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“Thank you” from your Silhill Lib Dem team



Your Silhill Liberal Democrat team would like to say thank you to local residents for the support they received in the local election on 1st May.

Although your Liberal Democrat candidate Tony Dupont was not elected on this occasion, there was a high turnout and a good Lib Dem vote.

Your Silhill Liberal Democrat Councillor Leela Widger will continue to work with residents to resolve local issues and is also working with your two Conservative Ward Councillors to make progress for the benefit of the whole community.

The Liberal Democrats gained a seat from the Conservatives in Elmdon ward so that in the Solihull Constituency (M.P. Lorely Burt), the Lib Dems have 17 seats. The Conservatives have just seven.

Protecting Solihull Trees

Councillor Leela Widger is working with Solihull Tree Wardens Group to press the Conservative-controlled Council to initiate immediate measures to protect our precious trees against unnecessary felling.

Due to a major backlog in issuing Tree Preservation Orders, several of our precious trees are being sacrificed as developers move in. This must be stopped to prevent further loss to our heritage.

Action on parking - Hermitage Road



Hermitage Road residents have been urging the Council to reduce road congestion caused by all day commuter parking.

The problem is exacerbated by the road being used as a bus route, ambulance route and cut through.

Since becoming a Councillor, Leela has pressed the Council to take action and in June 2007, she and a Hermitage Road resident organised a petition.

The matter was finally discussed at a recent Cabinet meeting where Councillor Leela Widger spoke in support of introducing suitable measures to address the serious traffic hazard, which has been approved by the Cabinet Member.

We are pleased to report that the Council has now agreed to take action.

Liberal Democrats - Working all year round

Council challenged on graffiti



Two years ago, graffiti was a major concern to the residents of Silhill. In Lib Dem surveys, 85% of residents had raised graffiti as a serious problem.

Councillor Leela Widger has campaigned against graffiti in the Silhill area and with several committed local residents has painted over re-occurring graffiti.

However thousands of pounds of council taxpayers money is still being used on employing officers to clear graffiti from cable boxes in other parts of Solihull when by law the Council can request the company owning the property on public land to clear the eyesore themselves.

At a recent Council meeting, it was decided that legal action should be pursued against such companies who refuse to take responsibility. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

Action on congestion - Seven Star Road



For years, residents of the Seven Star Service Road have suffered from drivers using the road to park for work. It has caused obstructions and turned into a serious safety hazard.

Councillor Widger has supported residents who have been pursuing this matter with the Council.

At a recent Cabinet meeting, Councillor Leela Widger spoke strongly in favour of introducing suitable restrictions to alleviate the problem.

We are pleased to report that the Council has now agreed to take action.

Silhill - News in brief

- Buryfield Road/Touchwood Hall Close - Residents have faced a series of recent disappointments with inaction from the Council in resolving traffic issues in these areas. Surveys, petitions and continuous requests from residents have been met with rejection despite the clear necessity for basic restrictions to be introduced.

Councillor Leela Widger is working with Councillors Hogarth and Pittaway and they have approached the Council as a single and united force to press the Council into taking action to resolve these issues.

- Glebe Road, Orchard Avenue - At a recent Council meeting, Leela spoke in favour of introducing double yellow lines at the corners of the road. The Council approved these restrictions which should remove a serious parking hazard.
- Broad Oaks Road - Councillor Leela Widger has been pressing the Council to address speeding problems in several roads in Silhill. We are pleased to report that there has been an increased police presence in recent weeks.



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Local Lib Dem campaigners are fighting to save Post Offices in Solihull from closure.

Labour plans are set to close 2500 Post Offices across Britain.

Lorely Burt MP said, "Labour's post office closure programme will have a huge impact on the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community as well as hitting small businesses."

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