



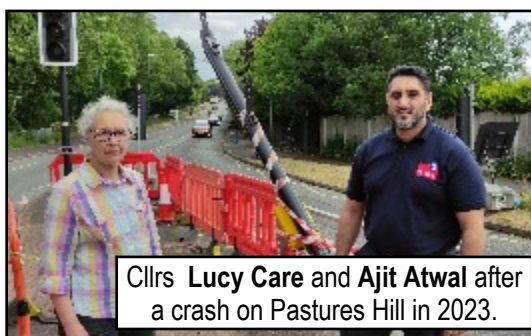
From your local **Liberal Democrat** team

"Cars speed down my street!"

This is one of the most common complaints from local residents, aware of the danger to their children, pets and property.

People often feel that it is 'their' street which has the problem, but sadly this is not the case.

Just a few drivers speed down lots of roads. They disturb many people with their noise and leave behind anger and frustration. Even dead-end roads are not safe, with damage to multiple cars on **Wade Avenue** earlier this year.



Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** after a crash on Pastures Hill in 2023.

Cllr **Ajit Atwal** said "It is usually young men at the wheel, and often vehicles are borrowed or rented. This is not just a Derby issue. National law changes could help, but at least the police have agreed to continue to have this as a local priority here."

Working together to identify vehicles and drivers can help the police get to the culprits sooner - saving lives and damage. Do report particular vehicles to them, Crimestoppers or your councillors.

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A change to Planning rules that no one is talking about...

Most people have never attended a Planning Committee meeting - and probably never will (though the balcony was full when the recent **Middleton Avenue** scheme was discussed - see opposite page).

What if decisions the community cared passionately about had to be made behind closed doors? This is what the Government wants - and will happen from 31st October this year, unless they are made to change their mind.

Sign the petition at www.derbylibdems.org.uk/planningrulechange



Read more at tinyurl.com/G-Planning26



www.tinyurl.com/BBC-EDV26

Simple 'X' voting doesn't work well with lots of candidates. Voters deserve a better way.



Local Council Changes

The Labour Government is continuing its reorganisation of local government. In mid-July it confirmed that Derbyshire will become just two councils - one in the north, one in the south.

The Derbyshire South area will include South Derbyshire, Erewash and half of Amber Valley as well as Derby City. It is expected that this will mean 79 councillors representing around 500,000 voters. At present there is one councillor for every 2400 voters across the county. This will change to one for every 6800.

Lib Dems are concerned that this will make it harder for councillors to do a good job for local people - on top of going to necessary meetings. The work pressure will also mean fewer people are likely to be able to consider taking on the role, making it harder for councillors to reflect the population as well.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "These changes are driven by Government, and are not best for people."

The Council has to reply with more preferred details during August. Then there will be more decisions from the Government.

There will be elections next May for the new Council. This will have until April 2028 to ensure a smooth handover from the current councils.

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.

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Yet more housing?

Recently the Council approved 92 houses off Mickleover **Hollow**, and three near the end of **Staker Lane**. Now even more are being proposed.

The developer is asking for feedback on their ideas for around 2000 new homes between Mickleover and Burnaston. This is just into South Derbyshire.

See mickleover.south.co.uk



Meanwhile another developer has asked to build 60 houses off **Haven Baulk Lane**



between the A38 and **Staker Lane**. See tinyurl.com/dcc-26-687

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "New communities need proper planning with shops, services, jobs, open space and more - not just homes. It is a pity that these two groups aren't working together on this."

Do send your comments to the City Council for Thornton's proposal. Use the online link above or email developmentcontrol@derby.gov.uk



Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** by the field on **Haven Baulk Lane** where a developer wants to build.

The Big Conversation: Aging well, dying well



Cllrs **Ajit Atwal** and **Lucy Care** with the leaflet from **Lucy's** father's remembrance event.

2-8, Friday 25th September
St Peter's Hub, Shepherd St

Good planning can make life easier for oneself, family and friends as one ages. This drop-in event could help.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "When my father died earlier this summer, we'd been able to help guide his last few years and knew what he wanted. This made it much

easier for the family. I hope this event will help others too."

COMMUNITY CORNER:

Swifts are exciting migratory birds. They help to keep down flying insects and 'scream' overhead in summer. They are already flying south for the winter. If you'd like to help make Littleover more welcoming to them for next year, do find out more about the Littleover Swift Group. Contact Lauren at savetheswiftslittleover@gmail.com

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

Also...

Middleton Avenue HMO

The Council's Planning Committee rejected the application for 17 bedsits in a 'House in Multiple Occupation' on the corner of **Middleton Avenue** and **Burton Road**. The applicant has 6 months in which to appeal...

Local Plan

The final consultation stage has started for Derby's Local Plan it ends on September 8th. See: <https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/local-plan> The Local Plan says what land should be used for and guides how things should be built over the next few years. This stage is a chance to check that the process is correct and all relevant information is provided.

Uttoxeter Road

The Council is preparing to trial a 30mph limit on **Uttoxeter Road**, from the Hospital roundabout to Mickleover. This is being done on an 'experimental' order and will be reviewed after some months.

Emma's Emporium opens

A new charity shop has opened where Daisychain used to be. Emma's Emporium is a Community Interest Company helping to keep items moving on to those who need them. They have very limited storage, so prices are low. If you have space nearby that could help them (dry garage, etc.) do offer it.

Under 12s Cricket Camps

There are several schemes running over the summer including 11-14 August at Rykneld Rec and 25-28 August at King George V Playing Fields. Find out more at www.ecb.clubspark.uk

Voting Register

The Council has just started the renewing of the electoral register for next year. Do reply to their email or letter to make sure you can vote.

Burton Road closed towards town

Cadent - the gas company - are upgrading their gas network in Derby. The current work includes closing one side of **Burton Road**, just inside the ring road from Littleover Village.

Local councillors are working hard to try to reduce the disruption, which may last until the end of August.

The councillors have:

- asked for extra signs to make diversion routes clearer
- questioned if the traffic lights need adjusting for the different queue lengths
- encouraged barriers to be moved back to give more space for vehicles
- suggested that more bus stops need signs about service changes.

If you think that there is more that could be done to make this necessary work less painful, please say.



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Also...

Chain Lane

Cameras are now live at the junction of **Chain Lane** and **Uttoxeter Road**. People who turn right into this junction will be sent a reminder of the 'no right turn' rule here. After six months (or receiving a letter) fixed penalty notices (fines) are issued. Local people are noticing the difference!

New toucan

A new pedestrian crossing is being installed on Brierfield Way near the junction with The Hollow. This will make it easier for children to cross to Brookdale School. There will be some road closures in August for the work.

Greenway Drive

The Council is studying the results of local surveys to add **Golf Close** and **Greenway Drive** to the area with residents only parking.

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