



From your local **Liberal Democrat** team

We must work together to cut ASB



Cllrs Lucy Care and Ajit Atwal with posters reminding people not to park on pavements and verges.

ASB, or 'anti-social behaviour', covers loads of things that aren't criminal, but just don't help the community. Things like excessive noise - particularly at night, leaving litter, riding where one shouldn't, parking on pavements, smokey bonfires (or barbecues) and other rude behaviour.

People may not even realise that their action is causing

concern. Those at the sharp end, may not wish to say anything, for fear of being picked on later. So problems continue.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "The Police and the Council's PPO team are there to help. They are services we pay for in our Council Tax, so do get in touch."

There is information at tinyurl.com/FBLLD-ASB or contact one of the councillors. Details on the back.



Neighbourhood Spending

Each ward gets £15,000 a year for councillors to spend to benefit the local area and local people. Some is spent on things - like notice boards, benches and litter bins. Some is requested by local groups to support services they provide.

There is an application form for groups to apply or suggest ideas to a councillor. Their details are on the back page.



Cllr **Lucy Care** with one of the noticeboards funded by the Ward.

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Brexit not working

And no longer what a majority want...

Support for leaving the European Union continues to be tracked in opinion polls. Over nine years on from the referendum, these show that a large majority of people would now have chosen to stay in the EU. There is also growing support for closer working including for travel, education and trade.

Cllr **Ajit Atwal** said "Back in 2016 there was lots of hype about Brexit being the answer, and those wanting to Remain were boring naysayers. But people are now realising that facts do matter. Big decisions shouldn't be all about 'gut feel'."

The **Lib Dems** have been steadfast in their support for the EU and believe that working together internationally is best for the UK. Their policies in all areas are based on research and evidence.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "If you would like the **Lib Dems** to be stronger, it is simple - join us!"

Links are in the box below.



Markeaton Crem

As we say 'good-bye' to a loved one, most people are not thinking about the environment. But this last step in someone's existence leaves its own legacy.

Like most other crematoria, Markeaton uses gas to burn the bodies of the deceased. This pollutes the air and releases carbon dioxide - about the same amount as driving to and from London, twice.

There is an alternative - water cremation - which dissolves the body away, leaving just bleached bones which make an 'ash'. It uses super-hot water heated with electricity, not gas. The used water can go into the sewage system.

Derby is planning to renew its crematorium. Is it now acceptable to go for a low-carbon, low pollution option like this? Share your views at derbylibdems.org.uk/watercrem



Our common language should be English...

People who were born outside the UK but now live here are more likely to be in work than someone born here. That's not surprising as people have to be pretty motivated to get here.

It isn't easy to get through UK paperwork. But once here they are filling jobs that the UK's ageing population can't.

From doctors, nurses and carers to delivery drivers, factory workers and restaurant staff, the UK economy would struggle without them.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "It really helps fit in if you can speak English. I've been asking why the Council is no longer running classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages. Crazy!"

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 _____

Phone Number _____

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

Return this slip free to 8 Kings Drive, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6EU.

The Liberal Democrats will use your contact details to send you information on the topics you have requested. Any data we gather will be used in accordance with our privacy policy at libdems.org.uk/privacy. To exercise your legal data rights, email: data.protection@libdems.org.uk

☐ I can help with Focus delivery near where I live (about half an hour a month).

☐ I have made a donation to help pay for Focus at www.derbylibdems.org.uk/donate



☐ I would like to join the **Lib Dems** or go to www.libdems.org.uk/join-local



☐ Please send me more details about advertising in Focus and 2026 calendar.

Action you may have missed from the Littleover Lib Dems Facebook Page:



Overgrown bushes are a problem in lots of places. This could be an important sign, especially in an emergency. Councillors have asked for the tree on **Manor Road** to be trimmed.

www.facebook.com/littleoverlibdems



The entrance to the Royal Derby Hospital is often busy with traffic. Councillors have asked that the white spots, 'elephant footprints' marking the crossing point are repainted to alert drivers to people maybe wanting to cross.



