



From your local **Liberal Democrat** team

Don't put food in the brown bin

Kitchen waste caddies are working well - please use them

The new food waste collections were required by the Government and are now settling in to a steady routine, often quite early.

The brown bins must not have food waste in them as the garden waste is now going to a different company for composting.

Black bin waste is by far the most expensive for the Council to get rid of - and the new food caddy waste much the cheapest. Across the city about a third of black bin waste is food, so switching to use the food caddy saves the Council money.

The kitchen waste also only goes to Severn Trent in Spondon. There it is 'anaerobically digested' to make gas to help power Derby's homes.



Littleover Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** with green kitchen waste caddies. Food waste must go in these, not the brown bins.

No right turn for Chain Lane

Note: This is the long-standing 'no right turn' just before the lights when coming from Mickleover. This is not the right turn at the traffic lights, into **Corden Avenue**, which then becomes **Chain Lane**.

This has long been a problem, with

- cars waiting to turn blocking traffic trying to reach the lights, and
- Local residents suffering speeding cars using this as a rat run.

The Council will be adding camera enforcement here soon. The signs will be checked and renewed as needed. For the first six months only repeat offenders will be fined, with others sent warning letters.

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Derby's City Centre

Lots of people still remember going to shows in Derby's Assembly Rooms, the prize-winning 1970s building in the Market Place. It was closed in 2014 after a fire above the car park.

Parts of it were built using a, then new, type of concrete called RAAC. This can fail without warning and insurance is therefore an issue now.

Labour want to demolish it, replacing it with a community building 'Derby Made', offices 'Derby Works' and a hotel 'Derby Hotel'.

While most people would like something to happen, not everyone is convinced that this three-part concept is going to work. They point out the Market Hall is struggling, Becketwell might also house offices and there are other hotels nearby with space.

Perhaps it is time the Council asked the people of Derby for their views rather than rely on consultants from elsewhere? Do share your thoughts with the Focus team.



There were no elections in Derby this May, but...

2026 Local Elections

Liberal Democrat results

Across the country voters elected more **Liberal Democrats** councillors for the 8th year in a row.

**844 councillors
elected (155 gains)**

**15 majority
councils (3 gains)**

That makes 3361 **Lib Dem** councillors in total.

Bus station toilets

The Council had a report on how to improve the bus station back in 2020. Some of the actions have still not happened. This includes having non-cash payment for the toilets.

Lots of buses do not go into the bus station, but start and finish journeys on streets like Victoria and Albert, Corporation or Gower Street. These services are not shown on screens in the bus station. Sign the petition at

<https://tinyurl.com/derbybusinfo>



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Harlequin bus changes

This autumn Trent Barton plan to put larger buses on the service between the city centre and Heatherton.



Tarmac by the new bus stop on **Hollybrook Way** needs finishing off. Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** are asking for better crossing points too.

They would also like to run the service through the middle of Highfields, picking up more customers and running buses more often. To launch this they'd like to use a bit of the money from the Highfields developers to provide extra bus stops.

It sounds simple, but looking after public transport is now done by the 'East Midlands Mayor' and EMCCA. The money seems stuck without ways to spend it to make

buses work better. Local councillors are asking questions.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "The developers provided money. But no one seems clear as to how we can spend it on new bus stops and shelters. We are pushing for an answer.

"If you've not yet signed our petition for this, please do. www.derbylibdems.org.uk/hbuspet "



Blocked street drains



Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** find this drain on Pastures Hill needs the gully wagon - or more - to clear it!

Heavy rain storms often leave large puddles on our roads. This is made worse as some drains are blocked.

Councillors arranged for an extra gully (drain emptying) wagon to be bought a year or so ago, but it seems to be making little difference. Local councillors are continuing to ask questions about the service.

COMMUNITY CORNER:

Hannah Fields Community Garden on Normanton Lane has things going on for both children and adults. Drop in to buy their organic veg on Saturdays or book to join a class or meal in their eco surroundings. Have you an event that would work here? See more on Facebook or www.hannahfields.co.uk

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

Also...

People's Emergency Briefing

This 50 minute film, fronted by Chris Packham of BBC's Springwatch, is a wake-up call for everyone. Based on expert lectures from last November it calls for more action for climate and nature. If you have a chance to see it, please do. If you know an organisation that could host a showing, please talk to them about doing so.

www.nebriefing.org



School Crossing Patrols...

...are needed in lots of places across the city, including on **Chain Lane** and for Wren Park Primary and to cover illness anywhere in the city. If you might be interested, please get in touch with

robert.shoebridge@derby.gov.uk

City Centre Traffic

The Council is reviewing traffic rules in the city centre and is asking for views on whether there should be more enforcement over where people drive. If you have thoughts you can still email. See:

tinyurl.com/dcc-traffic4



Manor Road gap camera

People are continuing to drive wrongly through the gap on **Manor Road** designed for people turning into St Albans Road. 9 out of 10 people have not repeated the move after the first letter. 37 people have been issued a fine.

Church Street

1000 people a year are driving through **Church Street** during the Safe Haven periods, and receiving fines. Cllr **Lucy Care** has asked if the signs at the **Shepherd Street** end can be moved to make the Safe Haven more obvious. This is may be particularly an issue for people coming out of the Swan and church hall car parks.

Don't bin vapes

Anywhere that sells vapes, should have a bin for recycling them. Ask if you don't see one.

Both single use and rechargeable vapes should be recycled and not put in a litter bin or black bin. They can cause fires in bin lorries when damaged.

About a quarter fewer vapes are being binned this year than last, before single use vapes were banned.

But there are still millions not being recycled properly, and some are causing fires, including in Derby.

Look out for vape recycling bins in shops that sell vapes. Many are green and about 90cm high. If you can't spot one, ask. Recycling vapes properly helps prevent fires. Thanks.



Also...

Derby Museums

Have you checked out what is on at Derby Museums over the summer? Exhibitions are free, and there are also talks and courses to book. Explore it all at

<https://derbymuseums.org/>



Book Sale - thanks

Thank you to all who gave items for the Book Sale at the end of May. The next one in Littleover is being planned for 5th September. South Derbyshire Lib Dems have one in Hilton on 18th July.

Details at tinyurl.com/LD-booksales



KGV Pavilion cafe...

...would welcome more volunteers to help keep it open for longer. Training given so no previous experience needed.

More info on the centre's website. www.kgvd Derby.org.uk



Manor Road grass

The **Lib Dem** councillors have reported that the grass in the centre of **Manor Road** near **Eastwood Drive** needs cutting. Due to Council staff sickness this is taking longer to plan than the Council (and many people) would like. The councillors have said that as this is an issue every year maybe it could be planned now for 2027...

Do get in touch about other places that are bad.



A car just visible between Cllrs Lucy Care and Ajit Atwal over the grass on Manor Road.

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