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Rogue Landlords



Good News! The Council has recently launched a consultation into **Liberal Democrat** proposals to tackle rogue landlords. This consultation was launched following a **Lib Dem motion** to the Council last year. Landlord licensing has recently been introduced in the neighbouring borough of Newham and if we can introduce this law in our borough then it would require all landlords in a selected area to be licensed. If landlords did not

meet certain standards and conditions then their license could be revoked, stopping them from renting out property.

The Lib Dem Focus Team say: *Many residents are suffering in properties that just aren't up to standard and paying too much for poor housing that is blighted by anti-social behaviour. Selective licensing could give control to the Council to stop these rogue landlords from operating.*

Please see the Council's draft document for information and consultation – <http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/pages/news/selective-licensing.asp>

Merry Christmas & a peaceful New Year from your Liberal Democrat Focus Team



Locksmith stickers

Stickers have been found on a number of houses in Leyton and across the borough. It is believed that they are bogus as the telephone number does not exist. It may be a scam that involves the premises being looked at and then the sticker identifies the house as a potential burglary target. As a precaution, if you find one on your door, we suggest that you remove it straight away.



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Working for you
Every month - Every year
Not just at election time**

Street Drinkers Survey update

We have had a massive response to our survey to keep street drinkers away from our **High Road** and parks. The response shows that people overwhelmingly want the street drinkers to be cleared from **Leyton High Road** and local parks like **Coronation Gardens, Sidmouth Park** and **Abbotts Park**.

To make these areas 'Alcohol Free' we need to show the Council that we have consulted local residents and have the support of the Police. We are currently amassing the evidence and will present this to the Council for action on this issue. **Focus** will keep you informed of developments.



Allotments

The Council has at last agreed to put a toilet on the **Oliver Road** allotment site.

This site is one of the largest in the Borough.



Oliver Twist pub



Bad news for those who want to save our pubs as building work has now started to turn the **Oliver Twist** pub in **Church Road** into 9 flats.



Lib Dem Councillors Surgery

Due to works being carried out at Leyton Library the Lib Dem councillors surgery will now be at

Leyton Sports Centre
(Leyton Cricket Ground)

every Saturday from 10.00am to 12 noon.
No appointment necessary.

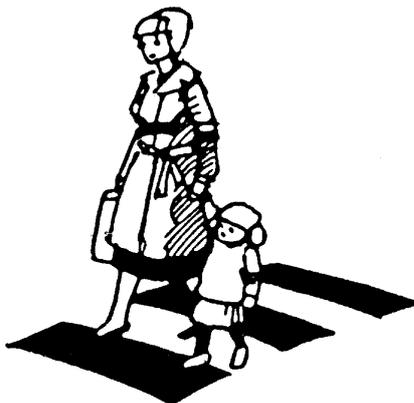
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Slow down and let people cross!

Some years ago we campaigned for a zebra crossing in **Oliver Road** between the **Score building** and the **Leyton Medical Centre**.

This year there was an accident in **Oliver Road** which has prompted the **Focus Team** to press the Council again for a crossing in this area.

A crossing would also slow up the fast and dangerous traffic using **Oliver Road**.



244 High Road - Post Office revamp

The Post Office is planning to change the sub-post office at **244 High Road** into one of their new main style branches.



Apart from being refurbished there will be longer opening hours and it will be able to deal with Car Tax.

It is scheduled to open in January.

Liberal Democrat Focus Team Working for YOU All Year Round

Leyton Leisure lagoon car park problem



Residents have reported anti-social behaviour by some youths using the overspill car park at the back of the **Leyton Lagoon** swimming pool at midnight.

Following action from the **Lib Dem Focus Team** the Council has promised to lock the gate at night and the police have promised to patrol the area. Hopefully this will resolve the problem and enable residents to get a good night's sleep.

Safer cycling Dunedin Road/York Road

The **Focus Team** is pleased that the Council will be putting in signs and road markings at the junction of **Dunedin Road** and **York Road**.

This follows a residents concern for the safety of cyclists who use the one-way system in this area. There have been a number of near misses with drivers not being aware of cyclists using the one-way system.

The signage and markings should make it safer for cyclists.



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£650 for today's pensioners

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'triple lock' on the state pension means it will always rise with inflation, earnings, or 2.5% - whichever is **highest**.

This new system meant pensioners received the biggest ever cash rise in their pension last year, now worth an extra £650.

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