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**Your Local Newsletter**



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## Social Cleansing?

Waltham Forest is one of the worst Councils for housing people out of the borough. Homeless people have been placed in other areas including Luton, Margate and anywhere other than in Waltham Forest.

This is not surprising as the Council is reducing social housing in the larger developments in the borough.

**Focus says:** We have already highlighted in Focus the reduction of social housing planned for the development of the **Fred Wigg and John Walsh Tower** blocks in Cann Hall. In effect the Labour Council is getting rid of tenants who are, in the main, less well-off and instead inviting wealthy people to buy up the new flats.

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## Landlords Take Heed!!

Since April 1st this year all privately rented properties in Waltham Forest need to be licenced as Waltham Forest Council is now a Private Rented Property Licensing (PRPL) area.

**If you are a Landlord in Waltham Forest** you need a licence for each property that you rent out and not doing so could result in prosecution.

**Are you a tenant living in a private rented property in Waltham Forest?**

Licensing will benefit tenants by providing clear minimum standards for rented housing and will enable the Council to identify and take action against bad landlords.

**Focus Team member Liz Phillips says;** 'If you are privately renting find out if your property has a licence, ask your landlord or managing agent to provide you with the licence number, if not contact the council **020 8496 3000.**'

Read the new licencing conditions at [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/prpl](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/prpl).

## Neighbourhood Watch

**To set up a Neighbourhood Watch in your area:**

Contact: Cann Hall Neighbourhood Policing Team

Email: [CannHall.NPT@met.police.uk](mailto:CannHall.NPT@met.police.uk)



## Fred Wigg and John Walsh Towers



### What is the Labour council up to?

First they totally disregard the wishes of tenants by deciding to move them out and strip the blocks back to the core, when tenants merely wanted refurbishment of existing flats. Now they plan to remove the balcony doors, which tenants quite rightly say will severely reduce their security.

It is vital that there is a dialogue between the council and tenants so that proper consultation between the parties can take place before any further work is carried out.

## Ranelagh Road

A resident of the road has told the **Focus Team**, '*we are being pushed into wanting a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in our road*'.

This is assuming that residents from other roads are parking in **Ranelagh Road**, presumably to avoid paying the CPZ charges in their road.

Is this the case? Please let the **Focus Team** have your views.

**Ranelagh Road** has always been a very heavily parked road. Will a CPZ solve the problem?

**Liberal Democrats working all year round**

# Street Party: Celebrating Community

Scores of residents enjoyed music, plenty of food from around the globe, liquid refreshments and fun entertainment at **Huddleston Road E7 Neighbourhood Watch Street Party**.

Local resident **Rupert Alexander** says, "Neighbours provided a huge amount of enthusiasm to enable the Party to be so amazing; we all pooled resources, utilising our skills and talents and seeking support from Waltham Forest Council and other parties.

I would encourage people to plan a Street Party because it nurtures community spirit, and brings everyone together"



Sara & Jezz Tennant enjoying the street party

For information on Street Parties visit the council's website: [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk) re: "The Get Together Street Party initiative Fund/2015-16"

## Cann Hall Lib Dem Focus Team: Working for YOU all year round

### Calling all Cyclists! Fly-tipping is a crime



Pevensey Road bike park

Do you cycle around our local area? Do you find it a pain having to take your bike through your property due to nowhere to park it?

Focus Team member **Rupert Alexander** has learnt that the council are keen to spend some money installing more bike park/sheds around Cann Hall Ward; there is a bike park/shed at the **Odessa Rd.** end of **Pevensey Rd.**

Please feel free to send any suggestions, comments and opinions as to siting more bike sheds around our locality to:

[miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk)

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### Why do people dump rubbish?

The Council has a FREE collection service just phone **020 8496 3000** explain what you want removed; you will be given a reference number and a date when it will be collected.

Focus Team member **Liz Phillips** says "I am appalled that people can just come out of their homes and think it is ok to dump their waste outside their neighbour's houses. I feel guilty if I drop a piece of paper by mistake."

If you see anyone fly-tipping try and take the registration of their vehicle or if you know the person report them to the council.

## Mayor Congratulates Finest Front Gardens

On 5 September, the Mayor attended **Harrow Green** to congratulate the winners of the competition organised by the South Leytonstone Area Development Association (SLADA) in partnership with East London Garden Society.



Sue - Elizabeth - Claudette

Sue Jewell - First Prize.  
Claudette Brown - runner-up;  
Elizabeth Tomlinson - third place.

**Co-organiser, Rupert Alexander, said:** "The competition was a resounding success and our residents really did us proud. Our area has its fair share of green-fingered people!! We look forward to the competition running again in 2016."

### Your Views please -

### Would YOU like to help the local Lib Dem Focus Team

YES, I would like to help by:

- joining the Lib Dems
- helping with local campaigning
- phoning voters for support
- displaying a poster
- enclosing a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_

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