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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

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

YES

□ NO □

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

Great News for Education in our area



Local Councillors Sarah Moore and Tim Ball are pleased to confirm that, after years of fighting to retain a strong education role for the Culverhay/BCA site, the Council has secured two major government new build investments for the area, with a possible total value in excess of £50m.

The Cabinet have now signed off the use of the Rush Hill site as the location for two new schools, and thanks to the dedication of the cabinet member for young people and children work can now hopefully proceed.

We have had regular meetings with fellow South West Bath Councillors, Cabinet Members and Council officers because we value the current site uses, and with two such large schools proposed on the site we are also hopeful we will be able to have shared facilities for our residents outside school hours.

One school is for a 120 place SEND provision to allow for greater access for youngsters locally and another 55 place school for alternative provision for young people struggling at regular schools.

The decision has committed that the site will retain a clear education role for the long term. We will keep residents updated on the progress of the work as soon as dates have been set, however the current building will need to be demolished before any new schools can be put on the site.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WORKING HARD ALLYEAR ROUND

DELIVERING FOR TWERTON AND WHITEWAY

Thank you from Wera Hobhouse MP



Thank you to everyone who voted Liberal Democrat in the general election.

With your support we now have 72 MPs to stand up for a liberal inclusive Britain and fix the terrible mess that the outgoing Conservative government has left.

My priorities in parliament are to bring the NHS and social care back from the brink, to ease the cost of living crisis and to turbo-charge the race to get to net zero.

Here in Bath, I will continue to be your local champion and make sure your voice is heard in parliament. Please get in touch with any issues that you have.

Thank you once again for your support.

Twerton High Street - Update

We are pleased to see that the old Co-Op building is now being brought back into use. The owners of Twerton High Street Stores have an agreement to move from their current smaller shop to open a larger supermarket.

Since the new owners have taken over this section, several planning applications have been submitted to improve the buildings and more interest is being shown in the empty shops.

Down your Street

Shophouse Road - We have now met with a B&NES Highways Officer and will be sharing their suggestions with you all shortly.

Redland Park - Curo have inspected play equipment at Woody Park and have agreed to a refresh - e.g. repainting and replacing any rotten wood.

Walwyn Close/Woodhouse Road - We are working with Curo to resolve the issues that have arisen since the installation of the new bin stores.

Highland Road - We are working hard to get this road included on the upcoming resurfacing list with the Highways team.

Kelston View - We are working with both Curo and BANES to get the back lanes cleared of weeds and flytipping.

Ward wide - we are reviewing all residential roads where speeding has been reported to see what can be done to make them safer for all residents.

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

Councillor Casework

It has come to our attention that a number of residents have been trying to contact us via Facebook Messenger and X (formerly Twitter), however, we have not received notifications for a lot of these messages and it is very difficult to keep track of these due to the volume of requests we receive via other communication methods.

Whilst we do our best to pick up all messages, we are not on Social Media all day due to work and other commitments. We would ask that any issue you want us to assist with is primarily sent via email; please also include your name and address as we are often asked for assistance from residents that do not live in Twerton or Whiteway ward area and those should be dealt with by other Councillors. We are usually dealing with in excess of 50 residents each at any one time and so we cannot guarantee an immediate response, however we will respond as soon as we can.

If your issue is urgent you can contact us on our mobile between 9am and 7pm. If we are unable to answer your call, please make sure you leave a message, including your name and address, as we will not return any call from unknown numbers.

We will also not accept any abuse, whether on line or in person, and will block these people online and not respond.

All our contact details are shown on the rear of this newsletter.

We will also be starting our monthly ward surgeries again in September and details of these will be advertised on a monthly basis.