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We want our post box back!

Some years ago the **Focus Team** with residents campaigned unsuccessfully against the closure of the Post Office in **Francis Road**. Residents were furious that with the closure came the removal of the post box! **The Focus Team** was told that a new one would be put outside **George's** further down the road. Well where is it? Have Royal Mail forgotten? Has our area been forgotten? **Francis Road** has declined with retail shops and doctors surgeries closing. It is time to put a stop to it, so the **Lib Dem Focus Team** is pressing Royal Mail to put back our post box in **Francis Road**.



The Focus Team with local residents outside the old Post Office

Good News – Sidmouth Road/Park

The building at the end of **Sidmouth Road** is almost finished and will provide housing, a drop-in centre and a café stretching out into **Sidmouth Park**. This will be great for families and children looking for refreshment in the summer months.

Local Lib Dem Councillor Bob Sullivan, who was involved in the original plans and development, said ***"This is a good replacement for the old Alice Burrell Centre. A café accessed from the park, will encourage more families to visit the children's play area"***

Lib Dem Councillors Surgery/Advice Centre

Every Saturday between
10.00 am and 12.00 noon at:

Leyton Library

corner of Leyton High Rd and
Ruckholt Rd

No appointments are necessary

Liberal Democrat Focus Team Service and Action All Year Round

Leyton Mills/ASDA security update

LET'S
**STOP
CRIME
TOGETHER**

Recently **Liberal Democrat councillors** attended the **Leyton Mills Safer Business Panel**, chaired by the Police, with the Safer Neighbourhood Team and representatives from the shops and businesses in Leyton Mills.

It was noted that the problems with the DVD sellers and the gambling had virtually disappeared now that the Police are there every day. The

DVD sellers are occasionally seen popping back

to check if the police are still there, but the three card trick people seem to have gone, hopefully never to return.

There were presentations about preventing crime in the area and discussion about the effects that the Olympic Park would make on the shopping area. It was agreed that it was important that all the shops and police shared information.

There is another meeting scheduled for the autumn. If there are any issues that you would like to bring up about the **Leyton Mills** shopping area, then get in touch with the **Lib Dem Focus Team**.



Managing Leyton Cricket Ground



The Charity Commission has ordered the Council to set up a management committee to run the **Cricket Ground** in the **High Road**. There will be 8 members 4 from the council, 2 from youth organisations and 2 local residents. If you are a local resident and would like to become a member of the committee, contact one of the **Focus Team** for further details.

Liberal Democrats – a proud record of service to local residents

Parking nightmare for Leyton residents!

Parking in Leyton has reached a point where residents are unable to park in their road or, in some cases near their road. Meanwhile the Labour Council continues to agree plans for multi flats that have little or no parking facilities. Supposedly the Council has a policy of encouraging family housing, but the Council seems obsessed in agreeing to developers building more and more flats. **What hypocrisy!** Currently more flats are being built opposite the **Lion & Key**, corner of the **High Road** and **Grange Park Road** and even more being planned for the **Glyn Hopkin Nissan car showrooms** at the corner of **Ruckholt Road** and **Oliver Road**.

Residents of Leyton do not want more flats – they need family housing with adequate parking included in developments. **It is about time the Council listened to them!**



Murchison Road

Lib Dems are pressing for the hoarding in **Murchison Road** to be moved back from the pavement.

It was needed when the flats were being demolished but it is not necessary for construction. Local residents would like their pavement back.



**Lib Dem Focus Team
Service & Action
All Year Round
NOT just at election time**



All talk and no do!

When setting its budget for the current year Labour promised to concentrate on protecting the vulnerable members of our community.

However they rejected the **Liberal Democrat** budget proposals that would have provided £1.2 million pounds extra for services for vulnerable people. So are they really interested in children, families, elderly and people with disabilities – apparently not!

Betting Shop increase in Leyton

There has been a big increase in the number of betting shops in our area and residents tell us that they want retail shops - not betting shops. They seem to be trying to take over all the empty shops.

The **Lib Dem Focus Team** has been objecting to this type of change and is pleased that the betting shop application for the shop opposite the Bakers Arms has been rejected by the Council.



Would you like to help?

Offers of help to deliver the regular **Focus newsletter** are always very welcome. If you can help deliver a road near you, call **8556 8335**, thank you.

Francis Road

A number of residents and some foreign tourists have mentioned the scruffy state of the flower beds outside the **Francis Road Police Station**. The **Focus Team** has contacted the Metropolitan Police to see what can be done to tidy the flower beds up.



We want to hear from YOU

Name _____
Address _____
Tel/Email _____

I think something should be done about ...

Please return to THE FOCUS TEAM, 14 COOKES CLOSE, E11 3EF

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.

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