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SPEEDING IN BERGHOLT ROAD AND BRAISWICK

Martin Goss recently received complaints from residents about speeding on Bergholt Road and Braiswick.

We asked the Community Policing Team to undertake some speed checks in the area which they duly undertook on Bergholt Road.

Where drivers were found to be speeding they were dealt with and offered advice or the relevant penalty.

We have asked speed checks continue on Bergholt Road and also Braiswick is included on future speed checks.

We are grateful to the residents who raised concerns over dangerous driving to us.

DOING OUR BIT...

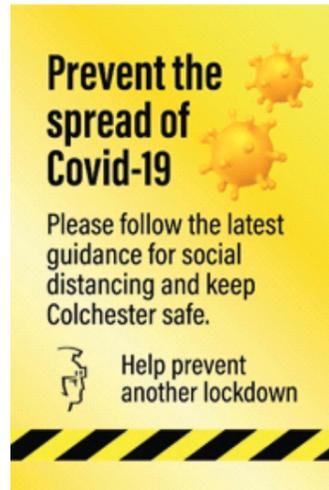
SUPPORT BUSINESSES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Your Lib Dem Team are supporting businesses and you during the Pandemic.

It was reassuring to see praise from counterparts and partners for our work with others through coronavirus. Thousands of residents have been helped through shielding and restrictions, with over 76,000 phone calls, texts, visits.

There were 20,000 leaflets printed and dropped advising residents of services available to support them. Making sure that some 2,400 households shielded.

£33M in grants have been swiftly given out to keep businesses open and people in jobs as well as a £100,000 town centre recovery plan to help support businesses.



FOCUS ON MILE END



Local updates from the Mile End Liberal Democrat Team

ALL CHANGE AT NORTH STATION



Traffic congestion issues were greatly reduced as a result of our collective intervention.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS REMOVAL

You will no doubt have seen the measures put in place by Essex County Council funded by Government to give cycling and walking more prominence at North Station, Essex Hall Road, North Station Road and the town centre.

As traffic levels returned to normal these did start to cause congestion issues. Essex County Council listened to our collective local feedback and removed some measures on North Station Road and Essex Hall Roundabout.

The bus lane and one traffic lane at North Station heading South was left in place. This caused major congestion and meant traffic took up to an hour to leave Asda.

Following complaints Martin Goss and David King met with a Senior Highway officer onsite as well as a member of the Colchester Cycling group.

Between us a solution was agreed, the closed traffic lane was fully reinstated, and improvements made to the cycle lane.

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Wilding and seeding of verges takes a step forwards

With Colchester Council signing up to the Climate Change Emergency wilding and seeding of verges is part of the plan to help bees and wildlife.

Glyphosate weedkiller has now been phased out on all 73 playgrounds and open spaces across Colchester by the Borough Council. However, Essex County Council still continue to use Glyphosate weedkillers on roads and pavements. We are campaigning for them to make a change to a more environmentally friendly product.

Martin Goss said:
You've been calling for this and now we have signed off a policy to allow some areas to grow more wild which will encourage bees and insects to these areas.

We are working with Essex County Council to find some road side verges to sow wild flower seeds and again let these areas flourish.

We are considering parts of the Via Urbis Romanae and Northern Approach Road as part of this proposal.

If there are areas you'd like to be left to grow wild or to be seeded with wild flowers please contact us.

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE KEY WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED KEEP US GOING



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

NAME.....

POSTCODE.....

Can we keep you updated about our activities including campaigns, events, fundraising and details about how to get involved?

Yes No

EMAIL.....

TELEPHONE.....

I can give 1 hour a month to deliver leaflets in my area.

I would like a poster at the next election to show my support for the Liberal Democrat team.

I would like to join the Liberal Democrats.

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NEW CINEMA APPLICATION

We have been in contact with Turnstone, the development company for the Northern Gateway Leisure site next to the football stadium.

They are looking to submit their amended planning application for a mixed use of indoor leisure and restaurants (including a 12 screen Cineworld cinema) in November. The site is planned for completion in early 2022 but with Covid that may delay the opening.

