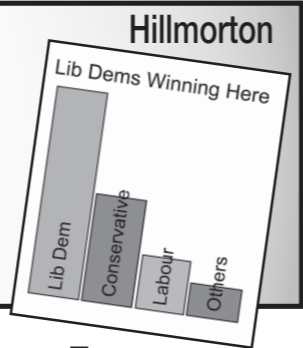


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Serving the community - Keeping you informed

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.

Jess Upstone, Dave Elson, Jerry Roodhouse WCC 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 or sign one of our petitions in Maddens, Featherbed Lane Fish Bar or Four Seasons Take away.

Mast site application due any time now

The developers are continuing to prepare the planning application for the mast site and planners at rugby Council are expecting to see it made any time now. Once in there will be a lot of consultation to be done with local residents about this future development that will see Rugby change.

We shall continue to work across all the political fronts to ensure that Hillmorton residents do not lose out.

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

Speeding continues on the A428

Speeding cars continue to cause problems on the A428. We are perusing the issue of speeding cars along High Street, especially at shift change times for DIRFT. We have contacted the Police and traffic safety teams. It has been suggested that there may also be volunteers in the area who would be willing to come forward and get trained in the use of mobile speed camera so if anyone would like further information please contact us.

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 or use the freepost address at the end of this leaflet.

Facing up to the cuts

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 mutal 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

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 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.yestofairervotes.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.yestofairervotes.org/host>

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