

## Contact your team

The local Mile End Lib Dem team want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you'd like help with.



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## SAFETY MATTERS

### MILL ROAD AND NORTHERN APPROACH ROAD

**You have told us your concerns and we are on the case.**

Your ward councillors have looked at the **Zebra crossing on Mill Road near 164** and carried out a local survey of hundreds of houses in the area requesting feedback as to whether this crossing is adequate for local needs. We will feedback the results.

We are pressing for an **upgrade** for the Zebra Crossing by Myland School - to become a traffic control crossing. We have asked the Local Highways Panel to agree with us that action now is needed.

We are encouraged by other progress - the part-time 20 MPH zone on that stretch of

Mill Road and design work on a **new traffic control crossing** - from Wallace Road across the Northern Approach Road. This will now be fully costed so the Local Highways Panel can make a final decision.

Your councillors are also looking again at the case for a crossing at the top end of **Brinkley Grove Road** for children that walk and cycle to the Gilberd. We have asked Essex County Council before for this safety improvement. And we will press again.

**Your Mile End Lib Dem Team FIGHTING for Mile End pedestrian safety**



The hospital has our and community support. But David King and colleagues' have made clear **they need to be better neighbours**, to take account of Mile End needs as they modernise the hospital, manage traffic flows and reduce the pressure on local roads. Improvements are coming.

A new travel centre will help everyone. But we know fewer **staff parking** permits are a problem and can affect residents, as staff unable to park will look for spaces on local roads.

We welcome steps taken to reduce that pressure, such as free use of the park and ride for three

months and subsidies for car sharing and public transport use. **We will continue to monitor** and press for further improvements through our liaison meetings.

**SHARE YOUR CONCERNS with us and we will continue to make sure your voice is heard.**

## HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

NAME.....

POSTCODE.....

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- 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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## POT HOLES

*Anne Turrell and the Lib Dem team will ALWAYS fight for better for Mile End, including action on road resurfacing.*

*We made progress last year. Now Anne has been asked to provide your 'top 10 pot' holes across Mile End and Highwoods Ward. Action on these will now be taken by Essex County Council contractors.*

**We need your help.** Tell us - what are the **BIGGEST** pot holes **still** unfilled? We are aware of issues on Mill Road, Bedford Road, Three Crowns Road and Thornwood to name a few! Please do contact us with your suggestions. Anne will press for them to be filled!



FOCUS ON  
**MILE END**

YOUR LIB DEM  
TEAM FOR MILE END

JANUARY 2019

MILE END RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN WELCOMING THE GREAT NEWS

# MARTIN GOSS SELECTED AS THE CANDIDATE TO BE YOUR NEXT MP

Local councillor and Mile End resident has been selected by the local Liberal Democrats as their candidate to be the MP FOR COLCHESTER at the next general election

**Long serving Mile End Councillor Martin Goss has been selected to fight the Colchester Constituency Parliamentary seat for the Lib Dems following the retirement of Sir Bob Russell.**

Martin has lived in Colchester since he was four and moved here in 1978.

He attended Prettygate Infants and Junior School before attending Philip Morant School. He also attended Colchester Institute for his further and Higher Education before completing his degree part-time whilst working.

Martin works in IT as a Senior Leader within the Insurance sector and has worked in Colchester so has first hand experience of being truly local.

He lives in Mile End with his wife Rachel and has family in Prettygate and Stanway.

Martin said: "It's an absolute honour to fight the Colchester Parliamentary seat to follow on from Sir Bob Russell. Colchester is truly in my DNA given that I have lived here for 40 years. **What Colchester needs is a truly local candidate who hasn't been parachuted in and puts Colchester residents first at all times without question.**"



If you'd like to help Martin with his campaign please do get in touch via [gossmartin@hotmail.com](mailto:gossmartin@hotmail.com) or calling 07912 396335.

## A12 IMPROVEMENTS

ACTION on nearby A12 highways safety is essential. Accidents disrupt and damage lives, impact on residents caught up in delays and clog our already busy roads with diverted traffic.

**Recent months have seen almost daily reports of accidents. And a fatal crash on the A12 between Stanway and Ipswich Road.**

On your behalf Phil Coleman has demanded action from Highways England. He has made sure they know of the number of accidents, the impact of closing the A12 on the town and has asked them to take the measures needed. He has flagged the risks of short entry and exit slip roads, high speeds and high traffic volume. He has asked them for a Safety Review and that they look at speed restrictions to reduce accidents and improve traffic flows. FIGHTING for your interests we will feedback once a reply has been received from Highways England.