Although Cineworld have closed all cinemas due to Covid, they haven't pulled out of the Northern Gateway site.

TRAFFIC RELIEF AT LAST!



New Proposed Entrance to Hospital from NAR

Great news! After much encouragement, senior hospital managers have confirmed to us

they will seek a new entrance off the NAR into the hospital. It will provide motor traffic relief for residents of Turner Road and will remove air pollution from Turner Road.

It will also help provide relief for Mill Road, Severalls Lane and Ipswich Road as traffic will use VAR and NAR. The new road will also open up opportunities for the hospital to create new services that will benefit us all locally. They will need planning permission and the help of the County Council. We will support this all the way.

KEEPING IT CLEAN



Councillor Martin Goss and David King keeping Mile End clear of litter and taking action against graffiti

There have been recent spates of graffiti in the North Station area and also some found in Braiswick.

Martin Goss carries a graffiti cleaning kit in his car so when local graffiti is easy enough to remove with graffiti wipes he will jump into action to clean up our area quickly.

Martin said "It is proven if we remove graffiti within hours of it being sprayed it can be

demotivating to the "tagger." If it gets left it is considered a badge of honour and gives the "artist" something to brag about.

If you see it, please report via www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling or contact any member of the team."

NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY - NO JUSTIFICATION - NO REASON



We are all appalled by the decision of the Conservative Government at the time of writing, not to support free school meals for children during the holidays.

For some this is the only proper meal they have. With many more families finding themselves on the crippling Universal Credit following job losses, more will go hungry.

The Minister in charge of Universal Credit which has forced an increasing number of families into having no option but to rely on Foodbanks is the Conservative MP for Colchester - and you guessed it he voted in support of not allowing children meals during school holidays!

There are many businesses and charities in Colchester who are not letting our children go hungry. If you need help then let us know in confidence and we will help.

In their own words... Conservative MP Selaine Saxby who was a teacher, justified denying children food with:



TAKE A SEAT...



Three new benches have been installed after you requested them!

Two new benches have been put along the walkway from the station to the allotments on the Bergholt Road public open space and one new near the Mill Road playground.

These were funded from the locality budgets by your Councillors, Martin, David and Phil which we receive to fund small local projects in our area.

Rosewood

Planning permission has now been granted to regulate the various height issues which needed resolving.

The outstanding issue now is some of the planting required in the rear gardens of some houses along Endeavour Way.

Crest Nicholson should be liaising with affected residents to agree the design and then get it implemented.

This will bring to an end all outstanding planning issues.

Kingswood Heath

We continue to welcome residents to Kingswood Heath. Over 500 properties are now built and occupied.

There are various outstanding matters we are dealing with such as the retrospective playground planning applications and some parking matters.

Chesterwell

Chesterwell continues to grow with over 400 properties built and occupied.

We continue to welcome new residents. There have been recent formal adoption of some roads with the implementation of new yellow lines and a full formal 20 MPH zone across the current development;

Snags on the Countryside part of the development are also complete allowing Essex County Council to move forwards to the next part of the adoption process.

We also continue to work closely with residents who have SDL as their management company to deal with the issues raised.

Northfields

Planning permission has been granted for the amendments required to the various landscaping issues. Linden Homes were given 3 months from the date of approval to get these implemented otherwise they will end up being taken to court.

Braiswick Park

All open spaces are now fully adopted at Braiswick park. This brings to an end all outstanding issues meaning all roads, pavements and lights are now under Essex County Council management and all open spaces under Colchester Council.

Speed cushions and a 20 mph zone are due to be implemented on Tufnell Way.



Grass verge parking

These signs are appearing around Mile End - it means if you park on a grass verge you will receive a parking ticket.

PROTECTION ORDER

Mill Road Rugby Club

Following the delayed move to their new facilities Colchester Rugby Club and other sports clubs will remain at the Mill Road Sports Ground until April.

The Public Space Protection Order on the site has been extended to protect players, meaning

all dogs must be on leads and walked off the pitches.

Wardens are patrolling and irresponsible dog owners will be fined £100 which is enforceable by the courts. Incidence of players falling in dog mess has necessitated this action.