

“Thank You” says Cllr Mike Heap

Mike Heap thanks everyone who re-elected him as councillor for Springvale on 3rd May.

Mike said, “I am very pleased to be able to continue working on behalf of all residents in the ward alongside my colleagues Richard Whitehouse and Malcolm Gwinnett. We are determined to ensure that better services are provided and that waste which is rife with the present controlling Labour Group on The Council is eradicated.

Cllr Richard Whitehouse added, “apart from Mike holding Springvale ward the Liberal Democrats won Park ward for the first time ever and we did very well in other areas. It is on the cards that we will make further gains in 2008 and with your help remove the present calamitous administration from office. We have a very able young man in East Park and a bright 19 year old stood for election in Bilston.



Cllr Heap congratulates Cllr Robin Lawrence on his election as a Liberal Democrat councillor for Park Ward.

We need your help and involvement. If you want to see changes in Wolverhampton then please consider now:

- Joining us and getting involved.
- Helping to run campaigns and organising petitions.
- Delivering ‘Focus’ leaflets in your immediate area.
- Standing for election.

It really is ‘no pain, no gain’ but if we are determined enough Wolverhampton could follow the extremely successful examples of Liverpool and Newcastle. Please contact any one of us phone numbers are overleaf.”

Hot food takeaway appeal

Under the smoke screen of the local elections, a planning application was made for a hot food takeaway at 1 Sherwin Avenue. Nevertheless, although it was election time, your Liberal democrat Focus Team called on many of the surrounding properties to gauge their views. There was overwhelming opposition to the application and so your local Liberal democrat Councillors have submitted a formal objection to the application on the grounds of lack of parking and the noise and disruption to neighbouring properties.

As Focus goes to press the application is being considered by the planners and we will report back in the next issue.

Cllr Richard Whitehouse said, “This is the second year running a planning application for a hot takeaway has been submitted during the election period. Last year it was for the former shop at the corner of Foster Avenue and Ettingshall Road and we successfully opposed that application. Let us hope we can do the same with this one.

The Full Result

Mike Heap Liberal Democrat	1884
Labour	826
Conservative	371
Independent	90
Majority	1058

Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett rejoins your Focus Team



Cllr Whitehouse welcomes Cllr Gwinnett back to the Liberal Democrats

Local campaigner Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett has rejoined the Liberal Democrats. Malcolm said, “From 2 years ago things have changed dramatically. Now the Local Area Network (LANA) has been formed it is important that we all work in a cohesive manner. Any differences we had have now been put aside in order to work together for the benefit of all our residents.”

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Around the Ward

Road drains need cleaning

A number of road drains in our area are blocked which causes flooding in downpours. Cllr Whitehouse has already reported two in **Childs Avenue** and if you know of any more please let the Focus Team know so that they can report them.

Right: Cllr Whitehouse finds a drain blocked by the grass growing in it



Cllr Richard Whitehouse points out a bad area of the road's surface

Hilton Road/Norbury Crescent road surface

Following pressure by Cllr Whitehouse with the support of the local LANA and Lanesfield tenants and residents association he can report that Highways have agreed to resurface **Hilton Road** and **Norbury Crescent**. This will be done in the very near future.

Garage site news

Cllr Whitehouse has secured the money through the Housing Minor Works Programme to get the remaining overgrown half of the **Swann Road** garage site cleared and tarmaced this year.

He has also made representations regarding the former derelict site in **Watson Road**. An agreement has now been reached to put the site up for sale. Cllr Whitehouse said, "It would be very nice if a couple of bungalows could be built on this site to help towards a local shortage of such properties." The former allotment site and garage site behind **Woodcross Street, Falcon Crescent**, and **Turner Avenue** is also being considered for disposal and your Focus Team are also keen to see a number of bungalows built on this site.

with Your Focus Team

Door entry systems

The programme of door entry systems is resuming for this year with blocks **102-104 Hilton Road**, the completion of **Hall Lane**, and blocks **1-23 Genthorne Close**. Certain other blocks with particular problems are also to be added. Within twelve months or so blocks **491-515 Birmingham New Road** are also due to be done as are **84-106 Hurst Road**.

There will still be many blocks left to be done across the ward and these will be completed as soon as possible. Focus knows of many residents who are waiting for these systems but we have got the lion's share of the money available. If Wolverhampton Homes do get a 2* rating at their next inspection then we are hopeful that the extra money will speed this up.

Rookery Lodge development under way



Springvale's three Liberal Democrat councillors visited the Rookery Lodge site redevelopment (left to right: Malcolm Gwinnett, Mike Heap, Richard Whitehouse)

The former nursing home has now been demolished and the site is being prepared ready for the construction of a new 50 bed nursing home and 21 houses. Cllr Richard Whitehouse said, "It looks as if the long running saga of Rookery Lodge is finally coming to an end."



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