

Hilton Hall

As readers may be aware Hilton Hall Community Centre on Hilton Road has become very run down and not really suitable for current use. The changing rooms were closed because of the appalling state they had been allowed to drift into. Cllr. Richard Whitehouse is very pleased to report that a Big Lottery bid of over £1.1million has been made to replace this hall with a state of the art community centre. Discussions with a number of interested parties are looking at an appropriate location. Lanesfield school site is one being considered. Richard Whitehouse said, "Residents will remember the two campaigns I ran to save Hilton Hall over the last 16 years. Now its real use to the community has been recognised by the Council and if the lottery bid is successful we will have a centre of which to be proud."



Cllr Richard Whitehouse outside the delapidated Hilton Hall



Ettingshall Park bus service

Following meetings at the traffic and transport task group of the local area forum, the bus route managers CENTRO are looking at census data, journey times, distance between stops and the topography of the area to see if they can meet the criteria for a subsidised service. Meanwhile Travel West Midlands are currently undertaking a complete review of their services on this side of the city and we have asked them to look carefully at Ettingshall Park. Both bodies are to report back by our November meeting and then Focus may have more news to bring you.

Award for Caddick butcher's, Childs Avenue



Mr & Mrs Caddick outside their shop

Cllr Mike Heap is very pleased to report that Caddick Butcher's of Childs Avenue, Woodcross, a long time advertiser in FOCUS, has gained the top award for health and hygiene in Wolverhampton. Just four premises in the whole of the City gained the top grade and Caddick's was the only butcher's. Mike said, "Anyone who shops here can see how spotlessly clean the butcher's is and as a result official recognition by Environmental Health is a fitting reward."



A view of Springvale Park

Lottery bid for Springvale Park

Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett is very pleased to report that the Council has agreed, following discussions with him and Council Officers, to include Springvale Park in a general bid to the lottery for improvements to different parks across Wolverhampton. If successful the money will be used to enhance the walkways through the woodland area, provide a natural woodland style play area and also be used to reinstate the pool which once teemed with wildlife. This park is a real gem in our midst and residents are urged to visit it.

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Planning refused for Sherwin Avenue Takaway



Following your Focus team's survey of local peoples views on the planning application for a hot food takeaway at 1 Sherwin Avenue your Councillors objected on your behalf to the application and it was subsequently rejected. "This was a case of local people being listened to", said Cllr Richard Whitehouse, "however, we now need to press for a new usage for the shop before it falls into disrepair."

Roads Resurfaced



Cllr Richard Whitehouse can report that Ward Grove, Lapper Avenue and Wendover Road have been resurfaced but the residents of new Hilton road and Norbury Crescent are still waiting for their promised resurfacing to be done. It must be noted that these later two roads were the worst in the area and are left to last!

Wolverhampton Road East

Highways have announced that they are to provide street lighting along the service road on Wolverhampton Road East between Dovedale Road and Lawnswood Avenue. However, whilst welcoming any enhancement to street lighting Cllr Richard Whitehouse said, "nearby Fieldhouse Road and Genge Avenue are very poorly lit and need action asap."

What both the street lighting and road resurfacing stories suggest is that the Highways Department needs to prioritise its work much better.

SOS for the NHS

The Liberal Democrats have launched a major national campaign to save the NHS from Labour's cuts and incompetence.

The campaign calls for an end to savage NHS cuts, for the Government to stop wasting billions of pounds of health spending and for local people to have more say over local health services.

Ming Campbell said, "I know from my own

experience just how important the NHS is, and how hard nurses, doctors and other staff work.

"But by trying to control every detail of what goes on in the NHS the Labour Government has wasted money and caused a massive wave of cuts."



Liberal Democrat Leader Sir Ming Campbell believes that the Labour Government should stop interfering in the day to day work of health professionals.



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