

# FOCUS

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## Lib Dems launch Village Parking and Traffic Survey

FOCUS Team members Eileen Mundy, Sandra Woodthorpe and Ann Johnstone are interested to hear your views on various parking and traffic issues in the village.

Ann has been out and about looking at the issues. Please respond to Ann with answers to our questions on ea\_johnstone@yahoo.co.uk

### Pepper St. & Henry St. Car-parks

Most shoppers, visitors and traders think that 'pay-and-display' on Pepper Street carpark has been a big success. Sainsburys is proving very popular and attracting more people into the village, so at times there are no spaces left and this is likely to get worse.

There is a problem with faint parking lines on the upper part of the car-park making it difficult for the Council to enforce parking infringements.

**QUESTION 1** - Should Henry Street be made 'pay-and-display' too?

### Brookfield Road

Unrestricted parking on both sides of Brookfield Road means that at times there is only room for single file traffic.

Warrington Council is proposing to introduce double yellow lines from halfway between Brookfield Close and Maltmans Road round into Whitbarrow Road and outside the entrance to the URC Church. Formal consultation is underway.

**QUESTION 2** - Should parking restrictions be extended further along Brookfield Road?

### Davies Way

'Low Carbon Lymm' with support from the High School have just completed a survey of usage on the car-park. There is a good deal of useful information in it. There is a lot of wasted space and people park on the grass verges. Although less than in the past, the recycling area takes up space.

**QUESTION 3** - Do you support relining to create more usable parking space?

**QUESTION 4** - Should the recycling area be moved out but if so, to where?

**QUESTION 5** - Should 'pay-and-display' be introduced here?

**QUESTION 6** - If 'pay-and-display' were introduced, should traders, office workers, library staff etc be given permits to park here?

### One-way system?

There is illegal parking on Eagle Brow and at the bottom of Rectory Lane. In places the road is very narrow. Some people suggest a one-way system down Eagle Brow and up Rectory Lane. This would allow on-street parking.

**QUESTION 7** - Do you support the introduction of a one-way system through the village?



"I went to the last Lymm Traders' meeting and they would support the introduction of pay-and-display on Henry Street"

**ACTION** - Warrington Council has told us they are seeking quotes to get the upper part of the car-park relined but this will require most of the area to be resurfaced first.



"Driving along Brookfield Road can be a nightmare"



"Thanks to 'Low Carbon Lymm' for their survey of Davies Way"

**ACTION** - The 'Low Carbon Lymm' Survey found that half the places were taken by 9am. Some wanted 'pay-and-display', others wanted relining to create more space and others wanted the traders and office workers to park elsewhere. Forms of transport other than the car like walking and cycling should be encouraged.



"Illegal parking can be a big problem on Eagle Brow"

**"Not easy but right"**  
The top priority for the Coalition Government from Day One has been to get Britain's finances back under control. Adding £400m each day to the 'credit card' just had to stop.

**"Yes but what have the Lib Dems ever done for us?" - Achievements in Government from our Manifesto**

- The first Coalition Budget restored the link between earnings and the state pension
- Increased tax threshold to £10,000 taking 880,000 low earners out of income tax
- Set up an independent commission which has just recommended breaking up risky banking from High Street banking
- No replacement for Trident this Parliament
- Scrapped Labour's expensive and ineffective ID cards
- Record number of new apprenticeships starting this autumn

**A Sunday newspaper poll showed 23% think that the Lib Dems have done a good job in moderating Conservative policies.**

## Decision time for land by Farmers Arms



Ian and Pam look at the plans

Great Places Housing Group has submitted a planning application for ten shared ownership homes on land by the Farmers Arms at the bottom of Sandy Lane.

Council planning bosses have recommended approval but at the request of Cllr Ian Marks the application went to committee for councillors to make a decision. He also asked for a site visit so the councillors became familiar with the area.

Parish Cllr Pam Hunter says, "We would like the fence taken down and the land left as open space. Sadly this will not happen. We are sympathetic to quality affordable homes for local people. But we are not happy that the planners and highway experts have understood the congestion problems that can be caused at this junction. We are pressing for more action to be taken to solve these before permission is granted."

## Christmas Bin Collections

After two years of difficulties at Christmas and New Year due to bad weather, the previous Lib Dem / Conservative administration at the Town Hall asked for a review for 2011.

Cllr Charlotte Coupe says, "I welcome the decision for no close-down between Christmas and the New Year. There will be normal collections between Tuesday 27 Dec and the Friday. I hope road salting will be better organised this year too."

## Higher Lane re-surfacing



Bob at the top of Rectory Lane

The rest of Higher Lane will be re-surfaced over the next few years. Cllr Bob Barr says, "Most people seem satisfied with the re-surfacing work and road safety improvements made over the summer at the eastern end of the top road. Sadly because of funding cutbacks not all the work can be done this year.

