



From your local **Liberal Democrat** team

Book Sale Saturday 13 September

10am to 4pm at **Baptist
Community Hall,
Thornhill Road, DE23 6FZ**

Books £1 each

1000s of books, DVDs, CDs
and jigsaws

Also baskets and small
items of furniture.

To donate books, DVDs and
CDs phone 01332-721291 or
leave at 8 Kings Drive.



Cllr **Lucy Care**
with a few of the
books given for
the book sale.

Have signs that work in an emergency

Imagine: You are near Derby. Someone needs to get to A&E asap. They can travel. You have a car, but don't know Derby.

Having highlighted obscured signs on the Littleover **Lib Dems** Facebook Page, facebook.com/littleoverlibdems

someone raised the lack of signs on the A38. Indeed, some signs still refer to the Royal Derby as the 'City Hospital'.

Cllr **Ajit Atwal** said "We think that it is time that the Hospital, Council and National Highways (who look after the A38) reviewed and improved signs to the Royal Derby. If you agree, please sign our petition."

Go to: tinyurl.com/DLD-RDH



Cllr **Ajit Atwal** holding down some of the branches obscuring the sign on **Manor Road**.

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BACK PAIN

Many people are turning to chiropractic for the treatment of these and similar problems.

Chiropractic treatment is given after a full case history and an examination which may include x-rays.

CHIROPRACTIC
...so often the answer

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

If so, you should consider consulting a registered Chiropractor.

M J Whatling, DC, MSc

**LITTLEOVER
CHIROPRACTIC
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569a Burton Road
Littleover, Derby

Tel: 01332 768408

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



Electrify Midland Main Line or grade-separate the A38 junctions?

Currently electric trains can't reach Leicester, Derby or Sheffield from London. Electric trains are cleaner, faster - and cheaper - than diesel ones. Upgrading the route would increase capacity to and from London and help fill the gap left by the cancelled East Midlands HS2. The electrification project is ready to go but was cancelled by the Labour Government in July this year.

Replacing the three roundabouts on the A38 going past Derby with fly-overs is also a scheme ready to go. It would increase road capacity and reduce queuing. It would likely increase noise and air pollution and lead to more journeys. Past experience shows that when delays are reduced more people travel, further. Queues at the M1 junction 28 would get longer, leading to pressure for more spending there.

The cost of the road scheme is around £650 million. The rail electrification cost is maybe twice this.

Which scheme would be better for Derby? For the environment? For future sustainability? If you'd like to support a petition for the electrification of Midland Main Line, go to:

www.derbylibdems.org.uk/trains



New mega-Councils... remind us why??!

The big reason given for a major shake up of Councils across Britain, including in Derbyshire, was to save money. Now it appears that the Labour Government relied on lobbyists' costings and didn't do its own research before pressing ahead.

New research is saying that savings could be much lower, or new Councils might even cost more to run.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "There are real costs to making big changes to local government and it will take a decade or more for major changes to bed in. For Labour not to have got independent research done before launching into this is appalling. What else are they doing without proper evidence?"

Meanwhile in Derbyshire over 7000 people responded to the main survey about the options. Results are still being analysed.

Labour Government say they'll make it harder to reject new housing

In their desire to get more homes, Labour want to force Councils to agree to more house-building, or lose their local planning role. Planning approval has already been given for over 4000 new homes in Derby, that aren't (yet) being built.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "Sorting issues around land-banking and skills shortages is what's really needed."



Cllr **Ajit Atwal** by a field off Moorway Lane where a developer wants to build new houses.

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 to 8 Kings Drive, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6EU.

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☐ 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.



This is a good time to cut hedges, particularly if they could do with a good cutting back. Cllr **Ajit Atwal** said "Birds have mostly stopped nesting. Still look out for active nests. There will also be time before winter for bare twigs to green up."



Blue or white stars are not good news!

