

FOCUS

Your Local Newsletter No. 284

Parking Problems



Huddlestone Road - heavily parked

During recent months the **Liberal Democrat Focus Team** has been carrying out street surveys to find out residents' views on this subject. This was driven by the amount of complaints we were receiving from residents. At first in surveys carried out in **Trumpington** and **Thorpe Roads** there

was no strength of feeling one way or the other. However when, in December, Newham council introduced a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), up to the boundary with Waltham Forest the attitude changed dramatically. It became clear that Newham residents, wanting to avoid the CPZ charges, were parking in Waltham Forest roads. Immediately a large petition went into Waltham Forest from residents of **Vansittart Road** demanding action.

Liberal Democrat surveys in **Pevensey** and **Huddlestone Roads** showed a similar strength of feeling with the vast majority requesting the introduction of a CPZ to counter the action taken by Newham. Complaints have also been received from residents in **Thorpe** and **Trumpington Roads** where there was originally little concern.

The good news is that the council has agreed to carry out a comprehensive survey of all the roads southwards from **Harrow Road** down to the borough boundary with Newham on 10th March. We now learn that this was brought forward to 27 February.

Focus says, 'whatever your views please respond to the survey'.

The Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting to protect our area

Matcham Road Parking Survey

At the time of writing only 41 returns have been received, but it is clear that the main problem for parking is the presence of large white vans and commercial vehicles which residents need in connection with their work. Whereas 85% have a problem parking only 50% want a council survey.

Save Our Pharmacies Petition



Many thanks to those of you that have returned your signed petitions. If you missed this one you can still sign it by visiting **Granshaws Chemist** at 137 Cann Hall Road. Or you can sign online by visiting our website at:

<http://cannhallliberaldemocrats.mycouncillor.org.uk/>.

Rubbish Collection



Rubbish outside Reynolds Court

A local resident at **Reynolds Court, Cobbold Rd E11** informed us that a mountain of rubbish was "left" by the Refuse Crew recently. **Focus Team member Rupert Alexander** alerted the council's Neighbourhood Team of this degrading eyesore; the rubbish was eventually removed, **nine days** after being raised! Arrangements are in place for there to be no access issues plus an extra bin has been provided. The area will be monitored and fly-tipping will be investigated as part of the monitoring.

Do you have problems with your rubbish collection where you live?

Please let **Focus** know.

Faulty Street Lights

There are faulty street light all across **Cann Hall**. Lights are on all day and off all night, on for a couple of hours early evening and off again, are you experiencing this problem with your street lights?

Please let **Focus** know.

Focus team member Liz Phillips has been complaining to Council Offices since August last year about lights in **Sansom Road** but nothing has been done to correct the fault. **What is going on??**



Barking - Gospel Oak Line



A diesel unit running on the Barking Line

The Gospel Oak to Barking line has now opened using two-car diesel trains. Unfortunately the installation of the overhead electric wires has not been completed on time. Network Rail plans to complete the works before the longer electric trains arrive early 2018.

Focus Team member and commuter Rupert Alexander

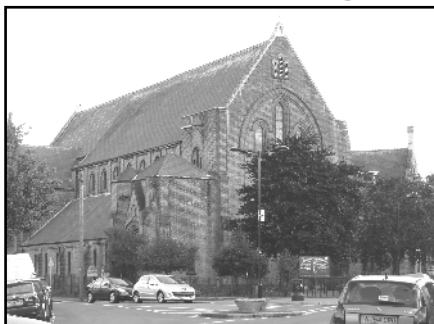
says: We are disappointed that the

electrification works are not complete and further weekend opening will be disrupted, but we will continue to monitor the remainder of the works.

Still no communication from ... our Labour Councillors?

Building and serving our community, reducing food waste

Since October 2016 the congregation at **St Margaret's Church** on **Woodhouse Road**, has been opening their church weekly to the community by running a community pop up shop. People are invited to come and fill up a carrier bag with various food provisions and toiletries for a pound.



St. Margaret's Church

Each person is allowed two bags. Shoppers make their own choices. The shoppers have paid for their items be it at a highly advantaged rate.

Free tea and coffee is served and the opportunity to chat and meet new friends is created.

The pop up shop is supported by a generous weekly donation from Morrison's. All funds raised are invested back into the pop up shop. On average they welcome 35-40 people weekly, but there is always room for more. No referrals are needed to attend.

If you, or anyone you know, could benefit from this community initiative why not pop round to St Margaret's on a Thursday between 2 and 3.30.

Problems - Ideas - Views, We Want To Hear From You

Name _____

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Planting Project - Uplifting News!

SLADA - South Leytonstone Area Development Association is a local charity. We are planning to encourage residents in the area to get the front of their homes looking blooming beautiful perhaps feeding their fuchsias and pruning their pansies, displaying lovely tubs, pots, window boxes and baskets!

Focus Team member and SLADA Trustee Rupert Alexander

said: We are always keen to support and develop projects that concentrate on making our neighbourhoods greener and cleaner places to live. It is a great opportunity for local residents to show off their gardening skills and give their front "garden" some care and attention, extra colour and beauty in time for the summer.

We shall update you as the months progress.

Sansom & Acacia Burglaries



Residents on the **Sansom and Acacia Road** estate have received warnings from the Cann Hall Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) after burglaries were reported on this estate.

FOCUS Team member Alice Thomas says, "Residents should be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police. **Contact the Police NPT on 0208 721 2037.**"

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