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Car parking limits lead to Village concerns



Cllr **Ajit Atwal** photographing Cllr **Lucy Care** taking a picture of one of the new signs.

Finding a parking space in Littleover Village has been getting harder. Now the Co-op has taken action, introducing a parking limit of 90 minutes for general shoppers. For people who sign in at Insomnia the limit is 3 hours.

For most people this will make shopping here better, but for some it will be a problem. This includes people working in the shops, including charity shop volunteers, and those with long appointments.

Parking on nearby streets is already an issue. This may result in more calls for residents-only parking.

Local councillors are concerned and are asking the Coop to be flexible. Cllr **Lucy Care** said "It could be a slippery slope to a poorer village if shops can't solve this together."

"Wishing Everyone a Happy, Safe and Healthy Festive Season"



Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** put up a Christmas message on the new noticeboard by the hospital.

Ever rested your legs by sitting on a garden wall? Would a seat be a better choice? New seats are arriving in Littleover.

Local councillors have responded to this need by using some of the Neighbourhood funding for more seats on what are often longer walking routes, including **Pastures Hill, Normanton Lane** and **Kings Drive**.

Do get in touch with your thoughts about Neighbourhood spending.

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Does 'Trial by Jury' matter?

Alongside a national Budget, which increased taxes to levels above those in the second world war, was mention of scrapping many trials with juries.

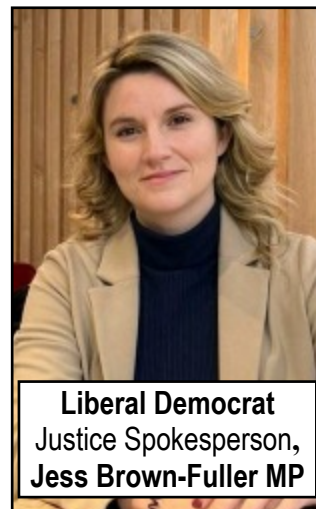
Trial by Jury - being judged by members of one's own community - has been a central part of UK justice for hundreds of years.

Yes, there is a serious backlog in the courts, but is that a good enough reason to give so much power over someone's life to just one person - the judge?

Lib Dem MP Jess Brown-Fuller who speaks on justice for the **Lib Dems** said "Jury trials are not a procedural formality but a constitutional protection, ensuring fairness, legitimacy and public confidence in the justice system."

You can read her letter to the Labour Minister about this at tinyurl.com/JBF-juries

Sign a petition calling to keep Juries and to invest in the criminal justice system to increase capacity and reduce offending at:



Liberal Democrat
Justice Spokesperson,
Jess Brown-Fuller MP



Lib Dem MP, Helen Morgan said



Southern Derbyshire Council?

Derby City Council - and the other Councils in Derbyshire sent their leadership's preferred option for new Unitary Councils to the Government at the end of November.

The Government-driven process will force local change. Although a Government-consultation is expected next year, it is unlikely to do more than tweak their plans.

Erewash Borough Council is already considering introducing Town Councils for Long Eaton and Ilkeston. Would having local councils in Derby help local areas still have a voice?

Please share your thoughts, particularly if you have experience of living somewhere which had a town or parish council.

Councillor contact details are on the back.

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Road closure planned



Last summer local **Lib Dems** called for action to dull the shiny top to parts of the newly resurfaced **Uttoxeter Road**. Having been assured that it would be fine, the Council has now got the contractors back to do some corrective works.

This will take place overnight between 15th and 18th December. The road will be closed and diversions put in place.

Parking near the Hospital

The permit parking near the hospital eased problems over parking here, but new problems are appearing. The new multi-storey car park at the hospital hasn't solved them.



Cllr **Lucy Care** cleaning one of the permit parking signs.

Current issues include:

- Parking on unprotected streets, both beyond Burton Road and near Pastures Hill,
- People using home permits to park closer to the hospital,
- Nightshift workers parking all night on streets near the hospital, and
- People 'visiting' a friend using a day permit, but then attending the hospital.

For a few weeks things got so bad on **Kings Drive** that the gate into the Royal Derby Hospital was locked. Now it is being opened only for the main daytime hours.

Cllr **Ajit Atwal** said "Reviewing the parking scheme is not an easy or quick process. Before that is explored, please be thoughtful to neighbours and don't risk being fined for misusing the current system."

COMMUNITY CORNER:

Health Talk The next Health and Information talk at the Royal Derby Hospital (live and recorded) is about Parkinsons Disease. All are welcome on Thursday 11th December from 5:30 for 6:30 at the Education Centre lecture theatre. More details at: tinyurl.com/RDH-Parkinsons



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

Also...

Market Place changes

The Council is working with partners to submit a planning application early in 2026 for what will replace the Assembly Rooms. Meanwhile there is a chance to comment until 19th December on the likely plans. Briefly the scheme would be a 4* hotel, an office block and space for commercial and community activities. Read more at tinyurl.com/MarketPI-Derby



Transport Consultation

The East Midlands Mayor has an increasing role in planning transport in Derby. A consultation on the transport priorities has started. There are more details at: tinyurl.com/emcca-transp25



Xmas bin collections

Bin collections skip a week over Christmas and the New Year. There will be black bin collections on 23rd December and 13th January. Blue bins will be collected on 16th December and 6th January. Brown bins are 16th December and 20th January. See derby.gov.uk/bins



Police & Crime Commissioner

Like other Police forces, Derbyshire's used to be overseen by a committee of councillors drawn from across the county. Then the role of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was created. This was a single person given democratic control. The Government has now decided to reduce democratic oversight even further by scrapping the PCC role and putting that responsibility onto the EMCCA mayor. **Lib Dems** do not like this growing gap between people and public services.

Food waste recycling



More details are coming about the new food waste recycling scheme for Derby.

From the start of April, food waste will be sent to be turned into gas - methane - that can be put into the gas grid or used to make electricity.

The remaining material is used for fertiliser by farmers.

Each household will be given a small caddy for the kitchen and a larger bin for outside (about 40cm/18inch high).

This is a much 'greener' way to deal with food waste than it being mixed into garden waste or general rubbish. The cost to the Council for disposal will also be less than the cost of either black or brown bin waste. The one-off cost for containers has been supported by a grant from the Government.

The 'green' benefits are large although there will be extra cost for the lorries and workers.

Cllr **Ajit Atwal** said "This is the right thing to do so let's make it work. We will share more details as they become available."

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Calendar

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Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who came to, or donated items for the Book Sale in November. The next will be on Saturday 21st February. Books, CDs, DVDs, jigsaws and family games can be donated by phoning 721291.

Gambling help

If gambling is costing you more than you can afford, there is an NHS service to help you stop. See the website at tinyurl.com/NHS-gamblinghelp or phone 0300 013 2330. Leave a message and your number if the line is busy or you call outside office hours.



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