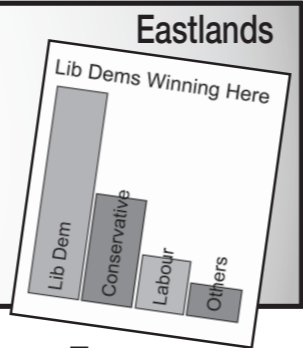


# Focus



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**Seasons Greetings from your local Liberal Democrats**

Happy New Year to all our readers, we hope that you had a good Christmas and we would like to wish you all the very best for 2011. We would also like to welcome new residents to the area and hope you find our regular Focus newsletters informative and helpful. Your Focus team is here to help you and not just at election time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more about the Liberal Democrats in your neighbourhood.

*Councillors Jerry Roodhouse RBC & WCC, Sue Peach RBC, Neil Sandison RBC and Richard Dodd WCC...*  
Working All the Year Round

## Support campaign to protect Youth services for our area



Warwickshire County Council plan to axe funding for local youth provision, this could mean that hundreds of local youth clubs across Warwickshire will face closure.

Local Councillors are backing the campaign by Fareham Youth Club, which urges WCC to seriously reconsider their decision to remove the funding for these diversionary activities for young people.

Cllr Noreen New stated, "At the recent locality panel meeting, residents hi-lighted more facilities for young people as one of their main priorities for the area. If WCC axe the funding for these clubs, more young people will be left to roam the streets, which could cause a significant rise in incidents of anti social behaviour and nuisance crime".

If you wish to support this campaign, please sign our on-line petition at [www.rugbylibdems.org.uk](http://www.rugbylibdems.org.uk) or sign one of our petitions in Maddens, Featherbed Lane Fish Bar or Four Seasons Take away.

## Bridges are unsafe

In the last issue of Focus we asked **are the bridges across the old central railway line safe?**



We have now been told that structural survey shows that work will have to be undertaken to reinforce these bridges and it could even lead to some disruption on such roads as Hillmorton Rd, Lower Hillmorton Rd and Clifton Rd. Cllr Neil Sandison has followed up this news by questioning officers at the Council about the cost and that any works are done at the earliest possible date.

We have also asked that the foot bridge across from Percival Rd to Pytchley Rd is not forgotten.

## Liberal Democrats - Working all the year round

## Community Safety, Police & Safer Neighbourhoods

Rugby Police 01788 541 111  
Crimestoppers - report crime anonymously 0800 555 111

Ever thought of helping or starting a Neighbourhood watch? If so contact the team on telephone number 541111

**If all else fails and vandalism or a crime is taking place use 999**

## Rugby College on the move Facing up to the cuts

As many of you will be aware Rugby College has started to move to its new site vacating the Lower Hillmorton Rd campus.

Your Lib Dem Cllrs have been in contact with Rugby college and have had a recent meeting with the College to discuss our concerns especially about the future security of the Lower Hillmorton Rd site and to ask what plans they have.

Chris Paget, the property manager, told Jerry Roodhouse that it is unlikely that they will sell the site over the next few months with the way that the property market is at this point in time so they will seek to make the site secure and once vacated may even look to demolish it.

We shall be pressing local planners to ensure that the local community benefits from any future housing development and seek to get improvements for local people.

## Nature reserves

Cllrs Neil Sandison and Noreen New continue to work in partnership with community organisations to raise funds to enhance the biodiversity and improve accessibility for all local residents to our two local nature reserves at the Great Central Walk and Linnell Rd open space.

I hope we can develop a flagship scheme in biodiversity and accessibility that will be a model of good practice for nature conservation throughout the borough.

## FREE emergency packs

Supplied by EON. We also have temperature cards to ensure that your house is at the right temperature, especially useful as the weather gets colder.

All of these items are free and are available from your Lib Dem team by email to [info@rugbylibdems.org.uk](mailto:info@rugbylibdems.org.uk) or use the freepost address at the end of this leaflet.

As we go through this difficult financial time where we have to rebalance our economy both Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council are facing major reductions to services.

Liberal Democrat Councillors want to work across the political divide putting to one side differences and establishing common ground for securing front line services. Our guiding principle's will be to ensure that we protect front line delivery of local services such as the Youth Service. Education and social workers are just two areas affected by the £60 million pound reductions proposed by the County Council. Jerry Roodhouse has called on council staff to consider taking over local services and to run them on a social enterprise or mutual basis such as John Lewis.

If you would like to know more about the budget position for the county council you should go to <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk> and for Rugby Borough Council go to [www.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.rugby.gov.uk)

With all this going on did you get a cheque for over £3,800? Conservative Councillors lined up to vote through the enhancement to the Leader's allowance that amounted to an

increase of 64% which, with it being backdated, could see a cheque made out for over £3,800. It seems that little thought has been given to those employees of Rugby Council on a pay freeze and those whose jobs that under threat.

We tried to persuade the Conservatives not to go ahead with this but they chose to ignore these calls.

## Postal vote

Will you be away for the elections in 2011? Make sure that your vote counts by registering. You can do this via [www.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.rugby.gov.uk) or contact us for a postal vote form

## AV referendum

We are months out from the 5th May referendum on electoral reform. The campaign web site with info is up and running at

<http://www.yestofairvotes.org/host>

We can win this vote and change our politics for the better. But it'll take all of us getting out and talking to our neighbours to do it. There are a lot of different ways you can spread the word all we are asking is to pledge a bit of time to help make history:

<http://www.yestofairvotes.org/host>

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