

# FOCUS ON MILE END

# THANK YOU!

Liberal  
Democrats

How our  
area voted  
on 4th May  
2023. Thank  
you for your  
support!

Lib  
Dem  
1,624

Con  
435

Lab  
352

Grn 244

# Lib Dem Venessa Moffat WINS in Mile End



Councillor Venessa Moffat with her colleagues  
Councillor Martin Goss and County Councillor David King

Thank you so much to the 1,624 Mile  
End residents who voted for Venessa so  
that she can continue her hard work on  
behalf of everyone living here.

Venessa told us after her incredible win:

"It is an honour to be elected in Mile End this year, and thanks so  
much to all the residents who have put their faith in me. Thanks  
to Phil Coleman, David King and Martin Goss, of course, for all  
their continuing hard work. I am already hearing a lot from  
residents about various concerns and will work hard to support  
all residents of Mile End."

1,624

Thank you to a good  
friend of Mile End...

Phil Coleman



Phil Coleman was first elected in 2016  
when the boundaries changed in  
Colchester and completed a total of 7  
years representing Mile End. He was  
without doubt very passionate about  
facilities for our youth as well as anything  
sport related.

Phil has always been well recognised  
locally having been a professional football  
player for Colchester, Millwall and  
Wivenhoe Town as well as a highly  
regarded sports teacher for well over 30  
years post his professional sports career.

Phil dealt with many local issues, never  
afraid to voice his opinion sticking up for  
Mile End residents or highlighting issues.

We wish Phil all the best for the future  
and thank him for his service to the Mile  
End community where he also lives.

Martin, David and Ness (& Editor!)

## Fly tipping

Martin has been dealing with various fly tipping issues around Mile  
End where people leave their rubbish by litter bins.

The worst thing about doing this is it  
tries to circumvent the kerb side  
collection service which is open to all  
households whilst also creates huge  
littering issues where animals tend to  
attack rubbish leaving it strewn across  
the area.

Addresses have been found in many of  
the bags found and £200 fixed penalty  
notices issued.

If you see fly-tipped rubbish please  
do report it to us immediately so it  
can be searched.



## Leisure and entertainment facilities

The Northern Gateway cinema, leisure and entertainment complex  
by the Colchester United stadium, is progressing well.

David has been tracking and encouraging  
progress, as Leader of the City Council and  
the facilities are expected to open by the  
end of this year.

David and Martin have also been working  
with Myland Community Council to make  
progress on the community centres

planned for Chesterwell (2-3 years away)  
Kingswood Heath and on the site of the  
old Rugby Club on Mill Road.

Costs have escalated but your Lib Dem  
Cllrs are still pressing for their delivery,  
decisions and public consultation  
expected late this summer.

# Cllr Venessa Moffat

## A message from your local councillor



“I’ve had quite a few communications from residents regarding issues such as broken pavements, abandoned trolleys, noise pollution, grass cutting, parking and anti-social behaviour, and will always do my best to assist with a resolution. The litter picks last year were a great success, so I think we’ll do more of those especially now Summer is (supposed to be) here.

I have a big interest in the environment generally, and also our immediate surroundings, so I’m happy to continue to do anything I can to maintain our lovely local areas. It’s also great to see some small amounts of rewilding going on at this time of year.

What I’m really looking forward to is getting to know more residents, so that I can do the best job possible, and with that in mind, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding local concerns. Or catch me on a dog walk!”

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### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We have seen an increase in ASB in recent months with a number of issues in the Bradford Drive playground, shelters over at Kingswood Heath and Mile End playing fields.

If you witness any issues or have concerns please do report it to the police immediately on 101 or 999 in an emergency. You can also report non-emergency crime on the Essex Police website.

Claire Beverly our local PCSO has been doing various patrols in the area so if you wish to join “stroll and patrol” which is carried out regularly please do let us know.



**May 2023 election results were good news for Lib Dems across Colchester. We held all our seats whilst increasing vote share.**

Had there been a General Election we would have won!

Of the votes that make up the new Colchester constituency\*, in the local elections this May we were 1,154 ahead of Labour who were in second place with the Conservatives coming third.

Our PPC Martin Goss is now well placed to challenge the Conservatives when the next general election is called.



\* Braiswick is included as part of the Ward, though it is outside the Parliamentary constituency.

## LIB DEM ACTION

### Trinity School

David and Martin pressed the Department for Education hard last year to get work underway and David has kept in touch with the project managers.

They say they are on track with the build. With utility works well progressed, external shell and structures complete, as can be seen and internal fit out progressing well.

The final hard landscaping works are planned to commence soon.

Overall progress on the build is going well, working towards the planned completion and handover on 4th September 2023.

### Fixing our roads

The County Council has not spent enough money in recent years and admit that our highways are *'in managed decline'*.

David has resisted this. Raising issues in public, in meetings of the County Council. Lobbying for work. Escalating issues and raising a budget amendment to seek extra money for spending on roads and paths.

The good news - his campaign has helped. With extra government and County Council cash for catch-up work. The County Council has an extra £17.4m, but across all of Essex, however we should see some real improvements by end of this summer.

**David will keep pressing for better.**

## Contact your local Lib Dem team...

Keep these contact details handy and get in touch with the team any time you need help.



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**Working all year round**

## MARTIN GOSS SELECTED



Martin Goss has been selected as the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Spokesperson

**We are delighted to report that Martin will be the Liberal Democrat candidate at the next General Election. He will be campaigning for Colchester to again have a Liberal Democrat MP.**

Martin is an experienced campaigner particularly with the serious concerns over the welfare of the NHS, impact of increased crime and the cost of living crisis.

Martin told us:

**“I am thrilled to be able to be a voice for all residents of Colchester. We have been badly let down with all of us being impacted in some way by the failures of our current MP and his Government.**

**“If you would like to join the winning team to beat the Conservatives at the next general election then please do contact me by email at [gossmartin@hotmail.com](mailto:gossmartin@hotmail.com). I would also be delighted to hear from you if you have any suggestions, concerns or issues that need raising or pursuing.”**