The weather has made more sink holes happen. One reported was in London Road. The team reported a nearer one on Blagreaves Avenue. Usually it is Severn Trent who need to repair the damage underground where soil has been washed away.



COMMUNITY CORNER:

Disability Direct offer free in person counselling sessions. Take the first step today to help with anything that is troubling you and contact Talking Therapy on 299449 (option3) or www.disabilitydirect.com/talking-therapy/



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

Also...

Raynesway 2nd hand shop

Cllr **Lucy Care** has been asking the Council to enable reuse of decent items delivered to the Raynesway tip for years. After a trial period, this is now to happen. Things that people may want to buy at charity-shop prices will be taken from waste delivered to the site. The 'reuse' shop is now open on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays.

School places

New classrooms are being built at Wren Park and Littleover Community School. Wren Park's are to replace the pair of temporary ones that have been there over 40 years. Nationally, and in Derby, the number of children is falling. **Lib Dem** councillors have asked how the city is planning for this. Fewer classrooms may be needed in future.

Moving Traffic Cameras

The Council is asking people for their views on using cameras in more places to encourage people to follow traffic rules. This includes 'safe havens' outside schools like St Peter's and 'no entries' as at the bottom of South Avenue. See more at: tinyurl.com/DCC-25mte



Road surface renewals

The Council is also asking people for their comments on the 'surface dressing' programme this year. This included the new surface on Uttoxeter Road among others. If you have views you wish to share, go to: tinyurl.com/dcc-25sd



Reaching the Royal Derby

Councillors are asking if the signs for the Royal Derby Hospital from the A38 should be improved. At present it gets hardly any mention, and still refers to the 'City Hospital'.

Buses: What's needed, and changes to them.

The Harlequin bus, going from Heatherton and Littleover Village to town and back, is the main bus service along **Rykned** and **Burton Roads**. People wish it was as smart and often as The Mickleover buses.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "Trent Barton would like to improve the Harlequin, adding another bus and running more often. It would then also go through Highfields Farm to gain more users. There should be money available from the Highfields developers to fund it at first. Releasing that money is slow. The decision may need to be taken by the Regional mayor."

To sign a petition about this:
derbylibdems.org.uk/Hbuspet



In other news:

- The Link 1 service between the Royal Derby Hospital and Heatherton has stopped due to little use.
- Arriva are tweaking their timing on the 5/5A from the end of August. Check if you use this between town, Sunnyhill and the Royal Derby.
- Arriva is also reducing their X38 service from the end of the month,



Cllr **Lucy Care** has asked for improvements to the Harlequin bus service for Heatherton and Littleover.

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www.derbylibdems.org.uk **Littleover Lib Dems**

Also...

Uttoxeter Road wall
 Councillors continue to ask for how much longer the temporary lights will be needed on **Uttoxeter Road**. It is good that another householder has taken advantage of them to strengthen their wall. It would be better if the broken wall was also repaired.

Book Sale

Put 13th September in the diary for the next sale to help fund Focus. Books are £1 each. There will also be jigsaws, games, CDs, DVDs, some baskets and small items of furniture. Phone 721291 if you have books to donate. Thank you.

20mph? 30mph?

If you'd like a bin sticker to remind people of the speed limit on your road, please get in touch. There are still some available. Contact details are on the left.

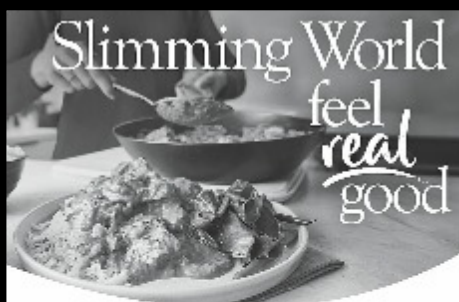
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Would you like to join the friendly team of volunteers at the Royal Derby Hospital?

Volunteers give a little time every week or fortnight to run shops, tea bars and trolleys for patients, staff and visitors.



Have a chat with Jan to find out more:
07355 947628



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 St Joseph's Church Hall, Burton Road
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BACK PAIN

Are you suffering from low back pain, sciatica, migraine headache, neck or shoulder girdle pain, or an acute whiplash-associated disorder?

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