BT/Open reach are strengthening their fibre network. Painted stars appearing on roads and pavements, particularly in older parts of Littleover, show where they will have to dig out blockages. Cllr **Lucy Care** has asked for more information...

Plan to save

Cllr **Lucy Care** asked for lowered kerbs to be added for **Fernwood, Hollowood** and **Lawnswood** junctions as the **Brayfield Avenue** pavements are being renewed.

The **Lawnswood** junction is being added, but the others have been refused due to the position of cable TV boxes in the pavement and driveway crossings also being nearby.



Cllr **Lucy Care** by the kerb she hopes will be lowered.

COMMUNITY CORNER:

Are you a carer? If you regularly help a family member or friend living in Derby, there is support and advice available via the 'Universal Services for Carers in Derby'. Contact them on 01332-228777, www.derbycarers.co.uk or carers@citizensadvicemidmercia.org.uk

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

Also...

Success!

After highlighting the need for English lessons for people of other languages, the Council has updated its webpage. If you know of anyone who would like to improve their English do share this link:

tinyurl.com/DCC-ESOL



Contacting the Council

Councillors have recently sent in several suggestions to make the Council's website and phoning better. If you have suggestions, or want to report problems with 'Darcie' please use the reporting routes offered or get in touch with one of the councillors. Their contact details overleaf. We know it can be painful and frustrating!

Graffiti Board?

There are some amazing examples of artistic graffiti in Derby. There is also sprayed paint defacing the area. Would providing a graffiti board in one (or more) of our parks give space for people, who want to be creative in public, to show off their skills? Do get in touch with a councillor with your thoughts.

Walking up Pastures Hill

The new, wider, smoother path past Littleover Community School seems to have encouraged more people to walk here. Great! Thinking about what more can be done to improve the route local councillors are currently working to include a couple of benches too, so that those who would like to pause on their walk can do so.

Got a new project, or old?

Severn Trent are giving core funding and helping projects that link 'People, Place and Environment'. To find out more and see if your project could qualify go to tinyurl.com/STW-CF25



Rykneild Road south end



Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** by Tutbury Avenue where the give way line is almost non-existent and the kerbs aren't lowered for pedestrians.

Councillors regularly receive concerns about the A38 end of **Rykneild Road**. Complaints include:

- Speed limit should be lower
- There's no pavement on the south side.
- A38 roundabout and signs not looked after
- Bus stop to Burton needs a shelter
- Traffic turning left out

of Tutbury Ave doesn't always give way.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "The City Council area ends before the Tutbury Avenue lights. This means that most of these issues need action from the County Council. We have asked but it's not so easy to get action.

"If you know people in Highfields who would like to help us campaign for things in this area, please ask them to get in touch."

Contact details are below.

YOUR FOCUS TEAM:

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Tom Bull tom@thomas-bull.co.uk
Glenda Howcroft 01332 773287
Marion Hall 01332 218450

Or by post to 8 Kings Drive, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6EU
www.derbylibdems.org.uk  [Littleover Lib Dems](https://www.facebook.com/LittleoverLibDems)

Also...

Partnership Network

Lots of Littleover groups are working together for Littleover. Meet some of them at Insomnia on Tuesday 16th September from 5pm to 7:30pm. If you know of others who'd like to join. Please let one of the councillors know.

Bonfires

Poor air quality damages health and shortens lives. Bonfires may seem like a good way of getting rid of garden waste, but they can be divisive too. See advice from the Council at: tinyurl.com/DCC-smoke



Pothole Reporting

Winter is on the way, and probably more potholes. Tell the Council about these and other road repairs on their 'Report It' pages, email maintenance.highways@derby.gov.uk Or use the phone app 'Fix My Street'. Include a photo to show the problem and where it is, if possible.

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Tues 9:30-10:30 & 10:30-11:30 and
Thurs 18:30 - 19:30 @ Mickleover Methodist Church.

Thurs 9:30 - 10:30 Findern Village Hall

Message Liza on 07957 267465

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