

Leyton Liberal Democrats **FOCUS**



Your Local Newsletter No. 374



Congratulations Two local schools judged outstanding!



Willowbrook Primary School

Willow Brook primary school, which was at the bottom of Waltham Forest league table and judged as 'inadequate' by Ofsted the Government regulatory body three years ago, has been rated 'outstanding'. It is now one of the best performing schools in the borough.

George Mitchell School which was judged 'requiring improvement' by Ofsted in 2013 has now been ranked as one of the 250 highest achieving schools in the country.

Lib Dem Focus Team member Bob Sullivan says: This has not happened overnight but with the 'remarkable' work of staff, parents, the pupils and the two head teachers Graham Clifford of Willow Brook and Saeed Hussain of George Mitchell, the schools were turned round and are now two of the leading schools in the Borough.

Focus says: Well done to both our outstanding schools.



George Mitchell Secondary School



**Merry Christmas
& a Happy New
Year from the
Leyton Liberal
Democrat
Focus Team**

Thornhill Road/Windsor Road/Primrose Road - Litter and rubbish bins?

Residents of
**Thornhill
Road,
Windsor
Road
and
Primrose**



Road have noticed that there have been many instances when rubbish bins have not been emptied on time and that their roads are not being swept weekly.

The Focus Team says: We believe these roads are not isolated instances. Is this just a blip or is the Council's contractor, **Urbaser**, not doing their job properly? So that we can get a fuller picture please get in touch with **Focus** if your bins are not collected on time or your road or street has been left untidy for long periods.

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through the year – not just at election times**

The Davis Centre – 192 Vicarage Road - update

Following the **Focus Team's** information sent to the Council regarding the sell off of the **Davis Centre**, the Council is now checking the land registry in order to confirm that there are no restrictions to them selling it off.

In 1922 E.J.Davis left the house and grounds to the local education authority for use as the Davis Homecraft Institute where it ran courses for girls from local schools. From 1950 it was known as the Davis Housecraft Centre. From then on it has been used as some form of educational establishment.

Focus says: If no written restriction to the land and buildings are discovered, we are sure that the great educationalist E.J.Davis would turn in his grave to hear that it is to be sold off to developers.

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Small businesses being squeezed by the Council

In order to squeeze more money out of our small businesses the Council has hired a firm to snoop on them to find out if they have made any improvements to their shops such as extra air conditioning. The Council can then hike up the business rates.

The Federation of Small Businesses chief has said of Town Halls "Many seem to view their business community purely as a short term cash cow".

Lib Dem Focus Team member Farooq Qureshi says: Our High Street shops are fighting to make a living and the Council should be trying to help them, not to help to close them down.



Tower Blocks to get sprinklers

Following the outcry about fire safety in tower blocks (see Focus 372) the Council has now agreed to put sprinklers in all the boroughs tower blocks.

Wilmot Road – Neighbourhood Watch

Following the successful setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch in **Thornhill Road** residents of **Wilmot Road** are intending to set up their own Neighbourhood Watch. This follows a number of break-ins of garden sheds.

Focus says: All residents are being notified and the plan is to hold a general meeting with the local police in order to set it up officially. **Focus** will keep you informed of developments.

The Focus Team would like to know if you believe that your road would benefit from a local **Neighbourhood Watch**. Please contact **Bob Sullivan**, details below:

Liberal Democrat Focus Team Fighting for YOU, All Year Round NOT just at election time

Council lets down our most vulnerable children



By missing a legal deadline for delivering healthcare plans for children with special needs (SEN) the Council failed to provide plans or statements on time for over 50% of SEN children starting school this year.

This makes it stressful for parents and children with special needs as they have no right of appeal until they have the final plan.

Education lawyers who found out this information said "**These figures are symptomatic of poor planning and management, and lack of resources to properly support children with special educational need**". The Council said it was down to staff shortages but will meet the deadline next year.

Focus says: This is shameful, the Council needs to get its spending priorities right.

Ive Farm Field works

Residents in the **Ive Farm** area have been notified that the Council is to install 3 new bridges over the **Dagenham Brook** in November. This forms part of the sports development on **Ive Farm Fields** and will open the way to demolish the sports area in **Oliver Road** for development.

We want to hear from YOU - I think something should be done about:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ POST CODE _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE No. _____

RETURN TO: THE FOCUS TEAM, 24 THORNHILL ROAD, E10 5LL

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