The section between Grammar School Road and Oughtrington Lane is expected in 2012/13 and the section between Oughtrington Lane and the boundary to the west in 2013/14. We will be working with the Residents' Action Group to try and incorporate further safety measures into the scheme."

## 5 Announcements by Lib Dem Ministers at our Autumn Conference



- 1 £100m programme to kick-start the re-use of empty properties
- 2 From next year doubling of Pupil Premium to support disadvantaged students
- 3 £500m to get stalled infrastructure projects up and running and create jobs
- 4 New drive against tax evasion
- 5 Between 2012 and 2016 automatic enrolment of 10 million into workplace pensions

## Labour in disarray after five months in power



The ruling Labour Group at the Town Hall is in danger of squandering the goodwill of the Unions.

Lib Dem Group Leader Ian Marks says, "Over the five years we were in control we built up a good relationship with the Unions based on mutual trust. Now relationships have broken down and neither side is talking to the other.

Difficult negotiations over Terms and Conditions are going nowhere. Each week's delay in achieving savings puts more pressure on budgets and services in the future.

Leaks from within the Labour group show that they are at sixes and sevens and rowing amongst themselves. What hope have we got for them running the town effectively."

## Swing Bridge worries

Proposals by Peel Ports to develop the Ship Canal including Port Warrington could bring chaos to Warrington's roads. Cllr Bob Barr says, "I very much support Peel's plan because it is 'green' and will bring jobs to the area. But we are very worried that the extra traffic on the Canal will mean lots more swing bridge openings a day. This will cause big congestion problems. We are pressing Peel to introduce a series of measures to stop this."

## Parliamentary Boundaries

As part of the Government's plan to reduce the number of MPs, the Boundary Commission has produced proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries. It proposes that Warrington is represented by three MPs by putting part of the Borough in with Widnes. We think this is unnecessary and the town should retain its two MPs.

We also object to the Labour Party proposal which we understand would transfer Lymm into Altrincham & Sale!

## 'Ironing Bored' gone!



In the last FOCUS we featured the old 'Ironing Bored' building in Bridgewater Street. Cllr Pam Marks says, "Since then it had deteriorated even more. Not exactly what we wanted in a Conservation Area! There was another face-to-face meeting with one of the Directors of Peel Holdings and I am glad to say we have managed to get some action. **The building has gone - at last!**"

(Our comments in the last FOCUS referred solely to the state of the hut and did not relate to the firm, the Ironing Bored, which we understand is still trading)

## Contacting the police

Drop-in at Lymm Police station in Dane Bank Road every Tuesday between 11am and 3pm

999 - for emergencies

0845 458 0000 - main number for Cheshire Police. Staffed all the time. For reporting non-emergency incidents

0845 458 6372 - Warrington South neighbourhood policing team. A voicemail. For asking advice, requesting a visit or reporting matters of concern

0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers. For passing on information about crime anonymously.

101 - A new number to be introduced in November that can be used for non urgent matters

## Can we help you or you help us?

- I support the Liberal Democrats
- I will deliver a few Focus near my home
- I would like help with a particular problem

Your name .....

Address .....

Contact no .....

Email.....

If you return this slip, the Liberal Democrats and their elected representatives may use the information you have given to make contact with you. Some contacts may be automated. You can opt out of communications at any time by getting in touch with us.

## Lib Dems launch Green Campaign

We are proud of the work we are doing in government on the environment.

- ✓ From November the new Warm Homes Discount will give the least well-off pensioners an extra £120 a year
- ✓ From next October the Green Deal will help people insulate their homes at no cost to themselves
- ✓ The Green Investment Bank will ensure there is more renewable energy in the future

SAVE MONEY

STAY WARM

GO GREEN

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Green Flag Award

Lymm Dam has again been awarded a Green Flag. Ann Johnstone who is a member of the Lymm Environment and Heritage Group and attended the Awards Ceremony at Walton Hall says, "This is great news and thanks to our Rangers for all their hard work in making this possible."

### Cheshire Railings

Many thanks to the group of volunteers who have painted the Cheshire railings on the field where New Road joins Rushgreen Road.

### Trans Pennine Trail

Walkers, dog walkers, runners and cyclists all share the Trans Pennine Trail. There have been a few problems recently between the different groups and new signage is going up with codes of conduct. We very much hope that all users can respect the wishes of others.

### Litter Bins

The Parish Council has agreed to buy some more litter bins for various locations in the village centre. They will be emptied by the Borough Council as part of their normal operation.

### Entrance to Dingle

The Parish Council is making progress with its scheme to promote access to the village centre for visitors to the Dam. An archway for the top of the steps to the Dingle is being manufactured and a map will be produced to show people what is in the village.

### Blue Police Enforcement signs to go at last!

Cllr Ian Marks says, "I think I now have agreement that the big blue police enforcement signs will be removed soon. I will not rest until they have disappeared!"



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