

# FOCUS

Liberal Democrats

# on MILE END



EXCLUSIVE NEWS from your local Lib Dem team Cllr Martin Goss, Anne Turrell (your County Councillor) and your Borough Councillors David King and Phil Coleman.

# 10 SCREEN CINEMA

## Coming to Mile End



### Your Mile End Lib Dem Team getting the best for you

Developers Turnstone Estates have revised their plans for the new leisure development on the land next to the football stadium and will submit their new proposals to the council planning department soon.

They will look to start building later this year, although given the current climate that may be delayed.

The new plans include a 10 screen cinema, 3 indoor

units for bowling, putting and climbing, 7 restaurants including two drive throughs, a hotel, multi-level car parking and landscaped outdoor plaza area.

### WARNING

### NORTH STATION ROAD

Please be reminded that the section of North Station Road (from The Albert to Wickes DIY) is a camera controlled bus lane going North to South.

From South to North it is for residents and access only with signs at the entrance to the road indicating that.

Recent Police enforcement there found 30 drivers flouted the regulation.

Police will continue to enforce as it is being regularly used as an unauthorised route.

### DELAYED BY VIRUS

The opening of the new £26 million Colchester Sports Park (Northern Gateway) next to Junction 28 on the A12 has been put back due to the Covid19 virus.

Work on the site stopped during the lockdown but is now full on with social distancing measures being applied with the latest estimate for completion being this October. We will keep residents updated as things progress

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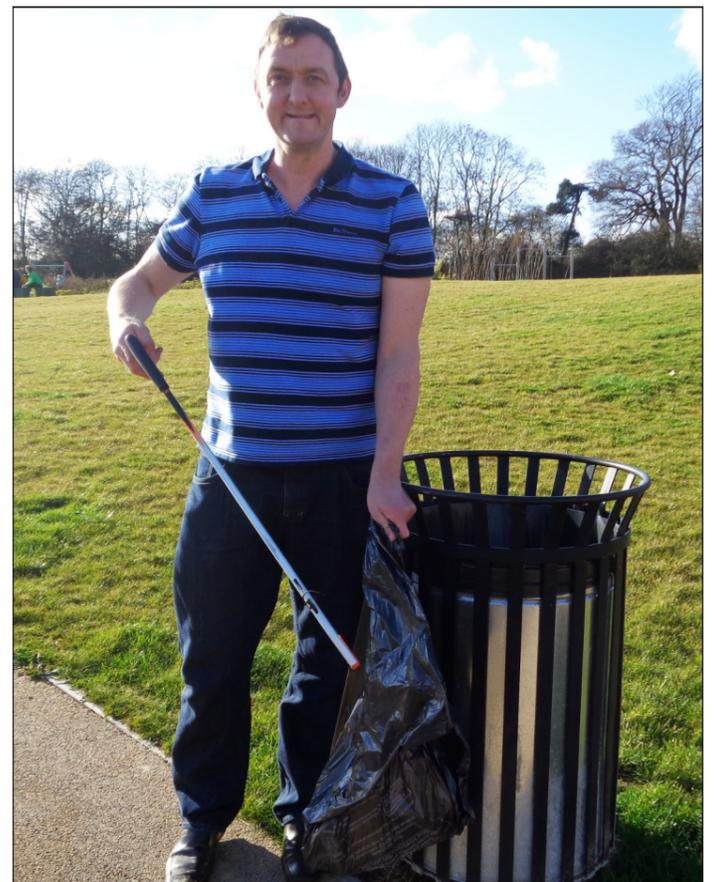
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### OUR LITTER HEROES

During lockdown and more recently there has been issues over the increase in litter being dropped around the ward. Dropping litter is an offence and can incur a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100.

Our thanks to our zone team and all those residents who have undertaken litter picks or picked up litter on their walks.

Also thanks to our existing and new Litter Warriors who have volunteered to do regular litter picks. If you or your family would like to become Litter Warriors please let one of us know and we will provide you with the equipment.



# Local Lib Dems - working hard all year round

## GREAT NEWS

120 Extra  
School Places

TRINITY  
SCHOOL LATEST

**You may have read the good news that 120 places for September 2021 are now guaranteed at the new Trinity School.**

The school places will be served out of the Gilberd site for the first academic year and in order to ensure there is enough space some existing classrooms will be refurbished and an extension will happen to the school. Long-term this area will be used for teacher training once the pupils move to the permanent school site.

Frustratingly the school building won't be open at Cordelia Drive for September 2021.

There have been some delays between the Department for Education (DFE)

and Essex County Council. Mersea Homes have ploughed on regardless with the site which they have to prepare prior to handover in September 2020. Mersea Homes will hand the site to Essex County Council who will then put in place legal "Heads of Terms" with DFE for the building of the school.

