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Cost of living crisis

Increases in petrol and diesel prices are driving up the cost of travel for many people - and the cost of goods in shops, including food.

We are being warned that the cost of those goods, and especially food, is likely to rise further this autumn. Oil and gas are used to make fertiliser for agriculture and the war in the Middle East is cutting their supply.

So what can we do? For transport there are options to travel less, car share, walk, cycle or take the bus (fares are capped at £3 - the **Lib Dems** have suggested lowering this).



Veg doesn't have to take a lot of space to grow. Cllr **Lucy Care** showed Cllr **Ajit Atwal** her tub growing early potatoes.

If you have a garden, or even space for a few pots on a patio, think about growing some of your own food. Local allotments also have a few plots available to rent.

If you don't have time or energy for your own garden there is a website that helps match gardeners to gardens particularly for veg growing, see www.app.allotme.co.uk



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Weedkiller use

It can be tempting to use the quick-fix of pesticides to kill some weeds or get rid of vermin. They are designed to kill - and generally work.

But they don't only damage the target weed or pest, they often damage other plants and animals too. This is becoming clearer and clearer.

Different countries have different rules about which pesticides can be used (and how) and which are too damaging for our health, or the health of wildlife.

For example, the weedkiller glyphosate is banned in many countries including Germany, France and Belgium because it is linked to cancer and loss of wildlife. Here in Derby it is still sprayed on the city's streets, despite the **Lib Dems** leading a debate to stop using it back in 2021.



There is currently a national review happening, and the UK might ban its use here before the end of 2026. To support Derby City Council moving on from glyphosate, whatever the national ruling, sign our petition at: www.derbylibdems.org.uk/campaigns/glyph



" Foreign tech billionaires like Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg should be paying more tax to tackle the harm their social media companies are doing, not getting a tax cut for backing Trump. "

Ed Davey MP
Leader Liberal Democrats

Lib Dems say plan for GPs not just housing

The **Liberal Democrats** have set out a plan that would both tackle the GP crisis and help build the homes we need. See www.tinyurl.com/LD-GGPS26



The two go hand-in-hand. Because what is it that stops homes being built?

Too often new developments don't come with the services they need. They just make it even harder to see a GP, to get kids into school or to

get around without being stuck in traffic.

If the country is going to solve the housing crisis - we have to address those concerns. We have to reassure people that they will be able to access the healthcare they need - whether that's the people already there or the new families who will move in.



Sign the petition: www.libdems.org.uk/development

If you support practical policies like this, join us.

Tell us what you think...

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Problem with your TV signal?

Upgrades to mobile phone masts for 5G signals can interfere with TV broadcasts like Freeview. If you have had problems, then have a look at

www.restoreTV.co.uk

This site helps identify the reason for a problem and can provide help if it is due to a nearby mobile mast.

If you have other problems that might be related, do get in touch. For example, the temporary traffic lights for the resurfacing of the **Hillsway** roundabout also had problems most likely due to mast interference.



Lowered kerbs for easier access

Councillors have been asking whether lowered kerbs can be provided to make access easier for people with pushchairs and in wheelchairs. Top of their list are crossing points for **Hollybrook Way** between the Coop and bus stop, and for **Corden Avenue** near **Jackson Avenue** for bus stops there.

If there are other places where they would be useful, please get in touch. Contact details are overleaf.



COMMUNITY CORNER:

Greener Littleover is organising two Derby West Green Weeks. Aimed at families, the 'Little' week is from 23 to 31 May. The 'Big' week is from 6 to 14 June. More partner groups and activities welcome to join in. There are more details at www.greenerlittleover.org.uk



Littleover in Bloom would welcome more volunteers to help keep the planters neat and plan for future flower features. To find out more please contact Jan on 348903.

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

Also...

Highways project...

Transport project funding now comes from EMCCA and the regional mayor. Local councillors agreed a project to look at highways issues in the area from **Hillsway** to **Warwick Avenue**. This has been approved, but the start is delayed due to lack of staff at the Council. Councillors are asking when it will now start.

North Street planters

These planters were installed as part of a previous highways project. Reflective strips for the black planters were asked for before the planters were installed. Councillors have asked again, several times, since they were installed. Although a strip was quickly provided for the new barrier on **The Hollow** at the bottom of **Hillsway**, it seems difficult to get them here.

Food waste

The Council admitted that the start of food waste collections did not go as well as hoped. However 100s of tonnes of waste have been collected and is being used to make gas and fertiliser by Severn Trent at Spondon. The disposal charges are about a tenth of disposal for black bin waste. The Council is seeking to employ more bin lorry staff directly rather than rely on agency staff to fill in for holidays and sickness.

Pavement Parking...

...is already banned in London and other places with a specific order like Derby's City Centre. The Government is expected to announce making pavement parking an offence that Councils can enforce anywhere. Detailed rules are still to be provided, but this is likely to come in later this year.



200+ people snapped

Over 200 people were written to in the first month of the camera going on the **Manor Road** gap for St Albans Road. The 1 in 10 drivers who went the wrong way here again have been sent a fine (fixed penalty notice).

The right turn from **Uttoxeter Road** to **Chain Lane** is still on the list for a camera.

The Council's team now also has a camera on the yellow box junction at the junction of St Alkmunds Way and Cathedral Road. Are there other places needing yellow box junctions - and cameras to help traffic flow? Contact the Focus team (below) with your thoughts and photos.



Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** at **Chain Lane** where a camera is being planned.



Cllr **Lucy Care** with Lib Dem landlord of the Brunswick and real ale campaigner, Alan Pickersgill.

Did you know...

Derby is leading the way to make cask-conditioned ale a protected British product. Derby CAMRA are fighting to ensure that only cask conditioned ale can be served through a handpump and not keg/filtered ales.

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Or by post to 8 Kings Drive, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6EU
www.derbylibdems.org.uk  **Littleover Lib Dems**

Also...

Elections

Derby City does not have elections this year. The next elections will be in May 2027. These are expected to be for a new large unitary authority for southern Derbyshire. More information on this is expected by July.

Hedges

Please trim hedges carefully at this time of year, to keep paths and pavements useable but avoid disturbing nesting birds.

Green Rewards

The website which helps inspire and educate about 'green' actions is running for another year. Sign up and report your activity. There will be a prize for the area which gets most 'points'.
www.tinyurl.com/dgr26x



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