or garden at election time

YES **NO**

Please leave your contact details below, so that the team can get in touch about the issues you've raised...

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FOCUS

on Twerton & Whiteway



March/April 2024

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

Highway issues



We are aware of a number of Highway issues on roads across the entire Twerton and Whiteway ward area.

Councillors Tim Ball and Sarah Moore have arranged a meeting with Highways officers to discuss possible speed reduction measures on Shophouse Road, the High Street, Shaws Way, Sheridan Road, Poolemead Road and Newton Road, as well as parking issues on Poolemead Road and Sheridan Road, however, this is a harder issue to resolve.

A review of HGVs using Pennyquick Hill/Whiteway Road is also planned, this is to establish what can be done to reduce the number of large lorries using this route. We have also requested the concrete is cleared from the centre of this road as this is adding to issues.

We have asked Highways officers to look at including Haycombe Drive on the resurfacing list as soon as possible as the road condition has been deteriorating rapidly.

We have also asked Highways to look at potentially putting a roundabout at the top of the Hollow by the entrance to Haycombe Cemetary, this could help to slow traffic and also enable vehicles to pull out safely.

We are pleased that 2 more roads in our area are being resurfaced in March, Rosewarn Close and Woodhouse Road are the latest roads be added to the list and it is the entire length of both these roads that will be covered.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WORKING HARD ALL YEAR ROUND

DELIVERING FOR TWERTON AND WHITEWAY

B&NES Council New Budget agreed



This February saw Bath and North East Somerset Council vote in their new Budget for the next financial year. This year has been one of the hardest to ensure all vital services are protected and delivery for our residents with no additional assistance from Central Government which has meant a lot of difficult decisions had to be made.

MP Wera Hobhouse said “Since the abysmal Autumn Statement last year, in which the Chancellor neglected to address the dire financial pressures faced by many local governments, I have championed our hardworking B&NES Council in Parliament at every opportunity. B&NES Council faces a substantial £35 million gap in its budget due to the government’s neglect, making their efforts to improve Adult Social Care for Bath residents all the more difficult. Our council has been a lifeline to many in Bath throughout the cost-of-living crisis, offering the Household Support Fund to help families afford energy bills and food.

But the government is refusing to confirm whether they will continue funding this support past March, leaving both local people and local governments in limbo. Families should be able to turn to local councils for help if they are struggling. Yet, the government is pulling the rug of support from under them.”

Securing Free, Reliable Childcare

Bath has seen a slew of nurseries close in the last year, leaving parents scrambling for alternatives. Across the country, the costs of childcare are already eye-watering as the most expensive childcare systems in the world. We must get early years education right so that children can achieve their full potential. Yet, extensive cuts to funding by the Conservatives have left parents and children paying the price.



That’s why we Liberal Democrats have been championing the need for properly-funded, genuinely free childcare for years. As the first 1001 days are the most important for a child’s development, adequately funding nurseries ensures that children can access essential early education. It also means that parents are not forced to choose between caring for their children and their careers. We must work to keep nurseries open, free and well-funded.

Down your Street

Highland Road - We have been in contact with Curo to request all pavements are cleared of weeds and rubbish.

Redland Park/Whiteway Green - We have been contacted by the Police to confirm they are working to resolve the issue of motorbikes using the fields in these areas.

Walwyn Close - We are working with Curo to resolve the bad parking here which is preventing the refuse/recycling lorries from accessing and emptying the communal bins.

Shaws Way - We are looking at what measures can be put in place to prevent vehicles from driving over the grassed areas and along the footpath.

Windrush Close - We have asked the cleansing team to do a deep clean to remove all weeds and moss on the footpaths.

If you have an issue in your street that has not been addressed, please either report it using the FixMyStreet app, or contact us.

Twerton and Whiteway Community Network

Hello! The Twerton and Whiteway Community Network, which is made up of local residents, groups and organisations, started out in 2020 and hoped to find ways to support the local community, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic which hit shortly after the first meeting.



Funded by the National Lottery for five years, the Network wants to support ongoing work in the community and link up people, organisations and groups to build long term connections and work together. Identifying concerns and building local confidence and capacity to address those concerns are vital.

Two part-time coordinators have now been appointed - Kate and Sally - and a website will be launched soon where people can share information about what's going on in the local area. In the meantime, please get in touch if you want to be involved, and keep your eyes peeled for gatherings, news and ideas emerging!

Email: hello@twertonandwhiteway.org

Facebook: Twerton & Whiteway Community Network

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This is a non-political organisation, however, it will be working collaberatively with ward Councillors to achieve the best outcomes for all residents.