

FOCUS

Your Local Newsletter



No. 263

Don't let crooks ruin Christmas!

FOCUS Team member Rupert Alexander - a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, would like to offer this crime prevention and safety advice for Christmas, home and away:

- Never leave gifts under your Christmas tree in the window
- Do not overload power points when using Christmas tree lights
- Use all locks on windows and doors even when your home is occupied
- Mark all new electrical goods with a UV security marker pen - so if item stolen and recovered, the owner can be traced.
- Dispose of cardboard boxes carefully so items bought are not known - flat screen TV, laptop etc.
- When going to bed take your handbag/wallet and keys with you.
- Check on elderly and vulnerable neighbours
- Before going away ensure you cancel any deliveries - milk, newspapers, etc.
- Ask a trusted neighbour or relative to ensure that all mail and leaflets are pushed through your letter box and that wheelie bins are in their usual place after collection.
- Use a timer (can be bought from Argos and other retailers) to switch on lights at different times of the day and night and to switch on the radio
- Beware of pickpockets on public transport, stores and markets
- Ensure your bags are zipped up especially backpacks
- Lock all doors including rear doors, gates, garden sheds and garages
- Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

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Working for you
Every month - Every year
Not just at election time**



Street Drinkers

Whilst we have a ban on drinking in **Leytonstone High Road** and the surrounding roads which includes the top part of Cann Hall Ward, **the Focus Team** would like to know if there are any other parts of the ward where street drinking is a problem.

If there are areas where you believe this is a problem, please contact **Focus Team member Adrian Trett** giving location and times of day when it occurs so that he can alert local authorities who are able to deal with it.

Merry Christmas & a peaceful New Year from your Liberal Democrat Focus Team



Focus Action - update

Cllr Liz Phillips reports progress on matters listed in **Focus 262**:

Street Sign Replacements – new signs in **Beachcroft Road, Ramsay Road, Thorpe Road, Woodhouse Road** and **Harrow Green** are due in the next 12 weeks.

'No Through Road' Sign – once again the faded sign in **Lancaster Road** should be replaced in the next 12 weeks.



Jubilee Gardens – following the problem with street drinkers a new dual litter bin has been installed, and regular litter picks have been scheduled for this area.

Flooding problem – the drain gullies at the junction of **Selby Road** and **Cann Hall Road** have been checked and cleaned out to hopefully eliminate the flooding.



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Improving Street Scene

Focus Team member Rupert Alexander worked with residents to ask Network Rail to remove graffiti from the **Winchelsea Road** railway bridge. Network Rail had promised to remove in time for the Olympics in 2012!! Local residents did not give up – and continued to remind Network Rail that we do not like our neighbourhood degraded. The graffiti was removed on 13 November 2013.



During the Summer, **FOCUS team member Rupert Alexander** contacted Royal Mail about Post Boxes in **Cann Hall Road** needing repainting. The Royal Mail agreed and the Post Boxes have been restored. Graffiti was removed from the Royal Mail green boxes in **Ramsay Road** at junction of **Odessa Road** and at **Pevensey Road**.

The council will alert BT that their phone box in **Cann Hall Road** needs graffiti daubing removed.

Rupert says: "We all wish to live in a visually pleasing environment. Working together is effective in contributing to a brighter Cann Hall Ward street scene."

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Howard Road

The Focus Team monitored the cleansing of **Howard Road**, and found it in a dreadful state and so called in the council. A team carried out a special clean the same day.

Focus Team member Adrian Trett commented, "It was good to see swift action being taken. Please let the Focus Team know if there is a similar problem in your road."



'FOREST' sign on Cann Hall Road bridge

The faulty illuminated 'Forest' sign spanning the railway bridge on Cann Hall Road was reported several weeks ago by **Focus Team member Rupert Alexander**. The same issue was picked up by **Cllr Liz Phillips** on the Ward Walk.

Council officers have told Liz that the sign has been switched off pending the arrival of materials for the repair.

Locksmith stickers

A sticker has been found on a number of addresses in Waltham Forest and indeed throughout London.

It is believed to be **BOGUS** as the telephone number does not exist. If you find one on your doors or windows remove it straight away.

It may be a scam that involves the premises being looked at and then the sticker identifying it as a potential burglary target at a later date.

If you see anyone distributing these stickers please call the Police immediately.

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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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