



FOCUS ON Autumn 2011 CHILWELL EAST

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Welcome to FOCUS

Welcome to Focus. Focus is the quarterly newsletter of the Liberal Democrats, paid for by local Lib-Dems and delivered entirely by volunteers. We want to make sure that people are kept informed about events affecting you and your communities. We've been delivering Focus across much of the borough for many years, but haven't been able to do that for a number of years in Chilwell. We're delighted that we are now in a position to expand to Chilwell as well.

Liberal Democrats are here to help. We believe in empowering people to affect their own futures, and so if there is anything that we can do to assist you then please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can use the form overleaf to contact us, you can write to us or you can get in touch via our website

More Money for Chilwell Schools

As a result of the Pupil Premium, one of the four key pledges of the Liberal Democrats prior to the last general election and which features on the front cover of our manifesto, schools in Chilwell have more money to spend on pupils. Figures released by the Department for Education show that College House received an extra £10,248, Meadow Lane Infants received £6,344 and Eskdale Junior School received £14,640.



The Liberal Democrats believe in giving everyone the best possible chance and this money is part of our efforts to ensure that the gap between rich and poor pupils is tackled.

Cator Lane Recreation Ground

Work will take place early in the new year on a £25,000 improvement scheme for Cator Lane Recreation Ground. This will include a stone surface path around the park, wildflower areas, new tree planting and a small multi-use games area.

Tram Works To Start

The Government have now given the final go ahead for work to start on Lines 2 and 3 of the Nottingham Tram system. Work is expected to start in February next year and the Beeston/Chilwell section will be very early in the work programme. A depot will be created near Bardills Island and the work will then begin to move the utilities from beneath the route. Once this is done the tracks can then be laid.

ENews

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Chilwell Cemetery

The borough council is currently looking at the possibility of extending Chilwell Cemetery. Beeston cemetery is to close within the next couple of years as it reaches capacity, and Chilwell will be the main cemetery for the south of the borough. This will necessitate substantial investment in the facilities.

A Bee Friendly Council

Broxtowe Borough Council has become one of the most bee friendly councils in the country by banning the use of pesticides thought to contribute to the rapid decline in bee numbers. The Liberal Democrats on the council tabled a motion to ban the use of neonicotinoids, a new form of pesticide which many experts believe is linked to the fall in bee numbers of 18% in the last year. This was supported by all parties.

Council Housing

The new council houses in Sunnyside Road and Wheatgrass Road are now all completed and all let. These include revolutionary heating systems designed to be as green as possible. At the same time the council is in the process of modernising a further 135 properties, many of which are also in Chilwell.

New Homes in Broxtowe

Broxtowe Borough Council has dropped proposals to build a new housing estate on green belt land in Toton. Local residents had argued that the road system around Toton and Chilwell was already congested and could not cope with the extra new traffic that would be generated. A Liberal Democrat motion at the council deleted the site from the list of areas being considered for development, and also affirmed the council's support for protecting the green belt wherever possible.



The day after this motion was passed an email was circulated by the Conservatives claiming that the council was instead in discussions with the MOD to build 2,500 homes on the site of Chilwell Garrison. We'd like to reassure anyone worried by this that the claim is simply untrue. These discussions are not taking place and the MOD has no plans to sell any more land for building at the garrison at this time. They have published a list of sites where they are going to sell off land across the country and Chilwell is not on it.

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