

FOCUS

Your Local Newsletter



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Council Chooses Free Fireworks Over Library Funding!



At the Council's budget meeting **Lib Dem councillors** highlighted the Council's spending of **£130,000 on fireworks** in January. This money could have kept the **library at Harrow Green** open for a year.

At the meeting it was said funding of **Harrow Green library is a waste of money. Labour councillors also said that they liked the fireworks.** This is astonishing given that Harrow Green library is situated in one of the most deprived areas of Waltham Forest. Children and families in this area now see that their Council prefers half hour of fireworks rather than keeping open their library.

What do you think – should the Council spend money on fireworks or open Harrow Green Library?

Focus says: *This is not all. The Council is planning to spend another million of tax payers money on fireworks and other events this year. Given the current financial situation is this the right priority?*

Please fill in our survey below.

Matcham Road

The tree root/dangerous footpath problem has been partially resolved by the laying of new tarmac. However a much better job would have been done if the offending roots had been pruned back before laying the tarmac.



What do **Matcham Road** pedestrians think? Please let the **Focus Team** know.

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Harrow Road Surgery is moving



The new **Triangle Health Centre** at the junction of **Harrow Road** and **Howard Road**

Dr Samuel and his colleagues will be moving to their new premises, at the junction of **Harrow Road** and **Howard Road**, near the entrance to Homebase, from the middle of April.

The new surgery will be called the **Triangle Health Centre**, and will offer many more health services for the local community.

Our websites will have details of the opening date as soon as it is confirmed.

Working for YOU all year round

SURVEY - Have your say

Do you agree the Council should have spent £130,000 on fireworks?
YES/ NO

Do you think the Council should spend the money on keeping Harrow Green Library open for a year?
YES/NO

Do you agree that the Council should spend one million of taxpayers money on events and fireworks this year?
YES/NO

If **NO** what should the Council spend it on?

Name _____

Address _____

Tel no. _____ Email: _____

Please return this survey to:

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS, 61 MATCHAM ROAD, LEYTONSTONE, E11 3LA

Ferndale Road

To prevent residents' cars being blocked in by footballers and parents cars at the Wanstead Flats end of **Ferndale Road**, Cllr **Liz Phillips** requested the 'Keep Clear' sign. Liz now needs to know if it is proving effective. If you are affected by this please let Liz know, particularly if you are still being blocked.



The new KEEP CLEAR sign in Ferndale Road

Liberal Democrat Councillors Surgery

2nd & 4th Saturday every month
(except bank holidays)
between 10.00am and 12.00 noon at:
Buxton Primary Phase School,
(formerly Cann Hall School)
corner Woodhouse Road/Cann Hall Road
No appointments necessary

New Community Library

Following the Labour Council's decision to close our beloved Harrow Green Library in December 2011 local residents have worked tirelessly to create a community library.

The Focus Team collected signatures and a petition was presented to the Mayor of Waltham Forest, as did a local campaign group, but to no avail, the Council still closed the Library.

Cllr **Liz Phillips** has attended several meetings in support of opening a community library and finally with the support from the CBHA, a local housing association, volunteers will open the library for the first time on **Saturday the 6th April** at the **Epicentre**.

CONGRATULATIONS



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Acacia Children's Park



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Lib Dem Cllr **Liz Phillips**

asked the council to repair or replace the wooden play equipment and structures and general tidy up in the well-used **Acacia Park**. The work has now been done, and Liz will be monitoring the removal of some of the wooden equipment, hopefully this will be replaced in the near future!



Previously dumped rubbish

Zero tolerance on fly-tipping and graffiti

Focus Team member **Rupert Alexander** continues to monitor fly-tipping in **Pevensey, Vansittart and Winchelsea Roads**.

Enforcement Officers are patrolling to gather evidence and advise that the picture quality of a nearby CCTV camera is to be improved.

Graffiti in the vicinity of the railway Bridge near **Huddlestone Road** is to be removed, and graffiti on the **Odessa Road** post box has been removed.

Rupert says: "This anti-social behaviour blights our community, Report all dumping/graffiti to the council on 8496 3000.

We Want to Hear From YOU

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

Email _____

I think something should be done about ...

Please return to **THE FOCUS TEAM, 53 SANSOM ROAD E11 3HD**

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.

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