



Focus Team

Springvale

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**Liberal Democrat
Focus Team**

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Update on proposed drink bans



Kossuth Road/Hurst Hill
open space



Hilton Road playing
fields

Cllr **Richard Whitehouse** took his petition for drink bans on Kossuth Road/Hurst Road open space and Hilton Road playing fields to the Petitions Committee at the end of November. He was accompanied by Annette Millinson from Ettingshall Road and Heather Manser from Hilton Hall to help put the case. The Committee and Leisure Service officers were very sympathetic and minded to grant an order but there was a lack of police support because the new Sergeant had had no reports on these two open spaces. Once that evidence is gathered the Committee will consider granting orders. This means over the next few months we urge residents to phone the police on 0800 555 111 and ask for the problem to be logged. This should then provide the evidence that everyone requires. **So it is now over to you the local residents.**

Introducing Tom Stokes

During the past two years Tom has reported over 800 issues across the City of which over 700 have been resolved. Follow Tom on:
www.facebook.com/tomstokeslibdem
or www.twitter.com/tomfocusteam



These are some of the issues Tom is dealing with:



* Tom is seeking a replacement for the dangerous gate to Hill Avenue school playing fields.

* Tom has contacted the Council about a neglected building plot on Clare Crescent which is an eyesore.



* Tom has contacted the Highways Department about a broken handrail in the Miller Crescent/Hackett Close footpath.

* Tom has asked the Council's Street Scene Team to clear the rubbish from the top of Wood Street.



Bus service petition response



The petition, which Councillor Richard Whitehouse organised last Autumn, calling for all services to call at the bus station has had some success. This petition was combined with others raised from all over the City and now more routes

than ever before are going to call at the station. Because entrance is off the Ring Road side and exit into Pipers Row it would have been impossible to maintain a good timetable to take the No. 1 into the station. However, officials understood the request from the public to be nearer the bus and rail stations so the bus will now run down Lichfield Street and Pipers Row. With a stop near the Grand Theatre - only yards from the interchange. Because of the entrance and exit routes unfortunately the 81 cannot revert to its original entrance via Garrick Street.

Landscaping trees cut down at B&Q



The remaining trees in front of
B&Q along with tree stumps

Trees that were planted as part of the Planning Conditions to landscape the B&Q site from the Black Country Route have been

hacked down by the company. It appears that after five years the owners can quite legally do this even though it is morally wrong!! Cllr **Richard Whitehouse** has initiated action with the Council so at least the remaining trees will have preservation orders put on them.

Cllr **Mike Heap** has also called for the Black Country Route and Springvale Way to be cleared of rubbish, even though it is not in our ward.

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ACTION FROM YOUR LOCAL FOCUS TEAM

Dumping at Electric sub station on Spring Road



Tom Stokes has contacted Western Power who are responsible for this sub station to have the rubbish cleared and to make the site secure.

Resurfacing of Pavements

Enquiries from Richard Whitehouse have revealed that the footpaths in Lapper Avenue/Wendover Road were not surfaced dressed last Autumn because a great deal of patching work had to be done first. This is now happening in Camberley Crescent & Farrington Road. Later in the Spring/Early Summer all these pavements will then be surface dressed.



Speeding cars Woodcross Lane and Woodcross Street

Focus has had a number of complaints about speeding cars along Woodcross Street and down Woodcross Lane. Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett can reveal that existing speed

checks on the bottom of Woodcross Lane revealed a large problem which will hopefully be cured with a new island at the junction with Childs Avenue. Cllr Richard Whitehouse has called for speeding checks on the rest of the roads and if they show speeding, as we

believe they will, local residents are ready to raise a petition; such as the recent successful one on Childs Avenue, to demand action for road safety measures. Cllr Mike Heap added, "We will give all the support that may be required to the local petitioners."

Anti Social behaviour in Public Rights of Way

The Police have been notified about anti-social in the Public Rights of Way between Mount Road and Wendover Road and also between Clare Crescent and Smout Crescent along with problems on the green opposite in Clare Crescent. They have agreed to pay some attention to these areas.

Cllr Richard Whitehouse has also had the broken steps on the path to Wendover Road repaired, the rubbish cleared and he has asked for the trees and shrubs to be pruned back.

Door entry systems

Cllr. Mike Heap has learned that the remaining maisonettes on the Lanesfield estate without door entries will have them installed along with new fire doors this Spring/Summer.

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Focus is delivered by volunteers to: Lanesfield, Cinder Hill Woodcross, Deepfields, Ettingshall Park, part Parkfield and Monmore Grange. **However, we are finding it more and more difficult to do this and the team requires more volunteers to help. If you can spare an hour or so every 6 weeks please phone Richard on 659835.**

The next Advice Centres

CLLR RICHARD WHITEHOUSE

Wednesday 14th March 6pm to 7pm
Springvale School Hateley Drive, Parkfield

CLLR MIKE HEAP

Saturday 14th January 10am to 11am
Manor Primary School, Ettingshall Road, Woodcross

CLLR MALCOLM GWINNETT

Tuesday 14th February 5pm to 6pm
Hilton Hall Community Centre, Hilton Rd, Lanesfield

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If you spot something that needs attention contact
Cllr Whitehouse,
Cllr Heap or
Cllr Gwinnett.

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