The school building will be ready for September 2022. The Primary School is now mooted to be September 2024, although this will be subject to the school places needed in the area. Currently pre-secondary school places, there are ample spaces at local schools.

You can visit the schools website at [www.thetrinityschool.co.uk](http://www.thetrinityschool.co.uk) for all the latest information.

## GILBERD SCHOOL HAS NEW PATHWAY COMING

**Following complaints we have managed to get a new pathway agreed for installation across "Squirrels Field" which is part of the walking route for many school children who walk to the Gilberd School from Mile End.**

The pathway will be placed in the field which is used by many local residents for dog walking and exercise known as Squirrels Field just off Mill Road and Brinkley Grove Road. It will mean a safer and more pleasant pathway to walk on, rather than mud in winter.

**We have seen an increase in complaints about late night disturbances from boy racers gathering at Turner Rise Retail Park and the Football Stadium.**

We have been working with residents, Essex Police and Colchester Council's Environmental Team to deal with the issue.

We are trying to get in place a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) at both locations which prohibits such gatherings. We need residents to report any disturbances both to the Police and also the Environmental Protection Team.

The police can be contacted on 101 or in an emergency 999. Please also contact

the Environmental Team at Colchester by emailing:

[environmentalprotectionteam@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalprotectionteam@colchester.gov.uk)

You can also contact the weekend noise team on Friday and Saturday nights. The service runs from 9pm until 1am on both nights.

The number to call is 01206 769779. Officers will then be able to visit and witness it for themselves.



This has clearly been the biggest issues affecting all of us in recent months. It has impacted every single one of us in our daily lives.

A big thank you to many in our local community who volunteered to look out for vulnerable neighbours who were self-isolating.

We are pleased to see life slowly returning to normal, but great care must still be taken with social distancing whilst we are out and about. If you have any concerns please as always do get in touch.

## LOCAL NEWS ROUNDUP

### Parks and green open spaces

Many thanks to residents for all the ideas and feedback to improve the parks and open spaces in Mile End. They have all been collated and fed back to the parks team. They will look at which ones are viable and we will let residents know of those that are going to be implemented.

### Graffiti removal

Martin Goss has been busy removing various bits of graffiti from around Mile End. Although of course this is a professional service the Neighbourhoods Team undertake, Martin is never afraid to lend a hand which frees up time for the team to tackle the bigger issues. Martin has used graffiti wipes he has in his car to remove many small bits of graffiti around Turner Rise, New Braiswick Park, Bosted Road, VUR and NAR areas and even Colchester Hospital!

If you see any graffiti please do let us know.

### Northfields

Linden Homes are due in Court on July 22<sup>nd</sup> for a breach of planning conditions relating to the completion of all open spaces. Martin Goss said "The length of time taken to complete this development is absolutely outrageous! I cannot believe Linden Homes seem to think their behaviour is acceptable. We need to ensure they are held fully to account and send a clear message that no developer is above the law."

### Chesterwell

We continue to welcome and support new residents as they move into Chesterwell. Whether it be ensuring they get their wheelie bins and recycling kit or dealing with issues raised about maintenance or management companies we are here to help and advise working as a team in our community for the good of residents. David King continues to encourage new and existing residents to join Neighbourhood Watch.

### Kingswood Heath

A warm welcome to all new residents who continue to move into Kingswood Heath. Congratulations also to Juliet Woolnough who worked with Martin Goss to set-up a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Kingswood Heath. Many residents have signed up. We continue to support all residents with any rubbish collection questions, management company issues or other local matters as they come up.

### Mill Road traffic calming

We are still chasing Essex County Council to see what other suggestions they have for traffic calming on Mill Road. Currently a temporary one year 20 MPH speed limit is being considered for the stretch of road from Brinkley Grove Roundabout all the way to the Northern Approach Road junction. We will keep you updated on progress.

### Braiswick Park 20 mph zone

Although the majority of Braiswick Park off Bergholt Road is 20mph already, the main road in Tufnell Way was still 30mph. As a team we acted on concerns from residents and put in a request to the Local Highways Panel (LHP) and Tufnell Way will be reduced to 20mph. The road will also have speed cushions adding as part of the works. With Braiswick school on the development watching our speed at all times is absolutely key for child and pedestrian safety. This also follows the implementation of the 20mph zone on Fernlea – the next development adjacent to the school.

### Police Speed checks

We continue to receive complaints about speeding. The police have carried out speed checks at our request on Bosted Road, Mile End Road, Bergholt Road, Apprentice Drive, Northern Approach Road, Via Urbis Romanae, Axial Way and Mill Road. If there are speeding hot spots you would like checked please let us know.