



Wishing all our readers and supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year. Can we also thank everyone that responded to our survey. From your local Liberal Democrat team.

What does the community want?

As the cattle market redevelopment moves on towards planning permission, it is increasingly clear that local community leadership is lacking. Local groups must be given the support and coordination necessary to ensure that this new massive development provides the extra community facilities needed in the area. Liberal Democrats support the moves for ensuring extra green space. However, we are becoming increasingly concerned about the lack of focus on ensuring that a scheme is brought together that sees the whole community benefit. Liberal Democrat leader Cllr Jerry Roodhouse has



met with local campaigner Ted Palout to discuss the community's concerns and Jerry will be ensuring that local voices will be heard at those important meetings. Want to help us? Please get in touch.

Congestion & car parking

The introduction of decriminalisation of car parking in Rugby has started. This Government led initiative to tackle congestion and abuse of car parking has been difficult to implement. All political parties have had to work together to find solutions. We believe that the present system will need modifying and will work with local people to try and get the best results. The council is taking a practical approach and not handing out tickets at the drop of a hat. A review will take place at which we hope changes can be made. We would welcome your views and comments on this difficult issue. We will continue to

Liberal Democrats have consistently called for a "Citizens' Jury" made up of local people to help examine the ever increasing problems surrounding the car parking and town congestion. So far both the Labour & Tory groups oppose involving local people in helping to find solutions.

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AGE CONCERN CATERING; drop in, home support, day care, information and advice, befriending and campaigning for better conditions for older people. Winter warmer



Lib Dems in Action - Lib Dems visit...

- A fact-finding visit has been made by Liberal Democrat Cllrs to a material reclamation facility which sorts out the waste from households in London into the varying recyclable materials. Shanks Ltd based at Frog Island runs the facility. From this facility products are sent to the cement industry for firing in their kilns. Rugby Borough Council has also visited this site.
- Liberal Democrats on Rugby Borough Council have called on the Tory Cabinet to tell us how much the taxpayers of Rugby have had to fork out for the gypsy & travellers saga that has gone on and on. County Cllr Jerry Roodhouse, having researched this issue, has found out that the County has no policy for gypsies and travellers. So he is urging the County Council to deal with this omission as a matter of urgency. Liberal Democrats want to see real long-term solution not quick fixes. **HOT NEWS - Over £25,000 spent**
- Cllrs Neil Sandison & Noreen New have asked that the Council investigate the potential for partnerships in developing an anaerobic digester to help tackle green waste. This could actually give a return on investment by producing top quality compost and help tackle the growing mountains of waste
- The campaign to save local Post offices started by former councillor Glenda Allanach continues with a call by the Liberal Democrats in Warwickshire to galvanise extra pressure from all political groupings and MPs. The motion presented at shire Hall was passed with the full support of political groupings.

Send it Back!

Tired of all that Junk mail that is delivered with your post? A lot of this material is non-biodegradable and is costing local taxpayers a fortune to be disposed off. 21 billion items a year are sent most of which end up in landfill.



Liberal Democrats are campaigning for changes, and want to give power to the consumer by insisting that all literature has a return address so that we can send it back. We also believe that the direct mail industry should make a contribution financially to help reduce the ever-growing waste bill that council taxpayers have to meet.

In the meantime you can always go to www.mpsonline.org.uk where you can register to have your address taken of mailing lists.

Don't forget to register for voting

you can do this by contacting the electoral registration officer Town Hall rugby CV21 2RR, e-mail elections@rugby.gov.uk, web site www.rugby.gov.uk or phone 533595. Also contact this office for a postal and

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Nuclear waste still an option

Conservatives and labour cllrs voted down a move made by Liberal Democrats on Warwickshire County council not to have any nuclear waste dumps in the county. The Tory leader of Warwickshire said "no options were being discounted" the nuclear option for Warwickshire is still on the agenda.

Join us today and help campaign to Keep Rugby Tidy
Liberal Democrats working all the year round for Clean, Green, Safe neighbourhoods.

Green tax switch

Liberal Democrats want to give the average family a £1,000 income tax cut to help save the planet. By switching to green taxes, everyone can help switch off climate chaos. The Lib Dems will radically change the way Britain pays tax by taxing good things like income less and switching to taxing bad things like pollution instead.

Then, the more you choose to switch to greener living, the more of your Lib Dem income tax cut you will keep. It's your choice. While other politicians just talk about the environment Lib Dem leader, Sir Menzies Campbell, has won praise for the green tax switch plan to actually do something to tackle growing climate chaos.

"I'm backing the green tax switch."

I/We back Liberal Democrat plans to cut income tax by £1,000 for the average family, and switch to green taxes instead, so that more people switch to greener living, the more of the tax cut they keep.

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I would like to help the Liberal Democrats

Please tick box if appropriate

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