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From your
**Liberal Democrat
Focus Team**

Cllr Mike Heap

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Drunken hooligans destroying our local parks & open spaces

Your local **Focus Team** has received numerous complaints from local residents regarding late night drinking parties etc. held by hooligans on our local parks and open spaces. On the open space between Hurst Hill/ Kossuth and Swann Roads youths have set up camp, destroying trees and stealing garden furniture from neighbouring houses. At one

point, in their nightly drunken rampage, they made a big bonfire of this furniture to which the fire brigade had to be called.

Similar drunken orgies take place on the open space behind Hilton Hall on Hilton Road and on Springvale Park.

Cllr. **Richard Whitehouse** said, "What we really need are alcohol bans at these places. To put one in

place, first needs the police to agree that they can police it and then a show of public demand, perhaps through petitions. I intend to get the ball rolling and have opened discussions with the police. I will report back in the next Focus if we are able to take things to the next step."



THANK YOU!



The result of the election in Springvale Ward was:

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| Mike Heap (Focus Team) | 1449 |
| Labour | 1408 |
| Conservative | 329 |
| BNP | 309 |
| MAJORITY | 41 |

Lib Dem Focus Team Cllr. Mike Heap has hailed the 1449 voters who backed a fairer deal for Springvale on May 5th.

"I'd like to thank everyone who voted for me and everyone in Springvale for the wonderful reception I got on the doorstep," said Mike Heap.

"Those 1449 votes will help us continue to fight for what local people have told us they want - a fairer deal for people in Springvale."

**Help us win here again next time!
Fill in the form over the page.**

Comment from Cllr Richard Whitehouse

Following 28 years of dedicated work for Springvale, the election on May 5th was a very strange affair. Someone who, until two months prior to the election was unknown to the ward, came in and with his own following nearly succeeded in unseating an outstanding local councillor in Mike Heap.

This was an election about the Liberal Democrats nationally and not the Focus Team here in Springvale. We would like to put on record that we also have large concerns about what is happening nationally but we have little to no influence.

Regardless of what is happening nationally we are committed to providing the best service we can for Springvale.

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ACTION FROM YOUR LOCAL FOCUS TEAM

Pedestrian safety at traffic lights



Cllr Whitehouse at the new lights

The junction of Laburnum Road/Ward Grove with the Birmingham New Road has always been a dangerous one for both vehicles and pedestrians. Readers may recall that it was Cllr. **Richard Whitehouse** first had traffic lights introduced at this junction some years ago. The lights have now been upgraded to introduce a pedestrian phase because of the danger to pedestrians crossing here. This has been borne out by the number of serious and fatal accidents to pedestrians in recent years along this stretch of the B'ham New Road. Cllr. **Richard Whitehouse** said, "This is a really welcomed improvement that came from demands from local residents. Unfortunately, there were many problems with the temporary lights that were in place during the upgrade and I had to contact Highways on a number of occasions but I believe the end result was worth it."

Calling Leaseholders

Cllr. **Mike Heap** has for a number of years dealt with leaseholders being grossly overcharged by W'ton homes. This is now coming to a head across the City and **Mike** along with a number of other Councillors are trying to get a fairer charging mechanism for all leaseholders. As things develop **Mike** will let you know.

Parking problems at shops



Dovedale Road shops

There are major parking problems at two sets of shops in the ward. The parade on Dovedale Road has been highlighted previously. Here uncaring drivers continually block neighbours drives and also drive at speed between rows of parked cars.



Richard Whitehouse at Johnson street

On Johnson Street there is not the parking provision that is really needed. The road is only wide enough to park down one side. As a result inconsiderate people are parking on the green or having to leave their cars some distance away on Evans Street/Hall Lane.

Cllr **Richard Whitehouse** has received written complaints from residents and has taken these up with Highways. Both situations are going to be researched and hopefully solutions planned. If that requires widening of the roadway, which is highly likely at Johnson Street, then in this current financial climate, to quote the former Labour Treasury Minister, "there's no money left". However, **Richard** said, "If we make proper plans now, when funds do become available again, we will be ready to go before probable other schemes."

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CLLR MIKE HEAP

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