



From your local **Liberal Democrat** team



The well-used noticeboard on the corner of **Elgin Avenue** was looking very tired. Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** have given it a smarten-up. They have removed the rusty drawing pins, staples and out of date posters. The black mould is reduced and hopefully discouraged from coming back.

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There is lots more current news from the **Lib Dem** Focus Team on their Facebook page. Follow it to hear about local action and what is happening in the area.

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Elections

Derby has not had elections this year as it elected councillors for four years just two years ago. It is due to have elections next in 2027.

Most County Councils, including Derbyshire had elections at the beginning of May. Across the country the **Liberal Democrats** now have over 350 more councillors. Lib Dems have more councillors and run more councils than the Conservatives, Greens or Reform.

Many voters abandoned both Labour and Conservative parties this time. This upset to previous habits could be a real chance for the **Lib Dems**. If you would like a stronger moderate, liberal voice in UK politics, simply join the party at www.libdems.org.uk/join-local return the slip below, scan the QR code  or get in touch with one of the Focus team. See details on the back.

NHS being squeezed

The Government is talking up their bid to cut hospital waiting lists and waits in A&E. What we hear less about is the cuts to NHS spending.

Most acute hospitals, like the Royal Derby, are either already cutting staff - including medical staff - or expect to have to. In the past hospitals like these have been able to carry overspend into the next year. Now they have been told this must stop.

They will also consider if they can still afford to provide some services and treatments.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said 'This is not what voters expected a year ago when they gave Labour a big majority in Parliament.

"Actions like these, and cutting benefits and pensioners winter fuel payments, have meant people turned against Labour in the recent elections".

Children's nurseries, pubs and cafes feeling the pinch

Labour's increase in employers' National Insurance means that many small businesses are struggling to survive. This increase may not hit people's pay, but it hits the business and this means that jobs are being cut and prices may increase.

For children's nurseries it is even more challenging as the Government is limiting extra payments to cover things children need, like lunch, but which are not fully funded. Young children with special needs also rarely get extra funding as they do not yet have an Education, Health and Care Plan. This unfair squeeze is being challenged nationally in the Courts.



Tell us what you think...

Your local **Focus Team** wants to know what you think needs doing in your area. Let them know by returning this slip to the address below.

Your Name _____

Postcode, House number _____

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Email Address _____

Can we keep you updated about our activities including campaigns, events, fundraising and details about how to get involved? ☐ Yes please ☐ No thanks

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Road lining

Lines on roads have been a talking-point recently with local councillors dealing with a number of varied queries, including:

- The new cycle lanes on the resurfaced **Uttoxeter Road** went down as dashed not solid lines
- The give way line on **Haven Baulk Avenue** had got so worn that the junction was less visible on **Rykneld Road**
- The 'elephant foot print' spots across the hospital entrance are too faint to encourage drivers to stop
- Has **Jackson Avenue** parking been wrongly marked since it was resurfaced? The Council is checking.

The cycle lanes and lines at **Haven Baulk Avenue** have already been corrected. The other items are still to be done.



Cllrs **Ajit Atwal** and **Lucy Care** are delighted that the new tree has been added to the **South View** parking area in Littleover village and all the trees now have protective fences.



The Council Cabinet has approved funding to repair the wall by Uttoxeter Road in Mickleover. Littleover councillors are asking when this work will be done.

COMMUNITY CORNER:

Littleover Big Green Week is from 7th to 15th June. There are lots of free activities including a full day of activities on 7th June at King George V Playing Fields. Look out for posters on noticeboards or see the website: tinyurl.com/bgw25-L



Let **Lucy Care** know if you have an item you'd like considering for this section. Phone 01332 721291.

Also...

Green Rewards: Correction

This website giving information about green actions was mentioned in the last Focus. The ward scoring most points will receive a new wildlife feature later this year. Apologies that the link for this was misprinted last time. Use tinyurl.com/DCCgreenR



Park benches missing

Thank you to people getting in touch after the missing park bench article in April Focus. People have reported two other benches, one on King George Playing Fields and one in Griffe Field Park missing. The Griffe Field one has been found and will be replaced. People have also raised the need for more seats. Let the Focus Team have ideas for places for new seats.

Trim trees and hedges

Councillors are receiving complaints about trees and hedges blocking pavements, and even roads. The warm spring has encouraged growth. Many birds are also currently nesting. Please be careful when trimming hedges to avoid disturbing birds. Harder pruning could wait till later in the year.

Pelican for Brierfield Way

A project to put a pelican crossing on Brierfield Way by Brookfield School has been approved by the Council as a project this year. It uses money from developers of new housing in South Derbyshire near Mickleover. Littleover councillors asked if this could be a traffic light junction to help reduce the traffic queues. Traffic lights are not going to be done at present.

Stop smoking

The Council has supported more than 10,000 people to stop smoking. To find out more go to tinyurl.com/DCC-stopsmoking



What's happening locally?

Keep up to date with more news at Littleover **Liberal Democrats** on Facebook.



The parklet by **North View** was damaged by an Iceland delivery lorry. This risk has been added to the guidance for drivers.

Cllr **Ajit Atwal** is delighted that the clonking manhole on **Burton Road** near the Co-op has now been fixed. Councillors have reminded the Council that Severn Trent still need to repair the one by **Constable Drive**.



Cllr **Lucy Care** by the parking area by the shops in Heatherton, which is looking very tired. This area is owned by the Co-op. Local councillors have asked when it is likely to be resurfaced and otherwise



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Also...

North Street

The Council is delaying putting the new planters on the pavement on **North Street**. This is to avoid even worse congestion along the road while the temporary lights are on **Burton Road**/ring road junction.

Bunkers Hill

The open space near Littleover Community School should have been improved as part of the new estate. Local councillors are pressing for this to happen. Planning officers have asked the developers for answers.

Bretton Avenue

The Council bungalows on **Bretton Avenue** were built just after the 2nd World War. They are well-past their intended lifespan. The project to replace them with more energy efficient modern buildings is starting later due to costs.

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