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On East Park Ward

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People power keeps Wolverstock free

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A petition signed by over 2,000 residents and scores of angry letters spelled the end of charging for the annual Wolverstock event in East Park.

The festival traditionally attracts around over 20,000 music fans and revelers from across the country. Wolverstock 15 will run from July 25-26 and entry to the festival will now remain free to the general public after the controversial charges were scrapped due to mounting opposition from local residents. Petition organiser and LibDem campaigner Darren Friel said, "This is a monumental victory for East Park Ward residents and the City as a whole." Everyone involved should be very pleased with their great achievement because Wolverstock has been free to the public ever since it started back in 1994 and this festival has put East Park well and truly on the map." "I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the residents



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Above left to right: Irene Deakin, Paly Hanspal, Ashvin Patel, Rita Gretton and Darren Friel (Petition Organiser)

East Park Ward for showing their overwhelming and un-faltering support throughout this campaign and making it a real success." "This victory just goes to show that there is greater strength in numbers."

£50,000 facelift for East Park



Darren Friel at the newly installed multi-use ball games arena in East Park

Wolverhampton Primary Care Trust have secured the funding for a multi - use ball games arena and new exercise trail to promote and encourage participation in healthy and enjoyable sport, leisure and physical activities. Darren Friel said, "I am delighted with these new additions to our park and it has already created a real buzz amongst local residents who are pleased to see the recent development and investment in the park, I have been assured that the work in progress will be completed by August." Darren added, "Following the false and broken Labour promises of the past, this is the first real improvement in the park for many years." "There is however lots more to do and we will continue to press for further improvements to the park so that it can be restored to its former glory."

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A glimmer of hope for Deans Road eyesore



The terrible eyesore at 72 Deans Road which has remained vacant and derelict for a decade and has distressed nearby neighbours may finally receive the treatment it deserves to bring the property back into use.

The property has been sold at private auction by the Council after compulsory purchase. East Park Ward campaigner Darren Friel has pressed relentlessly to settle this matter for over two years and is delighted with the outcome for local residents. Darren Friel said, "The gardens were a magnet for rubbish and the property had been unsecured for some time making it an easy target for yobs and drug users who were gaining entry to use it as a den. The property had been a concern for police and fire services because of its sorry state, so this is a great result for residents and the local area." "I can't wait to see this property re-renovated and brought back into use after all this time."

Its all 'bin' so easy to Keep Deans Road tidy

Residents of Deans Road contacted Darren Friel with mounting concern for the ever increasing amount of litter being dropped and gathering in the gardens and driveways of the neighbouring properties between Brooklands Parade and Julian Road.



New litter bin installation has desired affect on litter

In response to these concerns Darren Friel arranged for extra inspections of the affected area and the eventual installation of the floor mounted litter bin at the litter black spot. Darren Friel told Focus, "Litter bins are a visual reminder to the public to be more responsible for the discarding of their waste. Nearby residents were blighted by wind swept litter invading their gardens and driveways with everything from chip papers to crisp packets and drinks cans. Having this litter bin installed along with extra inspections of the area has paid off. There has been a significant improvement on the litter levels in the area and I am very pleased with the overall results."

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