Working hard all year round - Your Mile End Lib Dem Team

# SPEAKING UP FOR COLCHESTER - WORKING AND CAMPAIGNING FOR YOU AND YOUR AREA



**ROAD SAFETY**

## TWENTY IS PLENTY

Following discussions with Mersea Homes we have agreed to place '20 (mph) is plenty' stickers on all wheeled bins on the Chesterwell development.

The aim is to provide a frequent visual reminder to keep vehicle speeds down.

## SPEEDING

ACTION has been taken in response to YOUR complaints over speeding, including in Northern Approach Road, Axial Way, Bergholt Road and Apprentice Drive. The police have limited resources and must prioritise where they are deployed.

It helps us all if you continue to report concerns on 101 and let us know of issues as they arise. But the GOOD NEWS - the Community Policing team have responded to us, have visited and have taken enforcement action. We will ask for more if needed!



**PHIL COLEMAN OUT WITH THE WASTE CREW**

**Cllrs Phil Coleman and Martin Goss recently spent a day out with the Boroughs waste collection teams to get first-hand experience of what the demands of the job are.**

Following his day out with the crews Cllr Coleman commented- 'they have my total respect, it is a tough job and it took me a few days to recover!

They walk over 20 miles a day in all weathers, they often pick up over 7 tons of black bags each and the job has its risks-black bags still have needles, glass and sharp edges in them, they deal with some disgusting smells and even abuse from passing drivers who are slightly delayed by them doing their job. I did everything the crew normally deal with and it was a real eye opener. My thanks to all of them for the work they do'.

# RECORD RECYCLING RATES

Colchester continues to improve it's recycling

## MARTIN GOSS REPORTS BACK AS THE CABINET MEMBER FOR WASTE

• Colchester is the third best in England for improving recycling and rubbish rates

Statistics recently released by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) identify Colchester Borough Council as the local authority in England with the third largest increase in household recycling rates in 2017-18.

During that year, Colchester achieved a recycling rate of 55%, a 9% increase from the previous year and 10% above the official recycling rate for England in 2017.

Other achievements in DEFRA's annual Local Authority Waste Statistics 2017-18, highlight Colchester Borough Council as the:

- Best performer in the Eastern region for reducing the amount of rubbish per person.
- Second best performer in England for reducing the amount of rubbish generated per person
- Fifth best in England for residual waste per household, having risen from 58th place in 2016-17
- Ninth in the Eastern Region and 29th in England for the percentage of household waste recycled, up 70 places in the table compared to 2016-2017
- In the top 15 local authorities with the lowest household waste per head that year.

## MARTIN GOSS Out on Christmas Eve mucking in with our dustmen



Councillor Martin Goss, Portfolio Holder for Waste, Environment and Transportation, said: "I'm incredibly pleased and proud of residents and staff for all their hard work increasing recycling in the borough and reducing the rubbish that's sent to landfill. Since the collection changes were introduced last year, the borough's recycling rates are going from strength to strength.

"There is still always more we can do and we're continuously looking for ways to increase recycling and reduce waste and in recent months, we've introduced plastic recycling facilities to over 7,000 flats."



**PHIL COLEMAN At Headway Centre in Mile End**

**Councillor Phil Coleman visited the staff and patients of the Headway Centre during their Christmas meal. He and Cllr David King donated £1,000 each to the centre from their Locality Budgets.**

Phil added 'The Headway Centre in Mile End plays an important role in supporting people with acquired brain injuries and to help them live as full a life as possible, it's a fantastic charity and the staff and volunteers are just amazing, it's an honour to support them'.

## PARKING ISSUES



We have recently surveyed several areas in Mile End where residents have reported parking issues to clarify what the issues are and how they affect the area.

We will collate all responses and feedback to residents.

For any action, changes and parking restrictions to be taken forward we will need 80% agreement from residents.

In the meantime can we please ask residents and drivers to :-

- PARK CONSIDERATELY
- NOT TO BLOCK DRIVEWAYS OR DROPPED KERBS.
- NOT TO PARK ON PATHS IN SUCH A WAY THAT DOES NOT ALLOW DISABLED OR BUGGY ACCESS.
- NOT TO PARK IN SUCH A WAY AS TO NOT ALLOW EMERGENCY SERVICES TO GET THROUGH.
- TO FOLLOW ANY RESTRICTIONS ALREADY IN PLACE.

We are aware of commuter and Hospital staff and visitor parking pressures on nearby streets. We will continue to seek enforcement ACTION - where we can - to help relieve the pressure for residents.

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